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Books on Greece

The Greek Dilemma, War and Aftermath, by William Hardy McNeil. (J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia and New York, 1947. Pp. 291, \$3.50.)

A young teacher of European History at Cornell stationed as Assistant Military Attaché in Greece from November 1944 to June 1946, delving deeply into historical research and acquiring first hand experience by extensive traveling and observation and talk with Greeks in all walks of life, succeeded in writing a penetrating study of Greece covering particularly the last six years of war, occupation and their aftermath. After an introductory chapter on Greek society and politics there follow chapters on war and occupation, the resistance, the Greek Government-in-Exile, the efforts at unity made before liberation, the civil war at the end of 1944, the elections of last year and the continuing struggle between Right and Left. The author has an unusual understanding and sympathy but also a realistic conception of Greece's difficulties and misfortunes. Although the book was completed before the enunciation of the "Truman Doctrine" and the dispatch of the American Mission to aid Greece, his concluding chapter, "Conclusion and Prospect" maintains its validity and indeed in retrospect shows the perspicacity of the author.

In his opinion, "the issues and memories which divide Left from Right are too deeply fraught with emotion to permit either side even to admit defeat until physically crushed by superior force." The "center" that the American Government has preferred does not exist, he thinks. This can only be proved if Sophoulis should fail. Mr. McNeil, however, hoped that an improvement of economic conditions might diminish excessive concern and fanaticism with political parties and disputes. But he is pessimistic on such improvement. He finds that overpopulation, considering the extent of arable land and the limited scope of industrial production, is the most basic difficulty of Greece and emigration on a large scale is the only promising solution. This, even without considering the disaster of physical destruction wrought by the war. But the worse difficulty comes from the fatal position of Greece on the razor's edge dividing East from West, Russia from Great Britain and America. The internal struggle of Left

and Right is a reflection of the struggle between Russian Communism and Anglo-American capitalism. This is a sad and anguishing position for a poor country and a proud people. Yet, in the face of these overwhelming odds, the author concludes that the "peasant community will still survive and with it, something of the turbulent, proud and civilizing Greek spirit."

The Double Darkness, by Edward Fenton. (Doubleday & Co., Inc., New York, 1947. Pp. 309, \$2.75.)

The author, an American member of the American Field Service, who has spent a year in Greece, has written an unusual story of an English corporal attached to the British forces in Athens in their unhappy fight against the Greek Leftists during the civil war of December 1944. Wounded in this fight, the hero of the story loses consciousness and, seeking to run away, he changes clothes with the body of a Greek guerrilla fighter and though he speaks only English assumes the Greek name of Thanos and wanders the streets of Athens and is befriended by rightist and leftist alike. The story as told is little convincing but the setting and the description of characters are interesting and well worked out.

Byzantine Legacy, by Cecil Stewart. (George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London. Importation. The Macmillan Co., New York, 1947. Pp. 202, \$7.00.)

This is a book about a journey made just before the war through Greece, Constantinople and Italy by an Edinburgh scholar and lecturer of Mediaeval History at the Architectural Association. It records the almost forgotten heritage of the astonishing beauty of Byzantine art and architecture through Southern and Northern Greece to Athos and Constantinople and to Sicily and Italy. The revelation of the author is given in this passage of his Introduction. "The habit of putting the Byzantine in a rather apologetic paragraph between extensive chapters on the Imperial Roman and the Mediaeval Craftsman gives one the quite erroneous impression that Byzantine art is relatively unimportant; whereas for over ten centuries this Eastern Christian Empire was the guardian of art and civilization in Europe. Within its extensive boundaries the culture of Greece and Rome prevailed and prospered. Here alone, in the so-called dark ages of civilization, art and architecture flourished and disseminated an influence which en-

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dured long after the greatness and glory had passed away."

The journal is illustrated throughout with beautiful photographs of Byzantine churches and monasteries throughout Greece, in Constantinople and in Italy. A remarkable part of the book is the description and illustration of Mount Athos and its monasteries with its mode of life the same as a thousand years ago. Appendices of the Historical, Architectural and Geographical Backgrounds, a working Bibliography and an Index are added.

S. P. L.

New York

Ancient Samothrace Victim of Looters

The archaeological treasures of Samothrace, a tiny island in the North Aegean Sea off the Greek coast, have suffered "irreparable damages," because of the vandalism of Bulgarian occupation troops and post-war civilian looting, according to a report issued recently by Karl Lehmann, Professor of Fine Arts at the New York University Institute of Fine Arts.

Professor Lehmann visited the island last summer with his wife to make an estimate of the damage to the ancient ruins. He had led excavation parties on the island in 1938 and 1939.

He charged that Bulgarian occupation forces had sought the "deliberate destruction" of the ruins of Samothrace. They damaged the Arsinoeion, noted as one of the most magnificent Hellenistic buildings in Greece, by removing several of its great stone blocks and using them for modern construction.

The Anaktoron, a great archaic initiation hall, suffered "damage that cannot be remedied," he declared. A stone wall dividing its interior was torn down and its archaic stones used by the islanders for building purposes. These stones have been recovered and will be used in 1948 to construct a new wall.

Professor Lehmann said that plans have been formulated for future excavations and for the restoration of the ruins.

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From The— EDITOR'S DESK

Mr. Flowers, Inc.

In the issue of popular *Saturday Evening Post* of November 8, 1947, there was a story about a kid of Greece who used to peddle nosegays and now has become the cut flower-king of New York. "If it weren't for flowers," he says, "I might be in Sing Sing today."

This kid is Paul Pergakis, born in Corinth, Greece, in 1909 and brought to this country in 1914. His is a saga of an American of Greek birth who made good in a big way. We should have more people like Paul, who rises to a lyric frenzy at the mere mention of flowers. "Flowers are like people," he tells a client. "Some are beautiful, some sparkling, some mournful. But if you treat them with kindness, they will all respond—flowers and people."

Here you have the essence of the Order of Ahepa—kindness based on the golden rule of "Speak Evil of No One." If he is not, Paul should by all means be one of us and whenever our meetings get dull tell us more about flowers which "are like people."

The wholesale-flower business is a colorful trade, distinguished in the past for archaic sales practices and claw-and-fang competitive methods. Against this unpromising background, Paul Pergakis has built a booming enterprise largely on the basis of copybook maxims about honesty, goodwill and volume turnover.

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Do You Just Belong?

- Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
- Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
- Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock,
- Or do you stay at home, and criticize and knock?
- Do you take an active part to help the work along,
- Or are you satisfied to be the one that'll just belong?
- Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick,
- Or do you leave the work to a few—and talk about the clique?
- Resolve . . . now. Brother, come to meetings, and help with hand and heart. Don't be just a member, but take an active part.

GUS C. CONTOS,
Of Pocattello Chapter No. 238
(Reprinted from a previous issue)

Eat less, waste not; pay less,
And help save the world from war.

"The Ahepa Voice"

We just received the first number of January, 1948, of "The Ahepa Voice." It is a beautifully set up monthly sheet, published by the District Lodge of District No. 5. Michael Blazakis of Trenton is the Editor and James G. Argyros of Roselle, New Jersey, the Business Manager. It contains communications of the following Chapters: *Eureka* No. 52, *Alexander Hamilton* No. 54, *Camden* No. 69, *Trenton* No. 72, *Monroe* No. 75, *Hudson* No. 108, *Washington Rock* No. 114, *South Jersey* No. 162, *Atlantic City* No. 169, *Thomas Jefferson* No. 280, *Bergen Knights* No. 285, *Thomas A. Edison* No. 287, *Raritan* No. 288 and *Morris County* No. 300.

We wish our brethren in the Garden State of America a good and long "Voice" in the years to come.

The Real "Roundup"

WICHITA, KAN.—We have on hand the last number of "The Roundup," the newsletter of District No. 15. With the exception of its editorial—what an editorial!—it is a veritable roundup of social activities from one end of the district to the other. Able reporters, like James Poulson of Wichita, Kansas, Helen J. Limber of Oklahoma City, Polly Abariotes of Omaha, Ted Boreolos of Tulsa, Jim Jouras of Kansas City, Kay Peterson of Lincoln, Nebraska, report the news as they find it—visits, births, engagements, weddings, parties, trips and so on. The whole issue sounds like a friendly letter circulating around to all Ahepa homes—"a glad bearer of good tidings."

We wish we could reprint the entire editorial by Editor George J. Leber. We only quote the last paragraph:

"It's gotten so that every time the chapters receive a letter from the Supreme Lodge the members automatically start apprehensively and wonder whatinell's happened now! Brother Helis—we're counting on you for a top-notch year—don't disappoint us. And please don't clutter up our ranks with a lot of useless trouble-makers."

Our History

We owe it to ourselves, as one of the great nations of the earth, to study our colonial and Revolutionary periods, not as isolated and provincial phenomena, but as phases of a great forward movement, worthy of that creative analysis which the scientist gives to the operations of nature and the scholar gives to other movements that have played their parts in the evolution of the human race. . . .

A nation's attitude toward its own history is like a window into its own soul

and the men and women of such a nation cannot be expected to meet the great obligations of the present if they refuse to exhibit honesty, charity, openmindedness and a free and growing intelligence toward the past that has made them what they are. — Charles McLean Andrews, in "The Colonial Background of the American Revolution."

You Can Guard Against Cancer

During the last few years we have seen a sharp rise in public interest in cancer. Recently the Gallup Poll found that 57% of the people queried dreaded having cancer more than any other disease. (Tuberculosis, the second most feared disease, was named by only 15%.)

In keeping with public concern, periodicals have paid increasing attention to cancer. We have given more space to accounts of research efforts, which become more and more dramatic as men of science prod deeper into the secrets of life and discover new facts about this strange and disturbing anarchy in an otherwise infinitely well-ordered Nature. It is good news when we announce the opening of a cancer clinic or detection center. We have wholeheartedly urged the subscription of dimes and dollars to the annual *American Cancer Society* campaign for funds for research, detection centers, clinics and public education.

The story we would like to publish—and, undoubtedly, you would like to read—is the announcement of a bona fide cure for cancer. Unhappily, there is no immediate prospect of these good tidings. Cancer authorities, however, are optimistic. They feel that a cure—or cures—will come. But the most responsible authorities will not venture to guess as to whether this will be brought about in one year or ten years—or even a hundred years. The secrets of cancer may be exposed by any of the growing number of patient, plodding investigators in any of the laboratories of the world. Solution may come through a chemical formula, a law of physics, the action of a gland. It may come about in sudden observation, as with smallpox vaccination and lemon juice for scurvy. Or by sheerest accident.

Meanwhile, we repeat the advice given by the *American Cancer Society*:

Remember that between one-third and one-half of those who die of cancer could have been saved if their condition had been detected early.

Arrange for thorough periodic examinations for yourself and your family.

To beat cancer: Watch for these danger "signs"—Any sore that does not heal; Unusual bleeding; Change in a wart or mole; Lump or thickening in the breast; Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing; Unexplained fatigue or loss of weight; Change in normal bowel habits. —*American Cancer Society.*

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GREECE IS NOT SPAIN

By C. L. SULZBERGER
Staff Correspondent, The New York Times

There are few danger spots in the world today which focus attention as Greece. This seasoned correspondent briefly explains the reasons why Greece is not likely to become another Spain. Stand taken by U. S. deters Russia from forcing a showdown.

If Greece were an island, or a sub-continent like Australia, there would be no Greek problem before the world. The Greek Government, inept as it is, and the Greek Army, chaotic as it has been, would be able to deal with guerrilla forces and the Communist Markos "government."

But such is not the case. Behind Markos are the Communist bases of Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. Behind them is the citadel of world communism—Moscow. Behind Markos are Albanian territorial aspirations for Epirus, Yugoslav territorial aspirations for Macedonia, Bulgarian territorial aspirations for Thrace.

Behind all these are Russian territorial aspirations for an outlet to the Mediterranean, for control of the Aegean, for domination of the Bosphorus and Dardanelles. Greece, with its immense coastline and its strategically situated islands—Crete, the Dodecanese, Samothrace, Imbros, Lemnos, Corfu—has enormous strategic significance.

It was a pre-war truism that the master of Bohemia was the master of Europe—the Continent proper. The Soviet Union is master of Bohemia. Likewise, the master of Greece is the master of the eastern Mediterranean and has a good chance of controlling all of it. Rome, Byzantium, Ottoman Turkey before Lepanto, and Britain have proved this. Italy attempted it—first through the Dodecanese conquest and later through Mussolini's Mare Nostrum policy. Now Moscow is having a try.

British Policy

Britain since the Battle of Navarino Bay, through the Crimean War and the Treaty of Berlin negotiated by Disraeli, sought to block Russian penetration by bolstering a weak Turkey. This was still British policy when the Pact of Ankara was signed in 1939. The Truman Doctrine historically is a part or at least a temporary phase of a policy whereby the United States inherits a British global policy, and obligations.

Likewise the Molotov Plan in the Eastern Mediterranean and Greece is a direct heritage from Peter and Catherine.

Rivalry Was Inevitable

Big-Power rivalry in Greece was therefore inevitable. This has remained a fact despite the naive deal Churchill made secretly with Stalin in the spring of 1944 under which Greece was to remain in the British sphere and Rumania in the Russian sphere. Stalin's record proves he is not a man to abandon lightheartedly traditional Russian expansionist aspirations.

Thus the big powers face one another in Greece—America and Britain versus the Soviet bloc. Formation of the Markos "government" is merely the latest punctuation mark in a long process.

How will it affect world relations? Basically it will not change the situation. Regardless of the outcome of the present crisis, Slavic pressure on Greece and Turkey will remain, but Greece is not likely to be communized.

These assumptions are predicated upon certain other assumptions. First of all, post-World War II history has proved that where the Soviet Union or its puppets are resolutely opposed, Moscow shifts the pressure elsewhere and temporarily abandons the field. Thus in the summer of 1946, when the Trieste area was a tinderbox, Yugoslav fighter planes, based on a Russian airfield commanded by a Russian Army officer, shot down

two American aircraft. The United States reacted promptly with a quasi-ultimatum. The situation cooled.

A Trial Balloon

The situation in Greece will cool, at least temporarily, when Moscow sees its game is checked. The Markos venture is a trial balloon and is expendable from the Soviet viewpoint. It is probable that this government will be recognized eventually by Albania and Bulgaria and probably by Yugoslavia and Rumania, but not by Moscow—that is, not until it looks like a surer bet for success.

When it is realized that the Truman Doctrine is not necessarily limited to its original concepts, and that further aid can and may be granted to Greece, it may be seen that Markos is likely to vanish from the historical picture. His real game—as made clear by the Greek Communist leader Zachariades, who promoted this "government"—is to force a "compromise" with Athens which would put the Communists back into control.

Moscow not only does not want war—nobody does—but does not dare risk it. Therefore it is most unlikely that Greece will ever become another Spain.

Nevertheless, Moscow will not abandon its efforts. Certainly the U.S.S.R. will continue to push into the Mediterranean whenever the occasion is deemed auspicious. The power which dominates the Mediterranean encircles Europe even if it does not control it. And Moscow already is firmly seated in Bohemia, which dominates the Continent. Therefore the Greek-Turkish frontier will remain a trouble spot so long as the basic world alignments are America and Britain vs. the Soviet.

Consolidating Other Ties

Meanwhile, if and when, after several months of anxiety, the Greek venture fails, Moscow will probably content itself with consolidating its Balkan and Danubian federation. Albania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland are being ever more closely linked by regional pacts and bilateral alliances with the U.S.S.R.

Were Greece to succumb and join this bloc it would round out the picture, strategically, politically and economically. It

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would cut off Turkey and the Middle East and bisect the Truman Doctrine. It would menace Turkey. But Washington knows that, as does London.

Gazing into the crystal ball, one might predict that the Greek situation will be stabilized without war in 1948 after a difficult few months and that then Soviet pressure will be shifted westward and to the Far East. One may assume that while the U.S.S.R. will maintain pressure on the volatile Greeks steadily, it will for some time limit itself to strengthening the federation of its Balkan neighbors north of that country.

This is predicated upon the assumption of a strong United States reaction to the present political efforts represented by Gen. Markos Vafiades. That assumption seems well founded.

Greek Army Fully Equipped to Carry Out Successful Operations

ATHENS.—Following a number of assertions by the Athens press recently to the effect that the Greek Army was insufficiently equipped to fight the guerrillas, Maj. Gen. William G. Livesay, chief of the United States Army group under the American Mission for Aid to Greece, issued a statement affirming a diametrically opposite view.

"The Greek National Army as now equipped is superior in every respect to the *Andartes* (guerrillas) and is capable of carrying out successful operations against them," said General Livesay. "It will, of course, be even better equipped when all the supplies we have ordered arrive."

"Meanwhile, the organization of the National Defense Corps (militia) battalions is continuing. These will be qualified to take over the defense of the countryside against bandit raids enabling increasing numbers of regular troops to abandon the role of static defense and go over to the offensive."

The AMAG data show fifty-four of these defense corps battalions, with 500 men to a battalion, now recruited. Twelve of them are about to go into training. The goal is 100 battalions.

Referring to the mountain artillery that the Greek Army has specially asked for, General Livesay stated:

"A number of 75 mm. pack howitzers have been ordered for the Greek National Army, in addition to the guns of this caliber now in the hands of the Greek forces. The United States Army type of weapons will replace in part the British 3.7-inch pack artillery with which the Greek Army now is equipped.

"We are gradually replacing British mortars and some artillery pieces with American weapons, not because of any superiority of our guns, but because we can supply the ammunition with greater facility for the American weapons."

On the matter of allocations General Livesay declared: "More than \$100,000,000 of the \$159,000,000 available for military aid to Greece was obligated by the end of 1947. The actual value of supplies ordered, however, is considerably greater than \$100,000,000 since many of the items were obtained from United States surpluses at a considerable discount. The savings thus effected provided additional supplies.

"The requisitions submitted by the Greek National Army which are now being processed, represent a substantial amount and are not included in the 1947 expenditure.

"The total volume of military supplies and equipment unloaded at Greek ports under the American aid program up to Jan. 20 was fifty shiploads aggregating 90,076 tons weight.

"Some \$60,000,000 of military aid funds went for quartermaster supplies, such as subsistence for all Greek armed forces, forage for pack and cavalry animals, petroleum products and winter clothing for Greek troops.



A truckload of guerrilla prisoners brought to Kozane

"Another \$24,000,000 was spent upon ordnance items, including vehicles, rifles, automatic weapons, mortars, artillery pieces and ammunition of all types. Since the start of the American aid program, substantial sums have been set aside for signal, engineer, medical and air force supplies.

"Military transport for the Greek National Army includes hundreds of jeeps, weapon carriers and 2½-ton trucks, together with ambulances, tank trucks, 800 horses and more than 1,100 mules."

Improvements of Health in Greece

One piece of news from Greece lightens the general gloom. The health condition of the people is materially improving. Doubtless, the Greek War Relief health program of mobile clinics and community medicine had much to do with this. The distribution of medical supplies and replenishment of hospital facilities by UNRRA also has aided greatly.

But the anti-malaria control program was probably the greatest factor in the picture. Greece was the most malaria-ridden country in Europe before the war. It was estimated that 100,000 had malaria and each lost an average of thirty working days a year because of the disease. In 1946, the country had only 50,000 cases of malaria and this year the cases are lower than that.

The most thorough-going spraying and dusting of houses and swamps in villages has done this. The curbing of typhoid, dengue fever, trachoma and pneumonia has revolutionized life in Greek villages.

Col. Daniel E. Wright of the U. S. Public Health Service, as representative of the Rockefeller Foundation and adviser of the Greek Government health services, has been in charge of this program and the health division of the American Mission for Aid to Greece is continuing the program.—*The Philhellene*.

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WHY I REMAIN A NEGRO

By WALTER WHITE

Executive Secretary

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Our country is the land of the brave and the home of the free. Let us keep her so. Let us eradicate from our hearts any antagonism we may feel towards people of another color, race or religion. What follows challenges our best Hellenic traditions

Not long ago I stood on a subway platform in Harlem. As the train came in I stepped back. My heel came down on the toes of the man behind me and I turned to apologize. He was a Negro; his face was hard and full of the piled-up bitterness of a thousand lynchings and a million nights in tenements and "nigger towns." "Why don't you look where you're going?" he said sullenly. "You white folks are always trampling on colored people."

Just then one of my friends came up and spoke to me. The man on whose toes I had stepped listened, then asked: "Are you Walter White of the Association for the Advancement of Colored People? I'm sorry I spoke to you that way. I thought you were white."

I realize that the only characteristic which matters to either race—the appearance of whiteness—is mine. My skin is white, my eyes are blue, my hair is blond. The traits of my race are nowhere visible upon me. Yet nothing within my heart tempts me to think that I am white.

Every year approximately 12,000 white-skinned Negroes disappear—people whose absence cannot be explained by death or emigration. Nearly every one of the 14 million discernible Negroes in the United States knows at least one member of his race who is "passing"—the magic word which means that a Negro can get by as white, and escape the humiliation which the American color line imposes on him. Many marry white people; sometimes they tell their husbands or wives of their Negro blood, sometimes not. Who are they? Mostly people of little importance, but many have achieved success in business, the professions, the arts and sciences—including a few members of Congress and several organizers of movements to "keep the Negroes and other minorities in their places." Some of the most vehement public haters of Negroes are themselves secretly Negroes.

Why, then, do I insist that I am a Negro, when nothing compels me to do so but myself? An experience in my childhood may help explain.

Mob Hysteria Degrades Human Decency

I stood with my father, a mail carrier, and watched Negroes, male and female, killed by mobs in the streets of Atlanta. The next night the mob, perhaps 5,000 strong, entered the Negro section near our neat modest home, in which my parents raised seven children. The whites resented our prosperity; so at times did the Negroes. The Negroes resented our white skin, and the ethical standards which my parents maintained and required of their children.

My father was deeply religious, opposed to physical violence. Never before had there been guns in our house, but now, at the insistence of friends, we were armed. As we watched the mob go by, their distorted faces weird in the light of the torches—faces made grotesque and ugly by hate—my father said, "Don't shoot until the first man puts his foot on the lawn. Then don't miss."

A voice cried out, the voice of the son of our neighborhood grocer: "Let's burn the house of the nigger mail carrier! It's no nice for a nigger to live in!"

In the flickering light the mob swayed, paused, and began to flow toward us. In that instant there opened up within me a great awareness; I knew then who I was. I was colored, a human being with an invisible pigmentation which marked me a person to be hunted, abused, discriminated against, kept in poverty and ignorance, in order that those whose skin was white would have readily at hand a proof of their superiority. It made no difference how intelligent or talented I might be or how virtuously I lived. A curse like that of Judas was upon me.

The mob moved toward the lawn. I tried to aim my gun, wondering what it would feel like to kill a man. Suddenly there was a volley of shots. The mob hesitated, stopped. Some friends of my father's had barricaded themselves in a building just below our house. It was they who had fired. Some of the mobmen shouted, "Let's go get the nigger." Others, afraid, held back. Our friends fired another volley. The mob retreated up the street.

Once the state to the exclusion of God makes itself the source of the rights of the human person, man is forthwith reduced to the condition of a slave or a mere civic commodity to be exploited for the selfish aims of a group that happens to have power.—Pope Pius XII.

In the quiet that followed, a tension different from anything I had ever known possessed me. I was sick with loathing for the hatred which had flared before me and come so close to making me a killer; but I was glad I was not one of those made murderous by pride. I was glad I was not one of those whose history is a record of bloodshed, rapine and pillage. I was glad to be of a race that had not fully awakened, and which therefore still had the opportunity to write a record of virtue.

Love and Kindness Strengthens Society

Years later, when my father lay dying in a dingy, cockroach-infested Jim Crow ward in an Atlanta hospital, he put it into words for me and my brother.

"Human kindness, decency, love—whatever you wish to call it," he said, "is the only real thing in the world. It's up to you and others like you to use your education and talents to make love as positive an emotion in the world as are prejudice and hate. That's the only way the world can save itself. No matter what happens, you must love, not hate." Then he died. He had been struck by a car driven by a reckless driver—one of the hospital doctors.

I have remembered that when, sitting in the gallery of the House or the Senate, I have heard members of our Congress spill vilification on the Negroes. I remembered it when, in the Pacific, where I went as a war correspondent, a white officer from the South told me that the 93rd Division, a Negro unit, had been given an easy beachhead to take at Bougainville, and had broken and run under fire. I presented the facts to him. Bougainville was invaded in November 1943. The 93rd was ordered there in April 1944.

I remembered my father's words when I talked with my

nephew for the last time, as he lay in a bitterly cold, rain-drenched tent on the edge of an airfield near Naples. He, like me, could have passed for a white man. By sacrifice and labor his parents provided him with a college education. He won a master's degree in economics, and the next day enlisted in the Army Air Corps, as a Negro. He went to the segregated field at Tuskegee, Ala.

He hated war. But he believed that Hitler and Mussolini represented the kind of hate he had seen exhibited in Georgia by the Ku Klux Klan and degenerate political demagogues. He believed that the war would bring all of that hate to an end.

He was a fighter pilot. He fought well. Over Anzio he was shot down, bailing out and escaping with his right leg broken in two places. He was offered an opportunity to return home but refused. Later, returning from a bomber escort mission, his plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire, and struck a tree and burst into flames. That was the end of one of the men described as "utter and dismal failures in combat in Europe."

Suppose the skin of every Negro in America were suddenly to turn white. What would happen to all the notions about Negroes on which race prejudice is built? What would become of the Negroes' presumed shiftlessness, alleged cowardice, dishonesty, stupidity and body odor? Would they not then be subject to individual judgment as are whites? How else could they be judged?

Color or Race Does Not Make the Man

Once on a Harlem subway I fell into conversation with a white man who as usual thought I was white too. "This used to be a pleasant line to ride on," he said. "But now there are too many Negroes. They smell."

"Suppose you and I had to do the same work Negroes are forced to do because they are Negroes—on the docks or over a hot kitchen stove," I replied, "would we be odorless, particularly if forced to live in crowded tenements because we were Negroes? Would we reek like lilies of the valley? Do you imagine the manufacture of deodorants is exclusively for a Negro market? I notice that the advertisements invariably feature a young and beautiful girl—a white girl."

The man looked at me with amazement. "You're the first white man I've ever heard talk like that."

During the early part of the war, a plant manufacturing a secret war machine refused to hire Negroes, but did hire persons of German descent. Most of these were loyal, but a few were arrested by the FBI for stealing the secret and convicted. But it was too late. Germany got the information and then passed it on to Japan. Nevertheless, one of the company officials told a friend: "I'd close down the plant rather than hire niggers."

I recall with uneasiness the grimness on a Negro soldier's face when he told me, one day in the Pacific, "Our fight for freedom will start the day we arrive in San Francisco."

There are times when I have felt with a sweep of fear that the patience of the colored man is close to its end. I remember how I felt when I stood beside my father and knew that the whites would not let me live, that I must kill them first and then be killed. Yet I know there is no reason for this killing, this hatred, this demarcation. There is no difference between them. Black is white and white is black. When one shoots the other he kills his reflection. Only hate, the negative force, can separate them; only love, the positive force, can bind them together.

I am one of the two in the color of my skin; I am the other in my spirit and my heart. I love one for the fight it has made to conquer the sins it has committed—and conquer them, in great degree, it has. I love the other for its patience and sorrows, for the soft sound of its singing, and for the great dawn which is coming upon it, in which its vigor and faith will serve the common aims of civilization.

AHEPA BLENDS AMERICANISM WITH HELLENISM

Both Their Parents Killed by the Nazis



A few of 400,000 Greek orphans cared for by Greek War Relief

The Friendship Train

This time it is not the Government of the United States but the American people itself which has decided to threaten our national independence. This intolerable provocation has taken the form of a *Friendship Boat* which, after having docked at Le Havre, will fill in a few days the thousand cars of the largest train in the world, bringing to us four thousand tons of gifts, among them three million pounds of wheat and flour, a million and a half of evaporated milk, three hundred twelve thousand pounds of sugar. By a refinement of cynicism this food will be distributed to poor families without asking them whether they pay their dues regularly to "the American party."

If, as is probable, this intolerable menace to our sovereignty should provoke vengeful comments from the Communist party, we will not be lacking in methods to nourish its indignation. Here are the facts: On Nov. 7 the *Friendship Train* left Los Angeles with twenty-two cars. When it arrived in New York there were seven hundred. In midwinter, in the freezing wind, through the heart of states always considered isolationist, crowds stood for hours on railroad platforms, awaiting the convoy, sometimes stopping it at states which were not on its schedule, always adding something to its length. To whom is due the amazingly successful realization of a noble idea? It is due to the longshoremen who worked for nothing on trains made available at no cost; due to trucking companies which charged nothing for the use of their trucks; due to school children who earned money by organizing athletic contests or dramatic entertainment; due to churches of all faiths which worked together for this cause. The spirit of the American people gives its representatives proof that in contributing to the aid of Europe they will be understood by the nation, since the people themselves have taken the lead.

Don't these facts plainly prove that this *Friendship Train* is just another political machination? Surely these dock-hands and longshoremen who worked without pay to send us milk and wheat can be considered as nothing else than disguised "agents of the trusts" in the "service of Wall Street" and of "dollar imperialism."—*L'Aube de Paris*, Issue of December 13, 1947.

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TO ALL CHAPTERS AND DISTRICT LODGES OF THE ORDER OF AHEPA
Greetings and Goodwill to All:

The purpose of this message is to draw the attention of the Chapters and District Lodges, and of their respective individual members as well, to the SEVENTH NATIONAL BANQUET of the Order of Ahepa which will be held on Monday, March 29th, 1948, 7:00 o'clock P. M., at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C.

The Ahepa National Banquet, held every 2 years under the sponsorship of the entire Order, has become an event of international importance towards which official America and the diplomatic representatives of other countries look with keen and delightful anticipation.

The Chapters and District Lodges are represented at this traditional function by the Senators, Congressmen, Cabinet Members, Judges, Editors, and by other high officials stationed in Washington from their respective States, or Districts.

Each Chapter chooses its representative and sends his name, together with a check for 2 tickets, to the Ahepa Headquarters. More than one representative may be chosen, provided that 2 tickets be reserved for each. The additional ticket is for his or her companion. It is strongly recommended that alternates be chosen also—that is second and third preferences—so that if the first choice cannot accept, the alternates will be invited. While the Supreme Lodge will issue engraved invitations and tickets to all duly accredited representatives, the Chapter may also notify its representative (first choice) that he has been chosen and express the hope that he will accept and attend the banquet.

President Truman Will Attend

The President of the United States, Brother Harry S. Truman, at a personal interview with our Supreme President, William Helis, indicated his desire and intention to attend the banquet and address the gathering. The President's speech will be broadcast throughout the United States and Canada.

The United States has always had a deep concern for human rights. Religious freedom, free speech and freedom of thought are cherished realities in our land. Any denial of human rights is a denial of the basic beliefs of democracy and of our regard for the worth of each individual.—President Truman.

Because of the substantial increase of prices for everything connected with the proper conduct of this affair, and because it is highly probable, as always, that the Supreme Lodge will be constrained to invite a large number of diplomats, and high officials overlooked by the Chapters, the Supreme Lodge, at its recent meeting in Chicago, fixed the prices for this year's National Banquet as follows:

For each Chapter Representative and Companion — \$35.00
For each individual Ahepan or friend — \$12.50

It is with great regret and reluctance that we announce this necessary advance in the price of tickets. But in view of prevailing costs, and in view of the further fact that this is the first in many years that the Chapters and Members have not been burdened by a Supreme Lodge with any extra levies, requests or solicitations for contributions, gifts or donations for any special fund or charity, the Supreme Lodge and the Committee feel that the Chapters will accept the increase without complaint and will respond cheerfully, and promptly, to this request for a unanimous support to the National Banquet this year.

A Large Number Should Attend

The inability of some Chapters and District Lodges to have delegates represent them at the Grand National Conventions of the Order is well understood and appreciated. In many instances it requires the sacrifice of considerable time and money. But every Chapter and District Lodge can be represented at the Ahepa National Banquet with the sacrifice of very little money and no time. And it may be added that from an educational point of view, this event is on a par, if not superior, to the National Convention. It is at this function that the Order of Ahepa has the incomparable opportunity to present, not only to official America, but to the whole world its ideals; its plans and principles; its hopes and achievements. Ahepa expects 100% representation at this year's National Banquet. Please do not let your Chapter or District Lodge spoil the score.

All Chapters have been mailed special forms to be used in designating Chapter guests and for Banquet reservations for individual chapter members and friends. Please return these forms to Headquarters as soon as possible.

Anticipating your prompt and favorable response, We remain,
At Your Service,

THE SEVENTH AHEPA NATIONAL BANQUET COMMITTEE

V. I. CHEBITHES, General Chairman.

DEAN ALFANGE, Toastmaster.

SPIROS A. VERSIS, District Governor District No. 3;
ANDREW VOZEDLAS, President, Washington Chapter No. 31;
NICHOLAS LIBERT, President, Capital Chapter No. 236;
PETER CHARUHAS, SOTIRIOS NICHOLSON, GEORGE PAPANICOLAS, A. T. ANDROUS;
MISS ANN WILLIAS, President, Hermione Chapter No. 11;
MISS EVELYN PAVLOS, President, The Muses Chapter No. 22;
STEVE PAPPAS, President, Pythagoras Chapter No. 9.

Washington, January 29, 1948.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above particulars were resolved and the members of the Committee were designated at the meeting of the Supreme Lodge held on January 4, 1948.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

January-February, 1933

The frontispiece of this issue featured the public installation of Franklin Delano Roosevelt as President of the United States by Chief Justice Hughes in the presence of retiring President Hoover, Cabinet members, the Diplomatic corps and a score of high dignitaries of government, commerce, industry and labor. This was the beginning of a meteoric career of the only man in the history of our country who was elected for four consecutive terms!

The principal article was contributed by that genial and capable public servant of Greece, Charalambos Simopoulos, who was then serving as Minister of Greece to the United States. It was entitled: *Important Documents of America's Service to Greece During War of Independence Brought to Light*. It revealed the Note of April 18, 1833, by England, France and Russia, then acting as guardians and protecting powers of the new kingdom, inviting the Government of the United States to recognize Prince Otto of Bavaria as King of Greece. The first treaty signed between this country and Greece was a treaty of commerce and navigation. The negotiations were made in 1837 in London between Spiridon Tricoupis and Andrew Stevenson.

The article concluded with excerpts from a speech by the then Premier of Greece Venizelos to the people of Peloponnesus before departing for Angara, Turkey, to cement the new friendship between Greece and Turkey. We quote only two sentences. These prophetic words of that great man of Hellas, Eleftherios Venizelos, epitomize the philosophy, the aim, the goal of our own Fraternity. Said he: "In your social life endeavor to do good. You must learn that no joy can be equal to the joy a man feels when he is in a position to do good to others." That is service, that is Ahepa!

A True Philhellene

Minister Simopoulos contributed a second article on Charles P. Howland, for whom a memorial service was being held. If our readers recall, Howland was instrumental in the resettlement of over one and a half million refugees from Asia Minor, following the disastrous campaign against Turkey, in 1922. He headed a special commission appointed by the League of Nations, known as the "Refugee Settlement Commission," which assumed the task of permanently settling these refugees all over Greece. Howland was a man of vision, a true humanitarian, a man who wanted to be just, to do good and to promulgate love between individuals and peoples for a better future. He was a true Philhellene.

Supreme President Booras commented on the *Tri-Deca Drive*, commemorating our tenth anniversary, announced preparations for our fifth excursion to Greece and addressed words of encouragement and congratulations to the new officers of Ahepa, among whom he listed: past Supreme President Chebithes as President of *Hermes* Chapter, past Supreme Governor and past Supreme Vice-President Sikokis as sentinel of his Chicago Chapter, and past President Stratis as commander of the degree work of his Boston Chapter. He was congratulating "old war heroes who showed a great spirit of Ahepanism by taking on inferior posts in the front line trenches."

The Theme Was Eternal Hellas

The following articles were contributed: "The Eternal Spirit of Greece" by the late president of Columbia University, Nicholas Murray Butler; "Our Eyes" by Dr. Ethel N. Manukas of Trenton, N. J.; "Experiences of the Inexperienced" by Professor H. E. Orr, President of *Lord Byron* Chapter No. 1

C. J. of Toronto, recounting some of his travels in Greece; "Sycophantes Wanted to Fly" by Kate Stephens, translating a scene from the *Birds* of Aristophanes; "The Golden Age of the Sons of Pericles" by P. S. Lambros, who interpreted the three key words: *Demos*, *Kratos* and *Democracy*; "The Masquerader" by Dr. Nicholas A. Antonius of Newark, N. J., warning against the greatest menace to health and long life, *Syphilis*, and "My Second Fatherland" by Charles A. Maury, writing of his fourth sojourn to Greece, "Based on the Crystal-line Sea of thought and its eternity!"

Fraternal News began with a Message to the Ahepa from the Sons of Pericles by their Supreme President Constantine P. Verinis, now serving his second term as District Governor of *Yankee* District No. 7. Most of the news covered elections and installations of new chapter officers throughout the Ahepa domain. *Lacas* Brothers presented *Spartan* Chapter No. 26 a beautiful set of officers' jewels, and Leon Constantine two American and Greek flags, both sets given as Christmas presents. *Lehigh* Chapter of Allentown entertained Jack Dempsey, who four years earlier had joined Ahepa in Chicago. Panayis Dikeou, now serving as District Governor of *Silver* District No. 17, was installed as President of *Denver* Chapter No. 145 and Emmanuel Catalas, weighing 500 pounds, six feet tall, became the leader of *Durham* Chapter No. 277. A Minority Report of Insurance Committee by District Governor C. G. Paris of District No. 12 recommended a district-wide Death Benefit Fund.

The issue concluded with three short stories in Greek: one by the late Elias Zanetis, another by G. Papastavrou and the third by John Kossaridis.

ATTEND OUR SEVENTH NATIONAL BANQUET
IN WASHINGTON, MARCH 26th. PRICE \$12.50 PER

Abe, Son of Thomas

Three hundred and eleven years ago, come next June, an English emigrant named Lincoln landed at Boston. He was the first American ancestor of the martyred President.

At the age of 17 Lincoln was 6 feet 4 inches tall and so powerfully muscled that he could and did lift a corn crib unaided.

When Lincoln was 50 years old he weighed 180 pounds, and described himself as being "of dark complexion, with coarse, black hair and gray eyes * * * no other marks or brands."

Lincoln wore enormous shoes—size 14B—and suffered woefully from foot ailments.

Lincoln was a citizen of two countries. Near the end of the Civil War he accepted honorary citizenship of the Republic of San Marino.

The number of written and recorded spoken words of Abraham Lincoln—exclusive of his personal papers—totals well over 1,000,000.

Abraham Lincoln, the merciful and forgiving, saved in a ghastly war the Union of these States. He would certainly be shocked at the godlike attributes with which we have endowed him. He had a sense of mission rather than of self. He might suggest, if he had a voice in the matter, that we take himself and the ordeal of his generation as guides, by no means final, to the future. He might say that this Republic will not bloom forever unless we go out among the nations in the spirit of the Second Inaugural, "with malice toward none, with charity for all."—*The New York Times*.

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Bundles, smiles and all—raring to go



Peeling potatoes for the evening meal



Assembled under pine trees for dinner

Summer Camps in Greece

By TH. PAPADOPOULOS

On the Staff of Greek War Relief Association

More than 50,000 Greek children, most of them from the poorest sections of Athens and Piraeus, have benefited in health and morale from their vacations in camps operated last summer by the Greek Ministry of Education in cooperation with the Greek War Relief Association. Twenty-six such camps were established by the Greek Ministry, and the Greek War Relief made an allocation of 750,000,000 drachmas for feeding expenses of undernourished and sick children.

During last July, children were admitted to the following centers: *Marousi, Penteli, Kifissia, Nea Erythrea, Parnes, Aghios Andreas, Kalamos, Foulagmeni, Kavouri, Varkiza, Porto Rafti and Poros*. In addition, four camps were established outside Salonica, two near Patras, and a seventh opened in Crete. As of August 20, 1947, 16,000 children from the Athens area had attended camp with an additional 15,000 going from the provinces.

All children under consideration for camp stays must be examined at Public Health Centers where resident doctors

decide whether the children need sea or mountain air. Preference is in all cases given to children in poor health whose resistance to disease could be built up by good food, fresh air and fair play.

Because of the Greek War Relief food allocation, it was possible to provide ample nourishing meals for each child and every effort was made to obtain the services of special dieticians, doctors and other personnel.

Reports from welfare workers who visited these camps testify to the service they have performed for the poor children of Greece. One of the three boys' camps at *Palaiochori* on Mount Parnes admitted 150 youngsters, who spent care-free weeks among surroundings of great natural beauty. Sunshine, fresh air, good food and the smell of the pine woods created a new atmosphere for the tired youngsters and helped them forget the crowded conditions, the meagre meals and the privations of their city homes. After a short time, the children had gained in weight and general health and had found a deep joy and satisfaction in camp life. Clubs were formed

and sports teams organized to give the children recreational opportunities. No one could visit these camps without coming back convinced that few programs are more important in helping the bewildered children of Greece than summer camps surrounded by natural beauty world-renowned.

Children's camps were organized before the war. During the occupation, the XAN (Young Christian Association) had organized camps on Mount Penteli. By now the camp spirit has been widely understood in Greece and its vital need appreciated by both individuals and State. The main purpose is to give children both mental and physical relief from city and family cramped quarters. It is more than that. Camp life cultivates love of country and religion, respect of elders and the realization that work brings joy.

The children are encouraged to have their games, songs and fun among healthy surrounding, make their own friends and assume responsibility for their everyday life. In a word, they acquire a sane mind in a sane body!

Mail carrier mobbed for news from home



Aces and kibitzers intent on ping pong



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AT THE CHICAGO BANQUET: Supreme Governor Bezaitis, Mrs. Zack Ritsos, Supreme Governor Bass, C. J., Supreme Secretary Bell, Supreme Vice-President Thevos and Grand President Mitchell of the Daughters pleasantly discussing the State of Ahepa

Annual Message of the Supreme President

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF AHEPA, GREETINGS:

During the past twenty years, the Order of Ahepa has spent much money and time on numerous national projects. These projects served more or less the purpose for which they were sponsored. However, very little has been done to date for the direct benefit of the rank and file of our members.

We have taxed our Chapters year after year for this or that campaign, but the money they gave has not produced results for Ahepans.

This year I am giving the Chapters relief from taxation by National Headquarters. I want to see every Chapter improve its treasury for its own local needs. There are many things that the Chapters can do in their communities if we help them to build up their treasuries. When your neighbors see that you are doing something constructive they will want to become members; and delinquent members will want to get back into good standing.

The Order of Ahepa can be no stronger nationally than its Chapters are locally. It is therefore my plan to change the old pattern where the National Headquarters did everything and the Chapters nothing.

I want to encourage the Chapters to exercise more autonomy and engage in more independent activities. These local activities should include the granting of scholarships, assisting young men and women to get worthwhile jobs, arranging educational, social, and athletic programs, participating in civic affairs and providing medical help and domestic relief for the less fortunate people.

It is especially important for Ahepans to continue taking an active part in the civic life of the American community. They must never cease participating in Red Cross and Community Chest drives, cooperating with social and economic clubs that work for the City's improvement, and affiliating with Chambers of Commerce, committees for good government and similar organizations that exist in every municipality.

Join Overseas Aid Campaign

A new opportunity for participation in civic work will be offered soon by the *American Overseas Aid Campaign*, which will raise funds for Greece and other stricken nations of Europe. I urge all Ahepa Chapters to join with and support the local Committees that will sponsor this drive.

Ahepa Chapters must not be empty shells. They must be

influential and constructive forces playing a useful role in their community. That is why I want to relieve the Chapters of national taxation and help them to build up their resources for much needed local activities.

This does not mean that we will stop progress and good works on the national level. There are many national projects that Ahepa can sponsor which do not require money.

It is wrong to think that we must spend big money to do big things. Ahepa's influence and prestige can be the coin with which to purchase many important benefits.

For example, the present immigration laws of the United States are unfair to the Greek people. A Greek who applies for a visa to enter the United States as a quota immigrant must now wait fifty years before his turn is reached.

Now, there are many Ahepans who are anxious and able to bring their close relatives here to join them, but cannot do so within their lifetime.

There are many others who would like to adopt the orphan of a relative, or just any orphan, and bring it to the United States. Many thousands of Greek orphans are deprived of a home and a future because they, too, come under the quota. This is a shameful situation, and must be changed.

Greek Quota Shamefully Low

The Greek quota is now only 307 a year. Compare this with the German quota of 27,370, the British quota of 65,721, and the Irish quota of 17,853. These three quotas are never filled in any one year.

The quota system allows 153,000 immigrants to enter the United States each year; yet three nations, one of them a former enemy and the other a neutral country, have a quota of over 100,000 between them; and all the other countries have less than 50,000.

The reason why Congress fixed such large quotas for Britain, Ireland and Germany was because it believed that people of Anglo-Saxon origin could be more easily assimilated than people of other national origins.

This is a false theory as far as the people of Greek origin are concerned. The record shows that they have always made progress and are law-abiding citizens. The order of Ahepa, which was founded to promote American principles, is proof of this statement.

When, then, should American laws discriminate against Greek nations? Why should Greece, which fought valiantly

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Toastmaster Lascaris, Supreme President Hellis, Greek Consul General Tringetas, Supreme Treasurer Georgiades, Supreme Counselor Ritsos and Supreme Governor Starr. Our Officers were honored by Chicago's Ahepdom. Supreme President's Message follows

on the American side, have one of the smallest quotas; while Germany, which was an enemy, have one of the largest?

Can it be said that German nationals, most of whom were members of Hitler's Nazi Party, would make better American citizens than Greek nationals who sacrificed all they had for the cause of democracy?

These laws are unjust and must be amended. This is a challenge to the Order of Ahepa.

I propose that Ahepa shall meet that challenge and take the leadership in the fight to change these laws so that justice will be done to the Greek people and the doors of opportunity shall be opened for thousands of destitute orphans.

Our goal must be to raise the Greek quota from 307 to 3,000 a year. This is not asking much when you compare it with the German quota of over 27,000, and the Irish quota of over 17,000.

We must also seek amendments to the immigration laws to allow orphans who are adopted by American citizens to enter without regard to quotas.

Address Lawmakers for Relief

We will need Congressional legislation to bring about these changes. The Secretary of State can adjust the quotas within limits prescribed by Congress, but cannot give the Greek people relief. We must therefore address ourselves to the lawmakers of the nation. In this connection, I am addressing petitions to the President of the United States and to the chairmen of the Immigration Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives. I am also asking our friends in Congress, many of whom are Ahepans, to introduce the necessary legislation. I am doing these things in cooperation with the present Immigration Committee of the Order of Ahepa.

When this legislation is introduced in both houses of Congress, I shall advise the Chapters of the fact and ask them to solicit the active support of the Senator and the Representative of their respective states and localities.

Senator Ives, of New York, has already introduced a bill to admit orphan children to the United States who are nephews or nieces of United States citizens. This is a step in the right direction and I urge the Chapters to wire their Senator and Congressman to support this measure and ask their friends to do likewise.

Ahepa's standing and reputation can be used to good advantage in support of construction legislation. This is what I mean when I say that Ahepa can undertake great national projects of real benefit to the Greek people without the burden of assessments and contributions. For twenty-five years Ahepa has been an instrument of Americanization and good citizenship. It has served as an unofficial arm of the govern-

ment of the United States. It has set an example for all other peoples of foreign origin to follow.

We have therefore earned the right to assert leadership and speak up boldly on all matters that concern the interest of the Greek people. If we exercise that leadership wisely, there is no end to the good we can accomplish.

I would also like to give you a brief description of the Ahepa and Greek War Relief Health Program for Greece for which purpose I went to Greece and have just returned.

The Ahepa Wing of Evangelismos

First, the Ahepa Health Program: One of Ahepa's main health projects for Greece is the completion of a wing of the Evangelismos Hospital in Athens. This will be known as the Ahepa Wing and will have 385 beds. The contract already signed stipulates that this wing of the Evangelismos Hospital shall be completed by July 1, 1948. I wish to state here that priority will be given to patients from the provinces coming for treatment at the Ahepa Wing of the Evangelismos Hospital. The various provinces will have a pro-rata share of the charity beds.

The contract further stipulates that for as long as the G.W.R.A. is in operation in Greece, it shall have a chosen representative to check on all matters affecting the Ahepa Evangelismos Wing and to see that all contractual agreements are kept. When the G.W.R.A. ceases to operate then this special representative shall be chosen by the Order of Ahepa.

Salonica Ahepa Hospital

Ahepa's project number two for Greece is the erection of a 100 bed hospital in Salonica in conjunction with the Medical School of the University of Salonica. The contract for this project will be given out within the next thirty (30) days pending completion of plans.

With these two institutions Ahepa makes possible 485 hospital beds. I wish to add here that the names of donors will appear on all Ahepa projects as originally announced.

Six Ahepa Health Centers

In addition to the above mentioned health projects, we have let out contracts for six Ahepa Health Centers. The one in Chrysoupolis is already completed, and the one in Kalavryta is now being built; while two more Health Centers are under construction in Crete. As soon as local conditions permit additional Health Centers will be erected in other designated provinces throughout Greece.

In conjunction with the Ahepa Health Program the following health program was attended to also during my stay in Greece.

We contracted for the rehabilitation of the hospital in Pyrgos thus giving that area the use of 100 hospital beds.

As to the Arcadian Hospital, there was a slight delay



Former Washington Ambassador Sisilianos and members of Athens Greek-American Club honoring Supreme President

here caused by the time required to translate the contract and building plans from English into Greek before construction could begin. However, most of the construction material has been transported from Piraeus to Tripolis, and the foundation has been completed. When completed, this will be a 255-bed hospital servicing the Peloponnesus.

Greek War Relief In Operation

The Greek War Relief Association recently has contributed the following for the alleviation of suffering in Greece. It has made available the sum of \$250,000 for the orphans of Greece.

There are now 22 mobile units operating throughout Greece, wherever terrain conditions permit.

We have dispatched 8 mobile units to the northern conflict borders.

Furthermore, about 200,000 pounds of food supplies and clothing have been dispatched to the suffering people of the northern conflict zones.

I want to state here that the people of Greece appreciate these projects very much and everything else that the people of America have been and are doing for them.

Democracy Alive in Greece

In spite of untold suffering and devastation their spirit is unbroken and Democracy deeply rooted in their hearts and souls. It is true that the precious heritage, Democracy, which Greece has given to the world is now being threatened in her mainland. But as in historical and only recent times, Greece will again overcome foreign aggression and once again preserve for herself and civilization the Democratic way of life. America is determined that this shall be so and Greece will be assisted to rehabilitate and maintain its territorial integrity.



Supreme President Helis is conducted on a tour by Greek Government officials to view the ruins of the Port of Piraeus

Greece must also be helped to forget the differences and wounds caused and inflicted by a foreign-instigated civil strife. We in America, especially Americans of Greek descent, can best help in this respect by demonstrating more strongly our unity and cooperation on matters affecting the growth and progress of our organizations, our communities and our country in general.

WILLIAM HELIS,
Supreme President.

Washington, January 1, 1948.

We are fighting poverty, hunger and suffering. We are building toward a world where all nations, large and small alike, may live free from the fear of aggression. Above all else, we are striving to achieve a concord among the peoples of the world based upon the dignity of the individual and the brotherhood of man. This leads to peace—not war.—President Truman.

The Ahepa Ritual

By **PETER L. BELL,** *Supreme Secretary*

The great majority of our membership has been initiated in the Fraternity according to the Ritual adopted by the Detroit Convention in 1928. There have been many attempts to make changes in this Ritual. As a matter of fact the Baltimore Convention authorized the Supreme Lodge to appoint a Committee to work out a new Ritual and adopt it if satisfactory.

This Committee after long and diligent effort did propose a new Ritual and the Supreme Lodge approved, printed and distributed it to the chapters for their use. Immediately a hue and cry arose over the length and breadth of the Ahepa Domain against the new Ritual. The matter was taken up at the Los Angeles Convention and the delegates voted, almost unanimously, to discard the new Ritual and revert to the old one. Some confusion ensued because copies of the old Ritual had been destroyed and replacements were not available at Headquarters.

The Supreme Lodge deemed it impractical to print replacements in view of the fact the Los Angeles Convention further voted to have a Committee of the Supreme Lodge study changes in the 1928 Ritual and report to the Detroit Convention. The Committee consisting of Supreme Vice President John Thevos, Supreme Counsellor Zack T. Ritsos, and Supreme Secretary Peter L. Bell is now working on the report to be made to the Convention.

In the great long-established Fraternal Organizations changes in their Rituals are rarely made and then only for good reasons and after exhaustive study. This policy must be established by the Ahepa both because it is a sound one and because the delegates to the convention as well as the membership have overwhelmingly so decreed.

The objection most often heard against the present Ritual is that the initiation ceremony is too long. It is actually one of the shortest that the writer has seen and he is really a "joiner" of organizations. If performed in properly equipped lodgerooms by competent degree teams, our initiatory ceremony can be favorably compared to any other. In any event the Old Ritual is very close indeed to the hearts of our members. In compliance with their wishes, we shall propose the few changes that nearly everybody agrees must be made. After these changes are approved let's print a supply for the Chapters and leave the Ritual alone. It has now become one of the great Traditions of Ahepa and it should remain as such.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Supreme Secretary Bell will be very happy to receive comments on our Ritual. Old-timers are particularly urged to give him the benefit of their experience and advice.

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They Gave A Banquet To Honor Supreme Lodge



The General Committee (l. to r.): Argires, Alex. Pappageorgis, Gianoukos, Lascaris (chairman and toastmaster), Phillips, Kaskas, Silivrides

CHICAGO, ILL. — During the weekend of January 3-4, 1948, members of the Supreme Lodge assembled in Chicago for their mid-winter executive session. Availing themselves of this fine opportunity, the members of the Mother Chapter of the 13th District, Chicago Chapter No. 46, organized a grand banquet to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Order of Ahepa by honoring the members of the Supreme Lodge—the nine good men who after years of work and achievement on behalf of this Grand Fraternity were found equal to the task and were elevated by the Los Angeles Convention to the highest office within the reach of the members of the Order.

There were Ahepans galore, with leaders of Chicago present to do honor to their Supreme Officers: Van Nomicos, past Supreme President; Father Petrakis; A. T. Tsoumas, District Governor; Harry Reckas and D. Perry, past District Governors; Nick Giovan, past Supreme Secretary; M. Mamalakis, Paul L. Alexander and many more.

There were Daughters, headed by their Grand President Mitchell; Maids, Sons and many of their friends. The program was varied and interesting, the attendance full and the surroundings the best in the city: the Terrace Casino of the beautiful Morrison Hotel in the heart of the Loop. Miss Ethalia Broulia, Miss N. Rozantonaki, pianists, and H. Papageorgiou, baritone, rendered a number of selections to the enjoyment of the guests.

The main speakers of the evening were Supreme President Helis and Supreme Vice-President Thevos. The former related some of his experiences from his last trip to Greece and stated the program of his Administration both on the domestic and the international scenes. It is carried in this issue as his message to the Order of Ahepa. It is underlined by two facts, one, that the emphasis this year in most of our activities is shifted from the national level to the local chapters; and two, that a concerted effort is being made toward altering the Greek immigration quota from the scandalously low figure of 307 to at least 3,000 per year. We call the attention of all our members to study this

message of our Supreme President and conduct themselves accordingly.

Supreme Vice-President Thevos directed his remarks—wise and well-chosen—to the nature and extent of our activities in past years and in the days to come and dwelt on means and procedures best suited to our growth and expansion. He was primarily concerned with local Ahepa problems and left with his hosts and friends a number of suggestions and facts for a better and bigger Ahepa. In this connection, officers and members throughout the Ahepa Domain will do well to study the Supreme President's Report on the State of the Order, which has been compiled from

They Honor Chapter Past Presidents At A Banquet

WHEELING, W. VA.—The members of *Miltiades* Chapter No. 68 held a Banquet at the Windsor Hotel on January 11th. Supreme Vice-President John Thevos was the guest of honor and in his inimitable manner addressed the gathering of over 150. The purpose of the banquet was to honor all past presidents of the Chapter, following initiation ceremonies for a large class of neophytes, including the Mayor of the City. He was quite impressed by the ritual and the fine work of our Order. Many other prominent public officials were also present. The banquet was a huge success. The newspaper story follows. —A. W. Petropoulos.

Communism a Menace to World Peace

John G. Thevos, prominent attorney of Newark, N. J., and Supreme Vice-President of the Order of Ahepa, and Carl G. Bachmann, Mayor of the City of Wheeling and well known attorney and former member of Congress, when he served on the committee to investigate Communism, flayed it as the greatest menace to peace and world security in addresses before *Miltiades* Chapter No. 68, Order of Ahepa, testimonial banquet before an audience of over 150 members and guests.

A. W. Petropoulos, president of the chapter, presided as toastmaster. He

available facts and figures at Headquarters to give the inside story of our national activities in the past.

The banquet opened with a prayer by Father Petrakis, representing Bishop Gerasimos. John Lamprakis, retiring President of Chicago Chapter, presented Toastmaster and General Chairman Michael Lascaris, who did a wonderful job and was publicly congratulated by all present. The Greek Consul General of Chicago, Mr. Panos Tringetas, also attended and spoke.

The following day, District Governor Tsoumas called a special District meeting at which a report was rendered by Supreme President Helis. The meeting was called at the latter's request. He gave a more intimate report of his activities in Greece on behalf of the Order and answered questions from the floor. He pleaded for unity and cooperation among all Ahepans for the good of the Order. He was endorsed by other speakers, who also emphasized the need of concentrating on local problems such as membership, attendance, and other matters that need our immediate attention.

announced that there are some 360 chapters of the Ahepa in the United States and Canada with over 50,000 members.

Mr. Thevos, who is slated as the next Supreme President of the Ahepa, stated that one of the major projects of the Order is the eradication of Communism. He stated that Communism does not believe in a Democracy, in individual enterprise, churches, schools, or in fact, anything that is democratic and American. He stated that every citizen of the U. S. with the exception of Indians were descendants of European and Asiatic nations and that science, culture and inventions were brought to this country from foreign lands. He urged all organizations to unite to back our Democracy and combat everything that is detrimental to our form of government.

Mr. Bachmann concurred with him and stated when he was a member of the congressional committee he traveled all over the country, holding hearings and learned plenty first hand of the intention of the Communists to wreck our government. He believed that with organizations like Ahepa and others working together that it will be eventually eliminated.

Banquet Preceded by Impressive Initiation

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Federal Savings and Loan Association and a large class were initiated in the afternoon.

Seated at the speakers table and introduced were: C. Lee Spillers, U. S. District attorney; Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Ihlenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Petropoulos, Alex Salvatori, Judge J. H. Brennan of the first district circuit court and Judge D. A. and Mrs. McKee.

Charles Otis presided as chairman of the banquet committee. The program was a testimonial banquet honoring all past-presidents of the local chapter.

Louis Velos who served five years as its president was presented with a beautiful Ahepa emblem and each other member was presented a flower as his name was called. They included James B. Angeles, George Kefalas, Peter R. Arslain, George Litis and C. G. Cosmides.

Miss Tasula Lascaris, a native of Greece, but who has resided in England for some time and recently came to this country, sang several vocal numbers in Greek and closed with one in English. Jane Armstrong was her accompanist. Miss Esther Pinto also sang several numbers, with Ethel Hunt as accompanist.

Past Governors Honored

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—The members of *Hollywood* Chapter No. 318, the *Daughters of Melita*, No. 119, the *Maids of Cytherea*, No. 64 and the *Sons of Olympian*, No. 82 got together last November to honor all past Governors of *El Camino Real* District No. 20, headed by Governor George Nachicas. Among those who attended, numbering over 500, was former World's Heavyweight Champion Jim Londos. The event included entertainment, dancing and refreshments.

A few days later the chapter gave its 9th Annual Ball with over 600 persons attending.—Christy Angelson.

Fredericksburg Chapter Reinstated

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.—Last November *Fredericksburg* Chapter, which has long been inactive, was reinstated during a ceremony conducted by District Governor Versis. The following new officers were installed: S. Stephanides, *President*; P. Katafiotis, *Vice President*; Paul Virvos, *Secretary*; N. G. Calamos, *Treasurer*, and Brothers Panatazides, Katsapis, Pappas, Doumas and Govanedis, *Board of Governors*. Brother Parascho Ballas, of Washington Chapter No. 31, accompanied the District Governor and assisted, along with Brother C. G. Paris, of Baltimore, in the installation of the new officers.—*Trio-Gram*.

Highest Dignitaries of The City Are Initiated at Mass Ceremony

CHICAGO, ILL.—By far the biggest initiation and closed meeting ever held in the history of Ahepa took place last November in the ballroom of the Morrison Hotel. On that evening, Mayor Martin H. Kennelly, Congressman-at-Large William G. Stratton, State Attorney William J. Tuohy, Chief Justice Cornelius J. Harrington and many other outstanding civic leaders joined the ranks of the Order of Ahepa.

The meeting was called for 8:00 P.M. but the beautiful ballroom of the Morrison Hotel began to fill to capacity long before. 1200 Ahepans quietly and orderly took their seats, their hearts filled with enthusiasm, to welcome into our ranks the many prominent citizens. At the sound of the gavel of District Governor A. T. Tsoumas, silence invaded the room and the meeting was started. Our National Anthems were sung, former Supreme Lodge Officers and present Dist. Lodge officers were escorted formally to the station of the Governor.

The well trained degree team consisting of Andrew G. Nickas of *Victory* Chapter as Vice President, Nicholas Karahalios of *Midwest* as Warden, John Stathopoulos of *Garfield* as Chaplain, Peter Batsakis of *Oak Park* as Secretary, Johnny Raptis of *North Shore* and Alex Soteris of *Pullman* as Captains of the Guard and Steve Gladis of *Victory* as Treasurer, stood at attention.

The doors sprung open and the voice of George Chamales of *South Chicago*, also a member of the degree team, was heard announcing that there were 72 candidates awaiting to be initiated. Slowly the candidates were escorted into the assembly hall to the tune of a March played on the piano by Dene Gober. Silently the candidates took their obligations, with an important part of the initiation performed by past District Governor George Kyriacopoulos and William Belroy.

The long awaited moment had arrived. The District Governor appointed a committee consisting of past Supreme Vice-President Pofanti, who secured the application of Mayor Kennelly and Andrew Fasseas, who secured the application of Congressman Stratton to escort the dignitaries into the room. 1200 Ahepans arose, overcome with joy, their eyes reflecting their pride in their Ahepa, watching Martin H. Kennelly, Mayor of Chicago leading a most outstanding list of candidates, which is as follows:

William G. Stratton, Congressman-at-Large from Illinois; William J. Tuohy, State's Attorney; Cornelius J. Harrington, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court;

Charles E. Byrne, Judge of the Superior Court; Harold G. Ward, Superior Court Judge; John Gutnecht, Judge of the Municipal Court; John E. Conroy, Chief of the Circuit Court; Victor A. Kula, Judge of the Municipal Court; State Representative Walter McAvoy; State Senator Arthur Larson; State Senator Peter Miller, State Senator Michael Hannigan and Victor Schlaeger, City Treasurer.

District Governor Tsoumas gave the candidates the oath and obligation of the Order of Ahepa, after which a thunderous applause filled the massive ballroom of the Morrison Hotel. Supreme Counselor Zack Ritsos, past Supreme Secretary Leo Lamberson and District Governor Tsoumas spoke on behalf of the fraternity. Frank Pofanti, who has been a close friend of the Mayor for many years, introduced Brother Kennelly to the assembly.

Speaking to his Brothers, Mayor Kennelly thanked all Ahepans for the opportunity afforded him to become a member of our great organization and said, "Long before becoming a member of the Order of Ahepa I have known of its work through my many years of active participation in welfare work. I am proud to be a member of such an organization."

Congressman Stratton thanked the members of *Kankakee* Chapter, of which he is now a member, and pledged his support to the undertakings of Ahepa.

State's Attorney Tuohy not only touched upon the past and present history of the organization but offered his undivided support for the future.

Chief Justice of the Criminal Court Cornelius J. Harrington, a former active worker of the Greek War Relief, expressed his delight in becoming a member of our ranks.

Judge John Gutnecht praised the Greek people and assured all of his whole hearted cooperation. And, similarly, all our new Brothers accepted their membership into the *Blue Ribbon* District No. 13.

At the termination of the meeting which was one of the shortest and the most orderly meetings ever held, all Brothers present formed a long line and personally extended the Ahepa hand to Mayor Kennelly and all the other newly initiated Brothers.

And, in this manner, another glorious page was added to the history of the *Blue Ribbon* District and Ahepa.—*The Ahepa Herald*.

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The Greek Immigration Quota

After due deliberation by the Supreme Lodge and other leaders of the Fraternity and in conjunction with the activities of our National Immigration Committee, Supreme President Helis has placed for consideration before the respective Congressional Subcommittees on Immigration and Naturalization a request of increasing the Greek immigration quota from the ridiculously low number of 307 to at least 3,000 per year.

The response he has received from members of Congress so contacted has been encouraging. We reprint below Supreme

President Helis' petition, as well as extracts of letters from Senators and Representatives.

District and Chapter officers throughout the Ahepa Domain are urged to act on the directive from Supreme Headquarters and do whatever they can to strengthen the hand of our Supreme President in this praiseworthy attempt of somewhat alleviating the pitiful plight of the Greek people through a larger immigration quota.

The letter of Supreme President Helis follows:

Honorable CHAPMAN REVERCOMB and
Honorable FRANK FELLOWS,
Chairmen, Sub-Committees on Immigration and
Naturalization, United States Senate and House of
Representatives, respectively, Washington, D. C.

As Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa, which is the largest national organization in the United States of Americans of Greek descent and American friends of Greece, I wish to submit for your Committee's consideration and action the following proposal with respect to the Greek immigration quota.

Under the present immigration laws, the Greek quota is 307 a year. According to reliable information I have received, a Greek national who applies for a visa for permanent residence in the United States must wait at least fifty years before his turn is reached. This is tantamount to a virtual ban on future Greek immigration to the United States.

I understand that the British quota is 65,721, and the German quota 27,370, and that none of these quotas are filled in any one year.

I therefore respectfully propose that these two quotas be reduced conformably to the current demand for immigration visas from those countries and that from the reductions thus effected, the annual Greek quota be increased to at least 3,000 persons a year. In this way, the total number of quota immigrants allowed to enter the United States each year, namely 153,000, need not be increased.

Greek Orphans Should Be Exempt

I also submit for your consideration, a further amendment to the immigration laws to permit Greek orphans, duly adopted by American citizens, to enter the United States without regard to quota. I know of my own knowledge that many American citizens of Greek descent desire to adopt Greek orphans but are reluctant to commence adoption proceedings because of the legal difficulties they encounter in bringing these children to this country.

The law, as it now stands, is unfair to the Greek people. Greece fought valiantly on the side of the United States. Her sons and daughters who immigrated to these shores have been law-abiding and progressive citizens, and have made substantial contributions to the social, cultural, and industrial advancement of America. The Order of Ahepa, which was founded twenty-five years ago solely to promote American ideals and which has set the example of Americanism for all peoples of foreign origin, is proof of this statement.

The allotment of large quotas to countries such as

Great Britain, and Germany, and small quotas to countries like Greece was based, as I understand it, on the theory that immigrants from anglo-saxon countries are more easily assimilated into American life than immigrants from the Central and Southern European countries. This theory is not valid insofar as the people of Greek origin are concerned for the reasons hereafter set forth:

The Greek Immigrant Is a Good Citizen

1) Virtually all Greek immigrants become American citizens as promptly as the law permits. This is not true with respect to many immigrants from anglo-saxon countries.

2) The Greek becomes rapidly and naturally assimilated into American life because of his marked individualism which is his most dominant characteristic; and also because of his long background of democratic tradition. Hellenism and Americanism are as nearly identical as any two political philosophies in the world.

3) It is common knowledge that Americans of Greek descent have never participated in organized crime and that with few isolated individual exceptions, are free of the taint of any criminal record. Moreover, the Greek rarely, if ever, becomes a public charge. An examination of the Charity and Welfare roles of our municipalities will substantiate the truth of this assertion.

4) There are approximately one million persons in the United States of Hellenic extraction. About 10% of them, or roughly 100,000, are independent enterprisers who, it is estimated, employ between two and a half to three million persons. Among them are also many notable business executives, university and college professors and professional men and women.

5) The contributions of Americans of Greek descent to the American war effort were exemplary both in the fields of military and civilian activity. During the war, the Order of Ahepa suspended its normal activities and devoted its man-power and organizational machinery to the sale of bonds and allied endeavors related to the winning of the war.

On the basis of these considerations, I respectfully request that your Committee place this matter on its agenda for prompt consideration and action, and that a hearing thereon be held at which representatives of the Order of Ahepa may have an opportunity to express their views.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM G. HELIS,
Supreme President,
Order of Ahepa.

Washington, January 9, 1948.

Extracts from some of the replies by Senators and Representatives received so far:

From Senator Revercomb

Senator Revercomb has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 9, 1943, said letter containing a proposal with respect to the Greek immigration quota.

Your letter is being placed on file for further consideration by the Subcommittee in conjunction with its present study.

JAMES C. MESSERSMITH,
*Clerk, Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization,
United States Senate.*

Washington, January 16, 1943.

From Senator Johnson

I earnestly concur in your letter to Senator Chapman Revercomb, proposing to change the Greek immigration quota to a higher figure.

While I am not on his Committee, I shall make it a point to urge Senator Revercomb to act on your suggestion.

EDWIN C. JOHNSON,
U. S. Senator from Colorado.
Washington, January 15, 1943.

From Senator Lucas

I have read your letter to Senator Revercomb with interest, and am glad to have this information for my files.

SCOTT W. LUCAS,
U. S. Senator from Illinois.
Washington, January 15, 1943.

From Senator Umstead

I appreciate your thoughtful statement about this matter and you may be sure it will have my careful study and consideration when it comes before my Committee or the Senate.

WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD,
U. S. Senator from North Dakota.
Washington, January 20, 1943.

From Senator Ferguson

I appreciate very much having the opportunity to read your letter on this subject and I assure you I shall give serious and sympathetic attention to any legislation which Senator Revercomb's Committee undertakes to develop on this subject.

HOMER FERGUSON,
U. S. Senator from Michigan.
Washington, January 20, 1943.

From Speaker Martin

I have your letter and was glad to get your views concerning Greek immigration.

I shall be glad to have a talk with members of the Committee about the matter.

JOSEPH W. MARTIN, JR.,
Speaker, House of Representatives.
Washington, January 15, 1943.

From Chairman Fellows

I have received your letter of January 9 in which you submit to the attention of Members of Congress the problem of the Greek immigration quota.

I wish to thank you very much for kindly giving me the benefit of your views and I wish to advise you that I will be glad to submit the correspondence to the attention of our Members when problems relating to immigration quotas are considered.

FRANK FELLOWS, *Chairman,
Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization,
U. S. House of Representatives.*
Washington, January 16, 1943.

From Representative Mason

As a former member of the Immigration and Naturalization Committee, having served ten years on the committee, I wish to say that I am in accord with the sentiments you expressed in your communication to Mr. Fellows. However, I see some complications to your suggestion that the unfilled English Quota be used to increase the Greek Quota. In order to do as you suggest, our present Quota Law would have to be changed, and in all probability that would present complications and difficulties in our relations with Great Britain.

I see no objection to your suggestion that Greek orphans adopted by American citizens be permitted to enter without regard to quota numbers. I am in full accord with this suggestion and would even go farther to permit any European orphan, adopted by an American citizen, to enter without regard to quota numbers.

N. M. MASON,
U. S. Representative, 12th District, Illinois.
Washington, January 15, 1943.

From Representative Hess

I am glad to have your views, and shall bear them in mind when any legislation of the kind you desire comes up for a vote in the House.

WILLIAM E. HESS,
U. S. Representative, 2d District, Ohio.
Washington, January 15, 1943.

From Representative Riley

I shall give this proposal my careful attention.

JOHN J. RILEY,
U. S. Representative, 2d District, South Carolina.
Washington, January 15, 1943.

From Representative O'Brien

I am indeed pleased to have your views on this issue, and I shall give them every consideration when it is before the House for attention.

THOMAS J. O'BRIEN,
U. S. Representative, 6th District, Chicago.
Washington, January 15, 1943.

From Representative Blackney

I read your letter with particular care and was very glad that it contained therein several valuable suggestions which I shall be very happy to study with particular care.

WILLIAM W. BLACKNEY,
U. S. Representative, 6th District, Michigan.
Washington, January 16, 1943.

From Representative Havenner

Relative to the Greek immigration quota, please be assured I will give this matter my careful attention.

FRANCK R. HAVENNER,
U. S. Representative, 4th District, California.
Washington, January 16, 1943.

From Representative Lewis

I have read your letter to Hon. Frank Fellows with great interest and will keep your recommendations in mind if and when any legislation changing the quotas comes before the House for action.

EARL R. LEWIS,
U. S. Representative, 18th District, Ohio.
Washington, January 22, 1943.

From Representative McMahon

In the many cases that have passed through this office in which we have attempted to be of assistance to desirable peo-

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Ahepa Scholarships

By PETER L. BELL, *Supreme Secretary*

The Los Angeles Annual Convention voted to re-activate the Ahepa Scholarships. The delegates failed, however, to appropriate any money for this purpose and in view of the fact that the General Fund is and has been insufficient to meet even the regular expenses of running the Headquarters, it would be impossible for the delegates to vote any money for the Scholarship Fund from that source now or in the future.

The Supreme Lodge, having the above in mind, appointed me a committee of one for the purpose of studying the Ahepa Scholarship Policy and proposing some practical plan for a permanent revolving Scholarship Fund to be submitted to the Detroit National Convention. Accordingly, I contacted the proper authorities at Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Boston University for the purpose of getting enlightenment and suggestions from people who handle several hundred thousand dollars of such funds yearly. I wish to publicly thank Mr. F. S. Von Stade, Jr., Director of Scholarships at Harvard, Mr. T. P. Pitre, Dean of Freshmen at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Mr. Bruce W. Tallman, Secretary of Admissions of Boston University, for their help and cooperation.

There are two kinds of financial aid given by Colleges and Universities: Outright grants or scholarships and scholarship loans. Through the generosity of great and numerous Philanthropic Donors, the institutions consulted give a tremendous number of outright scholarships. However, the funds provided by the colleges from their general funds for aid to needy students are issued as loans. The reason for this policy is quite obvious—these loans when repaid become available again to help other needy students. The two types are further explained and discussed hereafter.

Outright Scholarships

Generally speaking Outright Scholarships are of two categories:

1. Scholarships are issued to students of exceptional attainments, regardless of need, as a recognition and an honor.
2. Scholarships are issued to students with satisfactory scholastic standing who are in need and might not be able to continue in college without financial assistance.

The sources of these funds are from individuals who have established these scholarship funds and named them after

ple from Greece, we have run up against a blank wall. We were told that the waiting was fifty-two years, and the wait in the number of years is going higher. It would seem that the only thing the people of Greece can do is to bring their grandchildren down and register them for a quota number.

Please be assured that the proposal embedded in your letter meets with my wholehearted approval, and it is hoped that something may be done here in the House to alleviate this condition.

GREGORY McMAHON,

U. S. Representative, 4th District, New York.

Washington, January 30, 1948.

From Representative Buck

Your well-prepared argument for the increase of the Greek quota is impressive and your views will have weight in my consideration of pertinent legislation.

ELLSWORTH B. BUCK,

U. S. Representative, 16th District, New York.

Washington, February 2, 1948.

themselves or members of their families, former professors, etc. Only the income from these funds is used. Since only the income is used it would require at least Five Thousand Dollars to establish and name a fund after the Donor. Here is an opportunity for Civic-minded Ahepans with some means to help worthy students of Greek extraction, render a great service to the Ahepa and at the same time perpetuate their own name or that of a loved one. Who shall be the Torch Bearer and set the fine example?

Scholarship Loan Fund

Many worthy students are unable to continue their higher education because of financial difficulties. Though such students would prefer outright grants or scholarships they will be glad to receive loans in order to continue their studies especially if they have the desire, the determination and the ability necessary to better themselves. This type of fund is more desirable from the Ahepa point of view because it is more practical and possible to attain and maintain.

Whereas with, let us say One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars, we would be able to give about Four Five Hundred (\$500) Dollar outright scholarships a year out of the income, with the same amount of money we could grant over twenty scholarship loans of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars per year for ten years. Since all loans would and should be repaid within ten years from date of issue we would always have at least Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars per year available for scholarship loans. If you consider the fact that a very considerable amount of money was used by the Ahepa in the past to issue outright scholarships but not a cent of which is now available for present-day or future students, you will readily realize the wisdom of establishing a loan rather than an outright gift fund out of Ahepa Funds.

Our nation, in the year immediately ahead, is called upon to face a destiny beyond that of any other people. The hopes and fears of the entire civilized world rest with these United States. If we want to be worthy of our destiny, we must put aside fears and doubts of our own competence, our own physical and spiritual strength.—Governor Dewey.

I therefore recommend the establishment of a One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollar Ahepa Scholarship Loan Fund under the following terms and conditions:

1. Source of the Fund

a. All amounts now in the Scholarship Fund be put in the Scholarship Loan Fund.

b. A Special assessment of \$1.00 per member shall be added to the per capita tax for the years 1939 through 1952 only and this One Dollar shall be automatically pro-rated and added to the Scholarship Fund.

2. Management and Control of the Fund

The National Convention shall have full and final authority and shall devise ways and means for the investment of the money in the Fund and for the rules and regulations concerning the issuance of the Scholarship Loans.

In order to avoid the usual Ahepa politics it is recommended that the National Convention establish a Scholarship Loan Fund Committee of Eleven Members, ten of whom shall be elected by the National Convention and the eleventh shall be the Supreme President. The members of this committee shall serve for five years each, only two to be elected at each National Convention. Arrangements for graduated terms shall be made at the next National Convention when all ten shall be elected for the first time.

It is further recommended that the National Convention vote full powers for the management and control, within prescribed limits, to this committee.

The members of the committee shall not be paid for their services or for expenses. The honor shall be sufficient repayment.

3. Rules for the Issuance of the Scholarship Loans

a. All applicants must be members of the Ahepa or its auxiliaries.

b. Loans must be repaid in full within ten years from the date of issue, and each recipient shall sign a note and contract so agreeing.

c. No interest shall be charged for the time the recipient is still a student. Interest shall be at the rate of one per cent (1%) on the unpaid balance for the first year after graduation, two per cent (2%) for the second year, three per cent (3%) for the third and following years.

d. Scholarship Loans shall not exceed Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars to any one student per year.

e. No more than ten per cent (10%) of the total amount of the Scholarship Fund shall be issued in any one year.

f. All applicants must be recommended by an Ahepa Chapter or a District Lodge in order to be eligible for a Scholarship Loan.

g. All applicants must have finished their first year in an accredited College or University and must be recommended by their college authorities.

Through the years we the Ahepans have collected and spent millions of dollars for what were undoubtedly worthy causes. But most of this money was spent for the benefit and welfare of others than our own members and their families. It is desirable and proper that the Ahepa continue its altruistic work. But it is necessary that we give some service and some assistance to our membership, to the Ahepa family. The continued progress of the Ahepa makes it imperative that we do so.

Though the war has ended the peace has not commenced. We must not fail to complete that which we commenced.— Secretary of State Marshall.

This plan is simple, practical and easy on our pocketbooks. It requires the payment of only Four Dollars from each and every member of the Ahepa in four yearly installments of One Dollar each. Surely no member would refuse so little for a cause so great and worthy. In view of the fact that we have over twenty-five thousand dues-paying members, more than One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars for this permanent fund will be raised in four years.

Some members will probably disagree with some of the recommendations. Some will prefer Outright Scholarships to Scholarship Loans. The point is, however, that we must adopt some plan if we want the letter "E" in Ahepa to mean anything. Time and the actual trial of the plan will show what changes must be made to perfect it in the future.

For the present let's get started. Discuss this plan at your Chapter Meeting and instruct your Delegates to the next Convention to vote for or against this plan.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first time that a concrete plan on scholarships is being presented to the membership at large for study far in advance of a national convention—our supreme authority. Chapters should make it their business to discuss the merits of Supreme Secretary Bell's fine report—the finest we have seen in years—and instruct their delegates accordingly. Education should be the cornerstone of our fraternity. Let's make it so. The time is now.

Chief Justice Stone

The court as an institution grew in stature under the influence of Harlan Fiske Stone. The fights he made and the victories he registered enriched the lives of millions who never read his words or heard his voice. The faith which he espoused brought America closer to the realization of the democratic ideal.—Justice William O. Douglas.

REMIT YOUR 1948 DUES TO YOUR CHAPTER SECRETARY

Kilroy: Don't Let It Lapse!

Every member of our armed forces could insure his life during the war for as much as \$10,000, and carry this Government policy at a ridiculously low premium rate of a few cents per thousand dollars. This was term insurance. It may be continued at this low rate for eight years after date of issue, but the premium after discharge must be paid by voluntary action instead of merely being deducted each month by the Army or Navy paymaster. It is the lamentable fact that 10,000,000 war veterans have allowed these policies to lapse, and have thus lost assets worth in the aggregate more than one hundred billion dollars. Only 3,000,000 have kept their policies in force, either as term insurance or under the several forms of conversion.

The Veterans Administration is conducting a campaign of information throughout the country to get veterans to reinstate their lapsed policies, which they can do without penalty or much trouble for themselves. The percentage of lapse is less than after the First World War, when fewer than 10 per cent kept their policies, but it is far too great, and represents a loss of one of the great benefits attached to war service and the cheapest form of life insurance available, since administrative costs are borne by the Government.

We urge veterans to reconsider their action or inaction which is responsible for these lapses, which they will live to regret greatly in years ahead when it is too late to remedy the damage done. Veterans wishing to reinstate their lapsed policies should go to the Veterans Administration office or write to that office if they are too far distant. They should bring along their policy certificate if possible, or know the certificate "N" number, their service serial number, when policy was taken out, when it lapsed, and their date of discharge. No physical examination is needed. They need pay premiums for only two months, no matter how long the policy has been lapsed, and the premium for one of these months is a payment in advance.

If the present Congress errs in too much talking, how can it be otherwise, in a body to which the people send a hundred and fifty lawyers, whose trade it is to question everything, yield nothing, and talk by the hour? That a hundred and fifty lawyers should do business together ought not to be expected.—Thomas Jefferson.

We Americans!

Our politicians are the damndest set of men on earth—and that together they make the greatest Government in the world. Much of it the Founding Fathers would not recognize. Some citizens and foreigners do not like it—and may get a false notion that many of us don't like it either. We ourselves cuss it, cherish it, cheat it and argue about it. We shall probably do so eternally and certainly as long as we do we shall be what men have always meant when—hesitating, in observation between dismay and admiration—they have called us Americans.—Jonathan Daniels.

Solution

"The secret of the bomb should be committed to a World Government and the United States should immediately announce its readiness to give it to a World Government. This Government should be founded by the United States, the Soviet Union, and Great Britain—the only three powers with great military strength. All three should commit to this World Government all their military strength."—Prof. Albert Einstein.

ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF YOUR CHAPTER REGULARLY

REPORT FROM DISTRICT NO. 3

By Speros A. Versis
District Governor



District Governor Versis

Following is a condensed statement of activities and conditions of the 3rd District, from the time I assumed office on July 1, 1947 until December 30, 1947.

Two Chapters have been reinstated and from all indications two more will be reactivated, making the 3rd District 100% active—with 24 Chapters and 2,000 members in good standing—full of Ahepa spirit and enthusiasm.

With members of the District Lodge and others, I have visited 14 Chapters and initiated over 75 new members out of 160 initiated in the entire District.

The Auxiliaries are active in their Communities, always ready to cooperate and willingly assist wherever needed. They are busy now working on establishing new Chapters, with the cooperation of local Ahepans.

During my visit to Bluefield, W. Va., I talked with a number of Brothers' wives to organize a Daughters' Chapter there. I am happy to announce that while writing this report Mrs. Dellis of that city called me on long distance to tell me she has succeeded in obtaining 25 members to start a Chapter.

The Athletic activities have by far surpassed the expectations of the entire District, especially so in Washington, D. C., where every Wednesday night over 300 members have taken the entire floor of one of the newest Bowling Alleys and over 18 Ahepa teams bowl and have lots of clean fun, not to mention 2 baseball teams, one of which finished second place among the best teams in Washington's local league. They also have 2 basketball teams, a horseback riding group and many other such activities. The Baltimore chapter has 6 bowling teams and a very good basketball team. I am certain that before long every Chapter in the District will have some sort of Athletic activity which will really help to retain and increase the membership, especially the younger men and women of our extraction.

Since my assumption of office, the *Trio-Gram* (a District publication) has become monthly. I think it has been instrumental to a great extent for the

many activities and interest among the Chapters and members of this District.

I am now working on establishing 2 new Chapters, one in Wilmington, N. C., and the other in Washington, D. C. I believe there is plenty of room for it here.

I have traveled to date visiting Chapters 2,760 miles, not including the trip to Los Angeles.

During my Visitations to various Chapters, especially in smaller cities, I find that the officers and members although willing do not seem to know the proper and interesting way to conduct meetings. As a result, members do not usually attend meetings, thereby discouraging the officers. I believe that this condition could be improved, if not completely eliminated, with some instructions and directions from National Headquarters to all newly elected officers of each Chapter. At the 1946 National Convention a Resolution was passed to print a complete manual of instructions. This manual is absolutely necessary to assist and guide all those who are willing to assume office but do not know how to carry out their duties.

My attention has been called to the way the American Flag is displayed in various Chapter rooms. I have written to National Headquarters and to Supreme Secretary Bell regarding this matter, referring to U. S. Flag Code No. 829—approved December 22, 1942. I

believe some directive should be mailed to all Chapters before this causes us some unnecessary embarrassment for violating this law unintentionally through lack of knowledge.

I have closely observed that some important circulars from National Headquarters and the Supreme President are being read only to 10% or 15% of members present. This means that 85% to 90% do not know what is going on, unless they get it second hand. I believe this may be corrected by instructing the Chapters to condense such letters in their meeting notices. While the cost to each Chapter will be very little, it will produce satisfactory results in attendance and in acquainting the entire membership with happenings and facts.

The Washington Chapters for the past 2 years have been inserting in local papers the Emblem of our Order to announce deaths of members, instead of mailing cards. This has proven effective and we are now recommending it to the entire District.

EDITOR'S NOTE. In the last issue we invited our District Governors to send us a report of news and activities regarding their district. We appreciate Governor Versis' response and trust that the rest of his colleagues will soon follow suit. That way they will contribute to a "Bigger and Better Ahepa," the motto of Capital District No. 3.

Metropolitan New York Round of Activities

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The months of December and January were months of intense activity in Metropolitan New York. They kept Ahepans, Daughters, Maids and Sons and their guests hopping from one chapter meeting to another, witnessing initiations, elections, installations and other fraternal events.

For good measure, the 23rd Annual Combined Ball was this year postponed until January 13th in order to be given at the world's grandest Hotel, Waldorf-Astoria. With members and friends gathering from far and wide, it proved a great success, under the able chairmanship of George Kandilon. The participating chapters were: *Delphi* No. 25, *Upper Manhattan* No. 42, *Westchester* No. 151, *Long Island* No. 86, *Queensboro* No. 97, *Bronx* No. 175, *Hermes* No. 186, *Estia* No. 326 and *Staten Island* No. 349.

The Ball was attended by Supreme Treasurer Georgiades, Past Supreme President Alfange, District Governor Miller and his entire District Lodge, most of the officers and members of the metropolitan chapters and a score of prominent members of the local community.

Bronx Chapter No. 175 held an in-

stallation ceremony for its officers headed by Louis Dukas and its auxiliaries. It was conducted by Lt. Gov. Kastrinos and Lt. Gov. Helen Angelus for the Maids. This was followed by *Pindus* Chapter No. 354, the youngest chapter in metropolitan New York headed by energetic President Sherry.

The two chapters—*Brooklyn* No. 41 and *Coney Island* No. 200—under the able direction of their respective Presidents Zolotas and Stevenson combined to give an impressive installation ceremony for their officers and those of their auxiliaries. Supreme Treasurer Georgiades officiated. He was assisted by Lt. Gov. Kastrinos and the other officers of the District.

The auxiliaries were installed by Grand Gov. Giftakis and Dist. Gov. Sarres for the Daughters and Lt. Gov. Helen Angelus and Asst. Dist. Sec. Helen Strategos for the Maids. Refreshments and dancing followed.

Delphi Chapter No. 25 installed its officers headed by President Doukas at an inspiring ceremony again with Supr. Treas. Georgiades officiating. He was assisted by Lt. Gov. Kastrinos and his colleagues Marketos, Mallas and Nicholas. Supr. Vice-Pres. Thevos was unable

to attend. The officers of *Castalia* Chapter, headed by Connie Ferez, were installed by Grand Gov. Giftakis of the Daughters and Lt. Gov. Angelus of the Maids. The Board of Advisors were installed by Dist. Adv. Nicholas. Refreshments followed. Among those who attended were delegations from other metropolitan chapters headed by their respective Presidents Zolotas of *Brooklyn*, Dukas of *Bronx*, Stevason of *Coney Island*, Zarcadoolas of *Estia*, Rodis of *Queensboro*, Tsairis of *Theodore Roosevelt* and many other dignitaries and old timers.

Estia Chapter No. 326 installed its officers, headed by young and popular Jack Zarcadoolas, along with the officers of *Rhene* Chapter No. 154, on January 22nd. The Anoroc Democratic Club in Sunnyside, Long Island, was packed with delegations practically from every other Metropolitan Chapter. The installing officers were Supr. Treas. Georgiades and Dist. Gov. Miller, Dist. Gov. Sarres for the Daughters and the other members of the District Lodge. Refreshments were served and dancing followed.

Euryklia Chapter No. 36 of the Daughters, *Upper Manhattan* No. 42 and *Hermes* No. 186 combined to give a very successful installation ceremony for their officers headed by Mrs. Pota Altomerianos, Anthony Orphanides and Nick D. Mousmoules, respectively, on January 26th at the Chapter Room of Carnegie Hall. The room was packed with delegations from every chapter of New York. Dist. Gov. Miller and other members of his Lodge officiated. Supr. Sec. Bell and Supr. Treas. Georgiades also participated. Alexios Kyrou, Permanent Member of Greece to the United Nations, was the main speaker. Earlier in the evening a reception was given in his honor. Archbishop Athenagoras also graced the rostrum and spoke very fittingly at the close of the meeting.

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His Program: A Home

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—The elections of *Hollywood* Chapter No. 318 were marked by the re-election of its President, John Cardoso, for a second term. His fine display of progressiveness during 1947 endeared him to his members and his goal for 1948 will certainly make him a hero. It is the erection of an *Abepa* Home for his chapter for which tentative plans are already laid. Best wishes.—Christy Angelson.

Dollars will not save the world—but the world today cannot be saved without dollars.—Secretary of State Marshall.

News from Buckeye District No. 11

By PETER KOURMOULES, District Governor



Peter Kourmoules

and installations, meeting officers and members of various chapters, officiating at fraternal ceremonies and attending social functions, I find that my duties turn out to be most pleasant and enjoyable.

Ninety-five per cent of the District's chapters have so far been visited. Some of the most outstanding affairs were:

The 10th Anniversary of *Huntington* Chapter, W. Va., was a splendid banquet with most of the dignitaries of the city present. The Mayor as well as the Governor of the State were initiated into the Order. Principal speakers were the District Governor, and past Supreme Counselor George Loukas.

The members of *Steubenville* Chapter gave a testimonial dinner for Brother A. G. Constant. It was held at the Greek Church. *Mezedakia* and *metaxa* were served. It was preceded by a chapter meeting at which the District Governor was the main speaker. At the banquet recognition was given to Brother A. G. Constant for his outstanding work on behalf of the Hellenic Community of Steubenville. Main speaker was George Loukas. Dancing followed.

District Conference Held

The next outstanding affair was the District Conclave called by the District Governor. Representatives from the entire Buckeye District were present, and the following resolutions were adopted:

"That all chapters adopt an athletic program, forming bowling and basketball teams.—That sometimes in March or April, a District tournament be held and trophies be given to the winning teams.—That all representatives having expressed their pleasure with the work District Secretary John Kras was doing with the 'Bulletin' recommend that we proceed to print a District Bulletin and to assess voluntarily each member 50c to cover the expenses involved.—That

CANTON, O.—Having been elected last June as District Governor of Buckeye District No. 11, I find that this has been a new, exciting and fascinating office. Visiting my District's chapters, performing

the first issue be printed and mailed to each member in January."

After the meeting, a dinner was given for the officers and their wives. Later in the evening, "Greek-Night" followed—*mezedakia*, drinks and Greek dancing. The Daughters of Dayton Chapter dressed in ancient Greek costumes, danced "*Horos tou Zalongou*." They are to be congratulated for such a splendid affair.

Supr. Vice Pres. Thevos Carries The Ball

The next affair was held on December 7th, in Cincinnati, Ohio, where a Dinner-Dance was given at the Netherlands-Plaza Hotel. Supreme Vice-President John Thevos and the District Governor were the main speakers. Brother Mushoros, President of the Chapter, was the toastmaster.

A District tour by the Supreme Vice-President and the District Governor followed. Middletown was the next stop, where the three chapters of Springfield, Dayton and Middletown held a combined meeting. Refreshments were served and several homes were visited where wonderful Grecian hospitality was shown.

Then came the Columbus Chapter meeting held at the Greek Church basement, in conjunction with the Daughters of Penelope. Refreshments were served.

Akron was next. Meeting at the Church hall. Election of officers. Refreshments served.

On December 12th a banquet was held at Youngstown. Toastmaster was past Supreme Secretary Constant. Economou.

On December 13th, installation of officers of Warren Chapter took place. The installing officer was Peter Kourmoules, District Governor.

On December 14th, a Banquet was held in Canton, honoring all past presidents of *Canton* Chapter. Past President pins were presented by Supreme Vice-President Thevos. Toastmaster was past District Governor George Tremoulis.

On January 11th, Dist. Gov. Kourmoules was the installing officer in Youngstown. The Degree Team of Canton performed initiation ceremonies for 15 new candidates.

On January 18th, an outstanding affair was given by *Toledo* Chapter at Oddfellows Temple, where the 1948 officers were installed with the District Governor as Installing Officer and the Canton Degree Team performing the initiation ceremonies for 10 new candidates.

Future plans for the District include: A District tournament to be held in Can-

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ton or Akron, where the winners of the basketball and bowling teams will be determined and trophies presented. A District Dance will be held in May in Canton honoring the District Governor. Jewels for all past District Governors will be presented. Finally our District Convention will be held in Akron some time in June.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The District comprises the States of Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. We are grateful to District Governor Kourmoules for this wonderful activity. As for Supreme Vice-President Thevos, the entire Order is following his marvelous resolve to fill as many invitations from Chapters and officers as he can possibly find time to do! Congratulations.*

A Banquet for Our Anniversary

MONTREAL, CAN.—The members of Mount Royal Chapter No. 7, C. J. celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Order of Ahepa with a banquet held at the Mount Royal Hotel and attended by over 300 guests. The principal speaker was Mayor Camillien Houde, who was recently initiated into our Order. He was introduced by District Governor Tsipuras. He expressed the highest admiration for the aims and accomplishments of Ahepa and urged everyone present to carry on this wonderful fraternal work. Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada, regretted that previous engagements prevented him from attending.

Vice-President Papadiamantis thanked his Honor in French and Committee Chairman Agetees introduced Supreme Secretary Bell who delivered an eloquent speech extolling the fraternal aims of our fraternity. Other speakers were Col. Thomas Guerin, Prof. Jan de Groot of the University of Montreal, Socrates Zolotas, past District Governor of Empire State No. 6 and now Secretary of Vermont Chapter, N. Manolakos, President of the local community, and D. Coulourides, acting Consul General for Greece.

Supreme Secretary Bell paid the Mayor an official visit the next day. He was accompanied by President Halikas and Chairman Agetees. They all signed the Golden Book of distinguished visitors.

The banquet was attended by a large delegation from Vermont. At the conclusion of the banquet dancing followed.—*Percy Papadiamantis.*

A New Chapter for the Sons

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—Supreme Secretary Michael Kouvatias of the Sons presided at an initiation held for the boys of Perth Amboy who reactivated

Lincoln Chapter No. 132. He was aided by Camden's Hippocrates Chapter No. 210 at the public installation. District Governor Millas of District No. 5 was in attendance, as were also District Advisor George J. Bravakis, officers and members of Jersey City Sons' Chapter, District Governor Helen Theodoris, and others. Fourteen boys were initiated.

The officers installed were President Peter J. Mallas; Vice Pres. Costas Nicholas Dadouris; Secretary Chris Campos, and Treasurer Mike Balsamides. At the end refreshments were served.

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A Successful Combined Meeting

SEATTLE, WASH.—The members of Juan de Fuca Chapter No. 177 took the initiative last November and staged a joint meeting with the Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens, and Sons of Pericles. A very large attendance was on hand to hear talks by the leaders, past and present, of the four organizations. Everyone pronounced the affair a tremendous success.

Entertainment during the evening was furnished by ten year old Elaine Moulas who played two piano selections—"Le Desire" and "Waltz in E Flat"; Carrie Manos who sang "Misirlou" and "Gypsy Girl" and her sister Catherine Manos who rendered two accordion numbers, "La Spaniola" and "La Camparsita."

A drawing was held for three turkeys which the Ahepa offered as an added feature. The winners were Milton G. Zavales, Calliope T. Manos, and Mrs. Manuel Cotton. Harry Rigas was winner of the jack pot.

The large gathering then partook of refreshments, furnished jointly by Ahepans and with the following Daughters of Penelope baking the cakes and serving the food: Helen Laskares, chairman, Ruth Sofas, Tula Cotton, Lucille Stavrou, Lola Sioris, Lucille Pappagilis, Lillian Diamond, Carry Kyreacos, Theresa Zefkeles, Helen Ninos, Kiki Girias and Catherine Vamkros.

James Moran entertained with popular numbers on the piano during the refreshment period.—*The Ahepa Mentor.*

Alpha Chapter in the Forefront

DETROIT, MICH.—The historical date of October 28th was duly commemorated by the members of Alpha Chapter No. 40 with a large Dinner-Dance

attended by over 500 guests. The Supreme Lodge was represented by Supreme Vice-President Thevos and Supreme Counselor Ritsos, who spoke eloquently about the situation in Greece and the State of the Order, respectively.

George Edward, President of the Detroit Council, praised the grand contributions of the Order of Ahepa during the last war and the sacrifices of the Greek nation in fighting the fascists and the communists. Mayor-elect Van Antwerp also attended.

The evening before the affair, Supr. Vice-President Thevos spoke at a special meeting of the Chapter. He outlined the present conditions in the fraternity, gave details of the visit to Greece by Supreme President Helis and discussed the forthcoming National Convention. The members in turn pledged their complete cooperation.—*Charles N. Diamond.*

Testimonial Dinner for Supreme Secretary Bell

WORCESTER, MASS.—The members of George Jarvis Chapter No. 80 gave a Testimonial Dinner in honor of Peter L. Bell, Supreme Secretary, on January 3, 1948.

Brother Bell is another member who graduated into the Ahepa from the Sons of Pericles. He served his Chapter in every office—from Outside Sentinel to the Presidency. He then went to the Bay State District No. 3, as Secretary, Lt. Governor and Governor. He attended many National Conventions, and served as Convention Secretary at Atlanta, and Vice Chairman at Baltimore and Los Angeles.

The Banquet was well attended with representatives from Chapters throughout District No. 8.

Main speaker of the evening was Supreme Vice President Thevos. Supreme Governor and Mrs. James Starr of Hartford, Connecticut, were present and Brother Starr was one of the speakers. Other speakers included past Supreme Treasurer and Vice President Kotsilibas and past Supreme Governor Demopoulos of Providence, Rhode Island. The District was represented by George Granitsas, Secretary; John Rousomanis, Treasurer and Phillip Chicolas, Marshall. Executive Secretary A. H. Lalos was toastmaster.

The Dinner was held at the Empire Room of Putnam and Thurston's Restaurant. The Committee in charge of arrangements was headed by John Basios, ably assisted by past President Basil Kontulis, William Stavros, Chris Litsas, James Drapos and James Gourouras.

President Fotius Courlis of the local Chapter presented Brother Bell, on behalf of the Chapter, with a desk pen set.

Our Top Trout Fisherman



Mathon Kyritsis

WAUKEGAN, ILL. — Fisherman Mathon Kyritsis, member of Little Fort Chapter No. 218, maintains that his city is the largest trout fishing port in the world, and disclosed plans to tell it to the world next summer.

Speaking recently before the Waukegan Exchange club, the fish tug owner and restaurateur, who doubles as one of this city's most vociferous boosters, cited figures to show the mark made on the national fish market by Waukegan's 17 fish tugs.

In 1943, for instance, Waukegan lifted 1,190,200 pounds of lake trout, he said. Ten fishing ports in Wisconsin combined to catch only slightly over 2 million pounds.

Mathon provided an example of what the figure means to lake food epicures, by preceding his brief address with a broiled trout dinner in the YMCA dining room.

Mathon said government figures, backed by officials of the interior department's fish and wild life service, indicate that Sandusky, Mich., has the biggest annual poundage of lake fish, but Waukegan stands "head and shoulder" above any other ports in trout hauls.

To tell it to the world, Mathon said the Lake Michigan Fish Producers association, of which he is president, is now laying plans for a first annual "Waukegan Fish" front celebration with free fish for all. He said he visualized a celebration where the entire city takes a holiday, elects a queen, watches parades and boat races and has a general good time.

"We are privileged to say," writes G. Robert Galloway, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, "that Mr. Kyritsis is one of our most stalwart members. He has proved himself not only an energetic and capable businessman, but has been a definite asset to the community

as well." And Chapter Secretary Andrew Haris concurs: "We are very proud of his achievements." In 1946 he was selected as the most outstanding public relations man. We add our congratulations!

ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF YOUR CHAPTER REGULARLY

They Campaign for a Home

BLUEFIELD, W. VA.—The activities of Bluefield Chapter are particularly intensified lately by a determination to erect an *Ahepa Home* to serve also for church services. This project, as its first most decisive step towards realization, was launched by a generous donation of a lot by Mrs. James Rantis and Brother Louis Spanos. The campaign to raise the necessary funds is already underway and some rather ambitious plans will be undertaken soon. This Chapter has created a special fund known as the "Ahepa Building Fund" open to any one for donations. What is most encouraging is the enthusiasm and determination of the entire membership of the Chapter to successfully conclude the drive.

A vigorous campaign is also being carried on to bring in more new members. For the last three months more than five new members entered the ranks of our Order and there is a prospect of ten additional members in the near future.—*Trio-Gram*.

A Successful Cabaret

BROCKTON, MASS.—The Maids of *Persephone* Chapter No. 90 arranged and produced the entertainment program for the Brockton Sons of Pericles Cabaret, which was given on November 16th. The program was in charge of Eva Outchunis; Alice Othon acted as Mistress of Ceremonies. The program included various vocal selections and solos by Joan Angelos, Maryanne Fotopoulos, and Eva Outchunis. A specialty number of singing and baton twirling starred Mary Outchunis and Alice Farrell. A Barbershop Quartette serenaded all with a few old fashioned songs. Alice Othon presented a novelty number.

Our special guest was Jimmie Laugh-ton, a professional impersonator, who thrilled the audience with his mimicry. He almost made us believe that Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, Walter Winchell, Gabriel Heatter, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and many others were present. The grand finale was the audience and entertainers' singing "It's a Grand Night for Singing." The Cabaret proved to be a complete success both socially and financially.

The Membership Drive is in "full swing." Applications are being circulated to prospective members. An initiation will be held soon.

The engagement of our Worthy Maid Calliope Zervas was announced recently. She is also one of our charter members. The Maids gave her an appropriate gift at her engagement party.—*Eva Outchunis*.

MAIDS and SONS! Report your activities briefly and on time. Your daddies want to know. Editor Doukas wants to know. Send in your reports NOW!

Interstate Basketball

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church basketball team recently defeated the unbeaten *Hermes* Chapter squad of New York City by a score of 50-48, at the Russian Center Gymnasium.

At the very start the Bridgeporters pulled away from their rivals and held most of the lead throughout the game. Double figure scoring by George Poulos who garnered 24 points and Socrates Peloskis 10 points combined with Scot Linardos' sensational last minute basket spelled victory for the church men. Lazos was high scorer for the losers with 17 points.

The undefeated Holy Trinity quintet, who hold first place in the Conn. Inter-Church League, expect to meet the *Hermes* cagers in New York City for a return game shortly to defend their unbeaten record of 17 straight games.

The *Hermes* Chapter are to be congratulated for the high type of sportsmanship displayed in this thrilling game by their players.—*D. G. Bochanis*.

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New Chapters of Daughters

TRENTON, N. J.—Under the sponsorship of Ahepa's Trenton Chapter No. 72, a new Daughters Chapter, named *Arete*, was organized last December. Trenton's President Microoutsicos and Grand Gov. Catherine Giftakis installed the officers, headed by Helen Millas, in an impressive ceremony.

A few days later, the Daughters gave a "Christmas Festivity" at the Hildebrecht Hotel. They have outlined an ambitious program of activities for this year.—*Mary Linperakis.*

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Under the guidance of Dist. Gov. Connie Paiois, L. Gov. Elaine Ketros and Mary Booth, President of *Hyperia* Chapter No. 88 of Ventura, Calif., a new chapter, named *Boulder Dam*, was organized last October with sixteen charter members. The chapter is headed by Georgia Adros.—*Ioanna Kallas.*

A Round of Activities

DAYTON, O.—The Daughters of *Polydama* Chapter No. 111 were the hostesses to the first District Conclave held within our District. On November 16th, 59 members attended the meeting held at the Biltmore Hotel. District Governor Helen Lambrou presided during the meeting which proved very successful and beneficial. Represented were the Akron, Canton, Middletown,

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—The Daughters of *Alkandre* Chapter No. 43 honored Grand President Poppy X. Mitchell, at present wintering in Los Angeles, at a tea and reception held at the beautiful Garden Room of the Town House, in the Wilshire District, Sunday, November 16, 1947.

Also honored at this most successful and gracious affair were Grand Secretary Kay Brotsis, past Grand Treasurer Mary Aroney, both members of *Alkandre* Chapter, past Grand Governor Belle Masters of *Hollywood* Chapter, and past Grand President Josephine Pandel Englezos, also of *Alkandre*. From the foregoing, one can see why *Alkandre* has enjoyed the success and progress it has for the twelve years of its existence, having in its midst such fine and sincere leadership.

The tea widely attended by many guests including neighboring *Hollywood* Chapter, led by President Margaret Cardoso and a large delegation was addressed by the Grand President, setting forth the aims and ideals and future program of the Daughters of Penelope and was enthusiastically received.

Chairman of the affair was Helen

Springfield, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton Chapters.

Six neophytes were initiated into the Chapter. Sister Lambrou conducted the ceremony and was assisted by the Canton Degree Team, dressed in new outfits completed especially for this meeting. Congratulations to our District Governor and to the Canton Degree Team for the splendid manner in which the initiation was conducted.

Following the meeting, the chapter served tea and refreshments. In the evening "Greek Diaskethasis" was enjoyed by over 500 people who attended this affair. Sister Preonas, president of *Polydama* Chapter, together with a group of about 12, attired in "Amalia" and "Evzone" costumes danced a colorful "kalamatiano." Sister Kleonike A. George welcomed the guests with a poem composed by her for this occasion in Greek.—*The Clarion.*

They Help Needy Children

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Last November the Daughters of *Venus* Chapter No. 102 were honored at a delightful Social given by Mrs. George Kostakes at her home. Each member brought four yards of material to send to Greek Orphans in Greece.

Bingo was played and prizes were won as follows: First prize, Miss Vickie Maydanis; second prize, Miss Mary Plumides; third prize, Mrs. Nick Morris and fourth, Mrs. John Laskaris.

Delightful refreshments were served

and Greek dancing completed a most perfect evening.

The Daughters have decided that each member dress one doll for the benefit of needy children. The Salvation Army has thousands of dolls that need to be dressed and is calling on various organizations to take part in the project.

A committee was appointed to contact the Salvation Army. Chairman Lillie Mamalis, and Co-Chairmen Happy Cockinos and Vickie Maydanis distributed the dolls.—*Vickie Maydanis.*

They Are Active Again

CLEVELAND, O.—*Lefkothea* Chapter No. 63 of the Daughters has certainly become active once again. On November 25th its members held impressive initiation ceremonies, welcoming 10 neophytes into our Order. The Candle Ceremony of our Ritual followed the Initiation and the evening was climaxed by community singing and the serving of refreshments. Twenty more candidates will be initiated at a later date. Good work, Cleveland!

On December 7th, in the Rainbow Room of the Carter Hotel, *Lefkothea* Chapter held its 10th Anniversary Dance. It was one of the most successful affairs sponsored by this chapter. Honoring the occasion were many visitors from Akron, Canton, Massillon and Youngstown. Music was furnished by Bob Pattie's Orchestra and by George Pontikos and his Athenian Ensemble.—*The Clarion.*

They Honor Their Grand President and Other Officers



Members of *Alkandre* Chapter No. 43 honoring their Grand Officers at Tea-Reception

Polopulos, ably assisted by Mena Pappas, President of the Chapter, Lucille Kerhulas, Edith Chapralis, District Treasurer Mary Patakis, Lea Gialketsis, Catherine Romas, Treasurer of the

Chapter, and Nia Peterson, Secretary.

DAUGHTERS! Report your activities to our Editor, Dr. Kimon A. Doukas, regularly, briefly, on time.

THE SAGA OF AN AHEPAN

We have the honor and the privilege to present the Mayor of Dover, New Hampshire—Dr. Simon G. Markos. He worked and served and succeeded. We are proud to call him an Ahepan, a Helene, an American. He is one of many more. Congratulations!

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

At the recent municipal elections of the City of Dover, N. H., Dr. Simon G. Markos, a member of *The Ahepan* Chapter No. 248, was elected unanimously Mayor of the City by a Council elected in the first City elections under the City-Manager Plan. In the elections for Councilmen-at-large, Dr. Markos led the field of forty-nine candidates by more than two hundred votes.

Dr. Markos is the son of Brother George and Mrs. Regina Markos, also of Dover, N. H. His elder brother, Dr. Basil G. Markos, an entomologist with the U. S. Public Health Service, is also a member of our Chapter, and his sister Sophie a member of our Daughters' Auxiliary.

By **BILL STEARNS**, *Of the New Hampshire Sunday News*

When Dover's nine-man city council, functioning for the first time under the City Manager plan, assembled on New Year's Day to elect Dr. Simon G. Markos, 34-year-old dentist, and ex-Army major, as mayor of the city, it came as no surprise to anyone.

The surprise came last November when Markos, one of the youngest mayors in Dover's history, and the first citizen of Greek extraction to be accorded the highest political office in the community, led a field of 49 candidates at the polls.

A political neophyte, the University of Maryland graduate, who once shined shoes in his father's shoe repairing store, wasn't registered with either old line political party, and, by his own admission, had never voted a straight party ticket. His opposition included virtually every member of the entrenched city government, including Democratic Mayor Carroll Hall. Yet, in polling 2,595 votes, he was more than 200 ahead of his nearest opponent, and more than 2,000 votes ahead of some of the party wheelhorses.

Big Dental Practice

Married to the former Miss Roberta Boothby, of North Conway, and the father of two daughters, Aletheia 6, and Nikki 4, the young dentist has one of the largest practices in this section, and his sudden decision to enter politics

The new Mayor is a veteran of World War II, having served as a major in the Dental Corps. He is the youngest Mayor in the history of Dover. He is married and has two daughters, Aletheia and Nikki, or Truth and Victory!

Our Chapter is sponsoring a mammoth banquet in his honor. The local press wrote many complimentary articles featuring the thirty-four year old Mayor who was the first citizen of Greek descent ever elected to such a high office in Dover. One of these articles follows.

NICHOLAS F. COLOVOS,
*Associate Professor in Nutrition,
University of New Hampshire
Durham, N. H., January 23, 1948.*

caused some mild surprise, even among his friends.

Some 17 years ago he had won fleeting fame as a high school basketball player, although his diminutive 5 feet 3 belied his effectiveness on the court. Ollie Adams, his high school coach, always insisted that Si was one of the finest defensive guards he ever coached. Playing on the immortal Dover high "Midgets" who won the state championship in 1931, Markos held his opponent scoreless in three consecutive tournament games, against Berlin, Keene and Cathedral. He duplicated that feat when he held his opponent without a point in the New England tournament opener against Northampton, Mass., at Newport, R. I.

At Dover High he won an American Legion scholarship for having the highest scholastic average in his class for four years. All through high school, and for two years at the University of New Hampshire, he would shine shoes every afternoon in his father's shop.

Parents from Greece

His father, George Markos, and his mother, Mrs. Regina Markos, were both born in Greece, coming to this country

INVITE A GOOD FELLOW AMERICAN TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FRATERNITY. DO IT NOW. IT IS GOOD CITIZENSHIP.



Dr. Simon G. Markos

in 1901. In 1902 the elder Markos opened a shoe shine and repair shop, and since 1908 has occupied the same shop on Franklin Square of Dover. Both Simon and his older brother Basil, a Ph.D. from Ohio State, who is now with the United States Public Health Service in California, worked spare time in the store to acquire money with which to finance an education.

After two years at New Hampshire, Simon entered the University of Maryland dental school, graduating in 1937. In August of that year he opened his office in the Stratford Bank Building, and within a year had one of the largest practices in the city.

He was commissioned in the Army in September of 1942, and was discharged from the Dental Corps of the Army Air Forces in April of 1946, with the rank of major.

Sees Good Future

As mayor of the city he has his problems. After every snowstorm his telephone rings, as his constituents demand to know how soon their streets and sidewalks will be plowed out. But, despite this introduction to public life, the mayor likes his new job, and is enthusiastic over the outlook for the city.

"We have a varied industrial life," he points out, "making everything from bread to printing presses. No longer are we dependent upon one major industry, as in the days of the textile domination.

"Right now we have three problems facing us. The first is to maintain a balanced budget with each department living within its appropriation. The second is the expansion of recreational facilities designed to provide year round recreation for both boys and girls of the community. And the third is the acquisition of new schools. Our present primary and grammar schools are obsolete firetraps, and it would be an evasion of our civic responsibility to neglect this

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critical school problem one hour longer than absolutely necessary."

To the new mayor, recreation and education are the key problems at this time.

For City Manager

A strong supporter of the City Manager plan, Dr. Markos was on the subcommittee which interviewed the new manager, Woodbury Brackett, who is expected to come to Dover from Montpelier sometime next month.

"The strength of our new form of municipal administration," he believes, "lies in the whole-hearted cooperation we give the city manager. The manager and the council must face the problems of the community together, working at all times for a better place in which to work and to live."

So, the man who never campaigned, who never solicited a vote, who never ran for office before in his life, who never voted a straight party ticket, and who once shined the shoes of many who voted for him, is the mayor of New Hampshire's oldest, and one time most politically minded, city.

REMIT YOUR 1948 DUES TO
YOUR CHAPTER SECRETARY

They Held Election

WASHINGTON, D. C.—*Pythagoras* Chapter No. 9 of the Sons has selected a new slate of officers for the year, headed by Steve Pappas, President; John Stephanos, Vice President; Pete Korkinas, Corresponding Secretary; Nick Dounis, Recording Secretary, and Louis Chantiles, Treasurer. The Sons are busy getting ready for the annual basketball tourney to be held in Baltimore.—*Trio-Gram*.

They Celebrated Christmas

BROCKTON, MASS.—The Maids of *Persephone* Chapter No. 90 held their elections on their first meeting of December. They also made plans to distribute small gifts to a near-by hospital. It was thought that gifts during Christmas holidays would be appreciated.

Since most of the Maids are choir members, they helped sponsor their Christmas Party on December 21st. Everyone pitched in in the making of sandwiches, punch, trimming the Christmas Tree and supplying and playing the necessary records.—*Eva Outcheunis*.

Annual Dance Given

JAMAICA, N. Y.—The Daughters of *Viobe* Chapter No. 134 held their Third Annual Masquerade Dance on February 6th. Prizes were awarded for the most attractive costumes.—*Nancy Lekas*.

They Give Annual Dance for Parochial Schools



President Helen Katzambis (front row, fourth from left) with officers and members

CHICAGO, ILL.—For fourteen consecutive years the Daughters of *Hellas* Chapter No. 9, mother Chapter of District No. 13, have tirelessly and with great success sponsored an annual benefit dance. The proceeds, which total over \$55,000.00, go to the ten parochial schools of the Greek Orthodox Churches of Chicago. This most outstanding charitable annual event has succeeded in furthering the Hellenic language, and during the depression was the sole means of maintaining these schools. It has long since become one of the most widely attended and popular affairs in Chicago and without a doubt *Hellas* Chapter holds the distinction of singularly contributing such an enormous sum for such a noteworthy and cultural cause.

President Helen Katzambis, Vice President Mabel Lambesis, Secretary Victoria Katsis, Treasurer Dorothy Speropoulos, Chairman Board of Governors Katherine Ballis, Jennie Smirniotis, Helen Presvelos, Helen Panopoulos.

A Party for a Bride-to-Be

SPRINGFIELD, O.—*Ithaca* Chapter No. 22 entertained with a party recently for Sister Mary Hanes, bride-elect of Ted Boudouris. Pink and white were used in decorating the table which was centered with a wedding cake. Games were played and all prizes were awarded to the bride-to-be. A gift from the Daughters was presented Miss Hanes, as well as a gift from all the members and guests.—*The Clarion*.

Mary Ernest, *Governors*, Helen Geldes, Chairman Ad Book, and all members of the Chapter are to be congratulated for the excellent success year after year in their gallant efforts for such a praiseworthy purpose.

The fourteenth Annual Dance was given last October at the world famous Aragon Ballroom.

Still With the Waves

Baltimore, Md. — Lieut. Marguerite Stephanie Monocrusus, USNR, was among the naval personnel celebrating the fifth anniversary of the WAVES at a party last July at the Norfolk Naval Station.

After an indoctrination course, Lieutenant Monocrusus was commissioned an ensign May 8, 1943, and was stationed in the communications office of the senior naval officer in charge of the Baltimore area.

Later she was transferred to an assignment with the inspector of naval materials in Baltimore, and in November, 1946, was assigned to headquarters of the Fifth Naval District in Norfolk. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland, and, before enlisting with the WAVES, taught history and geography at Sparrows Point High School.

Marguerite comes from a real Ahepa family. She is the daughter of the late Stephen Monocrusus, Past President of *Worthington* Chapter No. 30, and niece of Peter Monocrusus, also Past President of *Washington* Chapter No. 31. Happy Voyage, Lieutenant.

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 as much as a prudent man can bear or employ."—*Boetius*

Our Forthcoming National Convention

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

While visiting with us, Supreme Vice-President Thevos discussed our forthcoming National Convention, which under the mandate of the Los Angeles Convention will be held next August in our fair city.

He was assured by all members of Alpha Chapter No. 40 that delegates to Detroit will never forget the welcome and good time for which the Michigan District is already preparing. The Convention committee is headed by young and full of pep George Grutis, with many assistants assuring a wonderful program.

The old timer and responsible in winning the 1948 convention, past Supreme Governor Charles N. Diamond, is acting as an advisor to the convention committee with all past presidents acting as an executive committee of advisory board.

The Book Cadillac Hotel has been selected as the Headquarters for convention delegates and the Statler as the headquarters for the auxiliaries.

All chapters of Ahepa and auxiliaries please take notice; Communicate at once with the Detroit committee—address at Ahepa Detroit Convention Committee, Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit 26, Mich. Give us the address of your Chapter officers at once and be prepared for the reservations, to be made as soon as possible.

We recommend that every chapter should reserve now a room or two rooms for the chapter delegates, in the name of the chapter by writing NOW. And when the chapters elect the delegates to the Detroit Convention, the names of the delegates may be submitted at that time.

This recommendation would save a lot of worries later and would be of much help to all concerned. This also applies to the Auxiliaries.

THE AHEPAN will be used as a medium of information.

CHARLES N. DIAMOND,
Executive Secretary

Detroit, November 30, 1947.

He Is Appreciative

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

I wish to take this opportunity to express through you my thanks and appreciation to past Supreme President Booras and his colleagues of last year's Supreme Lodge for their thoughtfulness in presenting me with

a beautiful gift at our National Convention Banquet in Los Angeles.

The gift will be cherished by me as much as any gift I ever received in my life.

GEORGE A. POLOS,
Member of Mother Lodge

Brooklyn, December 8, 1947

PLEASE NOTE

Opinions expressed in *The Ahepan* do not necessarily reflect the attitude or policy of the Order of Ahepa unless subscribed to by a duly authorized member of the Supreme Lodge.

A Plea for European Recovery

A Committee Headed by Henry L. Stimson Believe in Marshall Plan as the Savior of European Freedom

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

History has brought us to a time of decision. At issue is the survival of the institutions of freedom, which have come to full growth in the nations of Western Europe since the Thirteenth Century. Because the Second World War has ravaged these ancient nations and robbed them temporarily of their ability to sustain their populations, they are unable, without prompt outside help, to regain their places as self-sustaining and prosperous members of the family of nations.

Only America can help in sufficient time and amount to redress the balance. If America fails to render timely and adequate aid, or if our help is hedged with conditions which no self-respecting peoples could accept, the free peoples of Europe will go down.

This Committee believes that the proposal advanced by Secretary of State Marshall can save freedom in Europe. It is a program of American aid wedded to self-help, in which sixteen European nations have pledged to cooperate fully with us and among themselves to effect Recovery—not "Relief." Recent developments within the cooperating nations indicate that their recovery is proceeding strongly, both in the economic and political spheres, and that a determined American program of aid can assure success.

Faced by a Calculated Risk

We are here faced by a calculated risk. We can do nothing and allow freedom to be blotted out in Europe. Or we can do everything which prudent deliberation tells

us has good chance of success. It is this latter course we are supporting under the leadership of Henry L. Stimson, whose eloquent statement of the case in his now famous article, "The Challenge to Freedom," is given wide publicity.

This is a time for Americans to stand up and be counted. We request your signature upon the Petition to the Congress calling for sound legislation to initiate the European Recovery Program. You can help further by subscribing to our appeal for funds with which to carry on this work. We ask your help in the conviction that in the age-old struggle to preserve and extend the boundaries of freedom, it has become the role of the American people to strike the decisive blow. We are confident that we cannot fail—that we will meet this historic challenge.

COMMITTEE FOR THE MARSHALL PLAN TO AID EUROPEAN RECOVERY

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JOHN H. FERGUSON, *Executive Director*
New York, January 22, 1948
350 Fifth Avenue

The basic source of our strength is spiritual. For we are a people with a faith. We believe in the dignity of man. We believe that he was created in the image of the Father of us all.—*President Truman.*

Join Cancer Foundation

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

You are probably curious about my reasons for writing you a personal letter. My interests are not entirely confined to the theatre and I am compelled to write because I want you to know how strongly I feel about the work of the *National Cancer Foundation*. I am a member of The Board of Trustees.

I don't think any words could possibly express my deep pride in belonging to and working with this organization which brings hope and comfort to those suffering in the advanced stages of cancer.

Of all the scourges that plague mankind, "cancer" is the most agonizing and the most expensive. It hits families of modest incomes most savagely because by the time the terminal stage is reached, the family has exhausted every resource—relatives, friends, everybody. They are seldom eligible for public welfare assistance.

My particular satisfaction comes from the knowledge that we, the *National Cancer Foundation*, are able to help just these families. Our sole purpose is to give financial aid to advanced cancer sufferers, particularly in the middle income group; to provide hospital care, nursing and needed treatment. We join the family in the spirit of a friend in time of trouble.

We ask you to join with us because we can't find it in our hearts to turn aside any of the cries for help which come to us too constantly from every part of the nation. I know that if you were to read some of the letters, or see the faces turn from utter despair to relief and hope, you too, would feel the urgency to help.

You can see that we have to work together on this great humanitarian effort. We want to help as many of these sufferers as possible—we need your financial and moral help. This is why I write to you.

Won't you join with us? Please send us your contribution, now!

HELEN HAYES

New York, January 1, 1948
101 Fifth Ave.

WHENEVER YOU MOVE, SEND A PENNY POST CARD TO HEADQUARTERS WITH YOUR NEW ADDRESS, AND PAY YOUR DUES.

Testimonial Dinner for Supreme Governor Derzis

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—The members of Birmingham Chapter No. 3 celebrated our 25th Anniversary with a Banquet and Dance and Testimonial on Sunday, November 30, 1947.

The Testimonial Dinner was given in honor of Peter N. Derzis, Supreme Governor who served his Chapter and District in various offices. Subsequent to his term as District Governor of *Mother Lodge No. 1*, Peter entered the armed forces, and after four years of active service, was honorably discharged with the rank of Colonel. He was elected to the office of Supreme Governor at Los Angeles. In recognition of his services to his chapter, to the Order in general, and to his community, Supreme Governor Derzis was honored with a Testimonial Dinner in conjunction with the Chapter's Silver Anniversary. The Chapter was organized on November 25, 1922.

Main speaker of the evening was Brother Paul Demos of Chicago, Illinois, Executive Secretary A. H. Lalos was a

guest at the Banquet and spoke. Prominent City and State officials were also present. The District was represented by Governor and Mrs. Pete Lezos of Montgomery.

The entire affair was well organized and credit is due to General Chairman Gus T. Gulas, past District Governor, and his able committee consisting of Nicholas Christi, Spiro Greenwood, Angelo Angelakis, Tom Constantine, Arthur Greenwood, Gus L. Constantine, Chris Vlahos and James Likis. It was held at the Tutwiler Hotel.—A. H. L.

Me Hara Kai Eftyhia

While we were going to press, our Executive Secretary, Arthur H. Lalos, was going before the altar and in the presence of relatives and friends was taking a bride: Mary Derzis. The ceremony was performed on Sunday, February 8th, in the home town of the bride, Birmingham, Alabama. She is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Derzis and the sister of our youthful and energetic Supreme Governor Peter Derzis.

We wish Mary the best in life and offer Arthur our heartfelt congratulations. To the parents of both we wish *na tous hairontai* and to the *koumbaroi*, past Supreme Vice-President and Mrs. Charles Kotsilibas, we say *axioi*.

What's Going on Out West

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Supreme Governor George Bezaitis has been on the go since his election at the Los Angeles Convention.

Upon his return to Oakland, he found several invitations for Chapter visitations, which he gladly accepted and made every effort not to miss any of them.

He was jubilant to participate and officiate with the District Lodge officers of District No. 21 at initiations held by the *Golden Gate*, *Pacific* and *Oakland Chapters*, with the largest one sponsored by the *Roseville Chapter*. This Chapter initiated 12 new members of the young generation, and it is the smallest chapter in the district.

Congratulations are due to our members of *Roseville* and particularly to its President "Uncle" John Leles, who worked diligently to sign up these new members, the future leaders of the chapter. Supreme Governor Bezaitis was exceptionally happy to participate in this wonderful occasion inasmuch as his efforts of 1946-47 to revive the chapter materialized with such success.

This affair could not have been as successful had it not been for the members of *Sacramento Chapter* who came out in very large numbers and filled the Lodge room beyond capacity. Other Chapters participating were *Stockton*, *Oakland*, *Golden Gate* and *Pacific* and

of course every member of the District Lodge was present.

Oakland Chapter sponsored a very elaborate Testimonial Dinner at the beautiful Hotel Lake Merritt for Supreme Governor Bezaitis with the entire District Lodge present and over 50 Ahepans representing the *Bay area Chapters*. Brother Bezaitis is a Charter member of *Oakland*.

The Hellenic Square Club of Oakland, which is comprised of Greek Masons in the Bay area, honored Ahepa by inviting Supreme Governor Bezaitis as their main speaker. He was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his subject which dealt with the relations between Greek Masons and Ahepa. All Masons present expressed their happiness for the progress Ahepa has made during its 25 years of existence, and for the services it has rendered to the Hellenic people in uplifting their standing in the American way of life, also for the assistance to our motherland during her time of need. At the conclusion of the affair many requests were made for applications to join Ahepa, so that they too could share Ahepa's splendid work.

This meeting was preceded by a wonderful dinner at the beautiful Zerikotes Dining room, which overlooks Lake Merritt, and is operated by Brother John P. Zerikotes.

December 7th was a great day for

CUTS MUST BE PAID FOR

Because of increasing publishing costs and a limited income of *The Ahepan*, 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 Ahepan* for \$7.50, small size, \$10, larger.

Modesto Chapter, being the Host Chapter of the District Conference. Delegates from all Chapters began arriving early Sunday morning, attending church services which had been arranged by the local committee. This was followed by a luncheon at the Hotel Cavel where the entire Ahepa family: Ahepans, Daughters, Maids and Sons, participated. By 1:30 P.M. the Conference was shaped up for its purpose, each Ahepa family branch meeting separately. Supreme Governor Bezaitis spoke to the Ahepa delegates and to the Daughters of Penelope at different times.

It was a very successful Conference with nearly all Chapters represented. The Sons of Pericles showed an exceptional interest for their future activities with the *Oakland boys* topping the show, by reporting the largest membership and an elaborate athletic program for the next few months. — *The Ahepa Reporter*.

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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 reverse and obey the City's laws and do our best to incur 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

RIGHTS IMPLY DUTIES

While the month of December was election time for over 350 Ahepa Chapters, not including a growing number of Auxiliaries for the Daughters, the Maids and the Sons, the month of January has been a period of Chapter officers-elect being installed with as much pomp and circumstance as the individual chapters could muster.

It is during January when superior officers are taxed to the limit of their energy and capacity. Especially District Lodge officers are to be seen scurrying from one Chapter to another, from this city to that, officiating, administering the oath, giving the charge and in every way possible admonishing the new officers to take their new duties and responsibilities to heart and perform their particular office to the best of their ability and experience.

Honor reflects service; rights imply obligations. But while service is voluntary, every obligation is minutely set forth and clearly defined in our constitution and by-laws, in our precedents and traditions of over twenty-five years. More than that, it is the spirit rather than the letter which impels our Chapter officers, both elective and appointive, to assume their offices gladly and to perform their duties with pleasure to themselves and with credit to their chapters.

These are self-evident truths. Yet, we trust and urge our new officers to acquire the habit of going back to the fundamentals and thus strengthening their understanding of their prerogatives and their obligations by reviewing what exactly the supreme law of the Order decrees. It is a good habit. It pays dividends in a more successful administration.

For it must ever be remembered that we are operating under the democratic way of life. This means obedience to our officers when and only when they are acting in pursuance of our constitution, our by-laws and our traditions. It is thus that Ahepa marches forward—toward greater achievements in the serv-

ice of our communities, for the glory of our country.

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The State of the Order

Supreme President Helis has prepared and circularized to all Chapters of the Order of Ahepa a Report covering projects and departments from July 1, 1945 to September 30, 1947. These two years have seen a tremendous activity at the Headquarters and elsewhere by the then Supreme Lodge headed by past Supreme President Booras.

In the words of Supreme President Helis, "this communication is the fulfillment of the promise made in the first letter from Headquarters after the National Convention at Los Angeles to issue complete and concise statements showing the membership in good standing, the business transacted by and the financial condition of the various projects and departments as of September 30, 1947, when we assumed the administration of Ahepa affairs.

"Should you, in your careful study and thoughtful consideration of these fundamentally important matters, desire further information, please do not hesitate to ask for it. The National Headquarters will furnish all material available to clarify these reports."

The Report covers: Membership; The General Fund; The Ahepan; The Special Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Issue of The Ahepan; The Ahepa Emergency Fund; The Ahepa Building Fund; The National Home Fund; The Ahepa Orphanage Fund; The Ahepa Scholarship Loan Fund; The Ahepa Sanatorium Fund; The Justice for Greece Committee, the accounting of which, incidentally, takes 17 pages (out of 39); The Ahepa Hospital Fund, which as balance in bank amounted to \$737,980.06 and The General Papagos Reception Fund and Banquet Expenses.

It is stated that "the total expended for special fees and salaries during the two preceding fiscal years for services exclusive of the budgeted appropriation for the regular operation of the Fraternity amounted to \$26,708.72. Total for special fees, salaries and traveling expenses \$96,328.45."

Supreme President Helis concludes his report with the following admonition, which should be taken to heart by all Ahepans: "With the sincere belief that this report of the State of the Order will be received in the spirit it is given to you as an Ahepan, which is the spirit and purpose of satisfying your interest in the affairs of your Fraternity; and confident that it will not be distorted or misused for personal advantage or abuse, and that you will feel free to call on me for any further light or explanation regarding Ahepa Affairs."

Please Note!

Due to the tremendous fraternal activity that as a rule follows elections, your Editor's desk has been swamped with reports on elections, installations, initiations, banquets and other activities from one end of the Ahepa Domain to the other.

We regret that of necessity some of these reports have been omitted from the present issue. Due to limitation of space imposed as a result of the Supreme Lodge mandate to reduce the format of THE AHEPAN from 40 to 32 pages, and to other financial restrictions that almost threaten the very existence of this magazine, our one and only national publication, we were unable to accommodate every one of our many Ahepa correspondents.

However, we are appreciative of the fine spirit shown lately in sending in material. We ask our members to continue the good work. We are sure that there will soon be better days coming for this magazine.

Kimon A. Doukas
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Literary Hunger Of Greece

By EMIL LENGYEL

Author and Educator

ATHENS.—America's new role as the leading power of the world is reflected in the remarkable interest on the part of Greek intellectuals in American publications. The United States as a kind of fairyland is, of course, not new to Greece, but as a world power it certainly is. Its part in attempting to solve this country's governmental crisis was a dramatic illustration of that fact. Awakened to the great importance of America in their future, literate Greeks are in great haste to become acquainted with it. Before World War II this region belonged to the intellectual sphere of influence of France, and French was the second language here. During World War II the great change occurred, as people began to study English and to read English-language books. Many of them had plenty of time on their hands in their enforced idleness as non-collaborators.

The English-speaking West came as liberators. UNRRA, known here as predominantly American, saved countless lives. American charitable and educational institutions launched their programs. The United States appeared as the bulwark against communism to the more conservative Greeks. America's Ambassador in Athens, Lincoln MacVeagh, became a Greek national idol, partly because of his known love for this country and partly because he embodied America. Interest in the United States was greatly heightened by the Truman Doctrine. English is about to replace French as the second language of the country.

People learning a new tongue want to read books in it and, as American librarians here can testify, sometimes strange books. These librarians are puzzled by the fact that greybeards frequently ask for American fairy tales. The explanation is simple: those books are written in simple language and are employed as primers. Those who know English want to be brought up-to-date in American literature.

American Books Serialized

What kind of country is the real United States is the question thinking Greeks want to find out. The recently founded Greek-American Library attempts to provide the answer to this question by publishing books about American life in cheap translations for those who have not yet mastered English or cannot buy expensive American books. The titles in the series include "A Pocket History of the United States,"

by Profs. Allan Nevins and H. S. Commager; "How America Lives," by J. C. Furnas; "America," by Stephen Vincent Benét; and "T.V.A." by David E. Lilienthal. The last-named book is of particular interest to this water-power-conscious land.

Serializing American publications in the large Athens dailies is another way of enabling people here to find out what are the current thoughts of America. Recent serializations include books by Sumner Welles, Emery Reves, James Burnham. Constantly, new serializations of American books are announced, the latest being a novel by Vera Saspary.

American books here are about twice as expensive as in the United States and therefore, quite naturally, their public is limited. The collection of these books is not as large as it should be also because of exchange difficulties. There is, evidently, very little foreign exchange available for the importation of foreign books. By visiting stores specializing in these books and by talking to storekeepers one obtains an insight into the Greeks' taste for American publications. It is paradoxical that in this capital of a right-wing government, the left-oriented books enjoy the greatest vogue; the best-known American author here is Upton Sinclair, and his books are available not only in English but in translations. John Steinbeck is well known; so is Sinclair Lewis, and—to turn to the right, Louis Bromfield. In the largest Athens book shop the American edition of "The Tempering of Russia," by the Soviet author, Ilya Ehrenburg, occupies a prominent place. Among other recent American publications one notices books by Thomas Mann, Kenneth Roberts, Lloyd C. Douglas, while the lighter vein is represented by Bennett Cerf's "Try and Stop Me."

The Library of the United States Information Service performs yeoman's service in Athens—though Congressional parsimony keeps it down to a small staff handling a small number of books. Here, above all, one sees how unwise this thrift is. Through the library the American way of life could be made familiar to Greeks far better than through any other medium. The efficient library staff, headed by Georgeanna Remer, is doing all it can to satisfy the Athenian public clamoring for American books. Attendance in the library has increased threefold in the last three months and it could increase twentyfold with more adequate means. The



A Caravan Library opens its shelves

average daily attendance was 500 persons even in summer heat; in the evening there is standing room only in the magazine section of the library.

Greeks Read Everything

What do people read? Everything. They read poetry, fiction, non-fiction from agriculture to zoology. (A reader was disappointed the other day to find no book there about bee-keeping.) Books are lent to members whose number runs into thousands; this is a unique feature in Greece, where libraries serve mostly as archives. Who are the readers? They represent a cross-section of intellectual Greece, beginning with the Director of the National Theatre down to the little sailor on shore leave, wanting to learn something in a hurry about *America the miraculous*. Other readers are teachers and students, publishers and lawyers, mostly people who have voices in their community and through whom larger numbers could be reached.

Naturally, only the surface has been scratched. The other day I visited a village and fell to talking with one of the local teachers. I asked him what American authors he knew about and he recalled only "Devy," who turned out to be John Dewey. But the teacher said that he would be happy to read American authors in translations if the books were available.

The Greeks have coined a curious word to indicate first-class quality. They designate those things as "nylon." So, besides nylon stockings, they also speak about "nylon America," and "nylon books." We could accomplish much to propagate our way of life in a peaceful way if we helped them to get our "nylon books."

Ahepa blends Americanism and Hellenism. Invite your best friends to join.

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CHAPTER OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Please Take Note!

The following information was compiled for the benefit and guidance of all Ahepa Chapter Officers and Members and was duly communicated by our National Headquarters to the Chapters last October.

Because of repeated inquiries addressed to our Headquarters, especially by newly elected officers, we are reprinting this information below. Please keep it handy.

We especially call the attention of all our members to the section on *Reinstatement* and urge everybody to pay his dues on time and thus keep himself in good standing.

We also urge our Officers to look up once in a while the supreme law of the Order—our Constitution. No officer can carry out his duties successfully, unless and until he is familiar with the provisions of the Constitution regulating his particular office as well as all the other offices in our Ahepa hierarchy.

A.—RITUAL:

Since some changes in the old Ritual are deemed to be in order, the Supreme

Lodge, in an effort to save the Fraternity money, is not reprinting Rituals until the Detroit National Convention this year at which time a new Ritual will be proposed. A Committee has been appointed to work out changes and corrections in the old Ritual. Supreme Secretary Bell has so reported in the last issue of January-February, 1943.

In the meantime Chapters are authorized to use the new Ritual, or the old Ritual, if chapters have copies of same, until the Detroit Convention.

Our supply of the old Ritual is exhausted; however, we do have a supply of the old Oath and Obligation and will be mailed to chapters upon request if same is needed.

B.—REINSTATED:

The Los Angeles Convention ruled that members who have become delinquent for non-payment of dues may reinstate themselves by paying a maximum fee of \$10.00 for their delinquent years plus \$1.00 reinstatement fee and the current year's dues.

A delinquent member may pay less than \$10.00—depending on the number of years he has been delinquent, at \$2.00 per delinquent year. But no member shall pay more than ten dollars for his delinquent years, irrespective of the number of years he has been delinquent for non-payment of dues.

Warning - Important - Warning
Members should pay dues on time because:

(1) Members six months or more in arrears with the payment of their dues are not eligible for Death Benefit in the event of death.

(2) Members six months in arrears with their dues are not entitled to receive the Magazine.

(3) Members as long as six months in arrears with payment of dues are allowed to attend meetings as *silent observers* only, but *shall not* have the right to *speak, vote* or otherwise participate in the business of the Chapter, nor receive the current password.

(4) Members twelve months or more in arrears with the payment of dues become automatically suspended.

(5) Members who allow themselves to become delinquent and subsequently suspended have to go through the process of reinstatement to regain good standing status again.

NOTE:

a— Before a reinstated member can become eligible for participation in the Emergency Fund, *one year* must have elapsed from the date of his reinstatement.

b— The Amount of Death Benefit for a reinstated member depends on said member's age at the time of his reinstatement (see Constitution, Page 52).

c— A member sixty years of age or more at the time of his reinstatement is not entitled to any Death Benefit.

C.—INITIATION FEES:

An applicant for membership must fill out a membership application and pay an initiation fee of a *minimum* of \$15.00 (the Chapter, by vote at a regular meeting, can raise the initiation fee but *cannot* decrease it). Out of this initiation fee, the sum of ten dollars is sent to National Headquarters together with the membership application and the balance kept in the Chapter treasury.

Exceptions to the Above Initiation Fee

(a) *Honorably Discharged Veterans of World War II*:—Candidates in this classification are eligible for membership into the Ahepa under a special initiation fee of ten dollars. Out of this fee, five dollars are sent to the National Headquarters together with the membership application and five dollars retained by the Chapter. However, if the Chapter wishes, it may waive its portion of the initiation fee and charge only five dollars which are sent to National Headquarters.

(b) *Servicemen*:—Applicants who are serving in the armed forces of the United States qualify for membership under the special initiation fee of ten

dollars with the same waiver privilege on the part of the Chapter.

(c) *Graduate Members of the Sons of Pericles*:—Graduate members of the Sons of Pericles who apply for membership into the Ahepa within six months after reaching their twenty-first birthday, are eligible to enter the Ahepa under the special initiation fee of ten dollars.

1. Members of the Sons of Pericles who were members in good standing for two consecutive years prior to their entry into the armed forces are eligible for membership into the Ahepa without any initiation fee.

(d) *Students*:—Applicants who are full time students at an accredited College or University qualify for membership under the special initiation fee of ten dollars.

D.—PER CAPITA TAX:

For every member in good standing a Chapter sends to the National Headquarters an annual Per Capita Tax of four dollars. In order to safeguard the membership rights of a member, Chapters must send in the Per Capita Tax soon after a member pays his chapter dues. Do not delay sending to Headquarters initiation and Per Capita Tax payments. When making remittances to the National Headquarters please use the official remittance form and observe the rules thereon to avoid errors.

Chapters must remit to the National Headquarters Per Capita Tax for newly initiated members for the period in which said members are initiated, regardless how late in the period it may be.

E.—CHAPTER DUES:

Each member pays annual dues to his Chapter. The amount of dues is fixed by each Chapter. The dues may be raised or lowered as a Chapter sees fit.

Chapter dues are payable in advance. When a member pays his dues, the Chapter Secretary must issue said member an official membership card. This card is taken from an official *Dues Booklet* supplied the chapters by National Headquarters. There are three sections to this *Official receipt*: (1) the stub—which is retained in the chapter's file; (2) the membership card—kept by the member; (3) the mailing card—which is mailed to National Headquarters by the member.

Each member should be carefully instructed to fill out the mailing card correctly—designate his beneficiary and sign said card *himself*. No other person but the member himself must sign the mailing card.

On the cover of each *Dues Booklet* appear *instructions*. Please follow them.

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In This Issue

THE FRONT COVER:

We are indeed privileged to present to all our members our Supreme President acting as host to the President of our Nation. This unique picture is indicative of the new prestige and dignity the Order of Ahepa is enjoying nationally and internationally—and only after 25 years of honest and sincere work at blending Americanism and Hellenism.

THE 1948 BANQUET:

Our Seventh National Banquet will for ever rank as one of the most brilliant achievements of Ahepdom. The President of the United States; a majority of the House of Representatives; over one-third of the Senate; two Supreme Court Justices and a score of high government officials, generals and admirals—they all came to do us honor. What an accomplishment! Supreme President Helis should be proud of his efforts and we should be proud of our Supreme President.

PART OF THE "COLD WAR":

We highly recommend the article (page 5) by Raymond Daniell, the seasoned correspondent of *The New York Times*. Greece is in the news because the shooting war there between her troops and communist inspired and led guerrillas points up the precariousness of the international situation.

A FOUR POINT PROGRAM:

Supreme President Helis in a special message (page 20) presents a four point program: a) Greek orphans, b) deportation proceedings, c) naturalization and d) social welfare. The result of much thinking and conferring, it is one program that will bring tangible results to the advantage of the people of Greece and our people here. Careful study is invited.

THE JUNIOR ORDER OF THE SONS:

The Sons and their advisors present (page 24) a report on past activities and a program for future action. Ahepans should do well to study their recommendations and act accordingly. The Sons are the reservoirs of future Ahepdom. We must never forget that—if progress and expansion are our goals.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . .

We have discovered with regret and disappointment that there is not a single copy left of the issue of March-April, 1933. For that reason, our regular feature of FIFTEEN YEARS AGO . . . has of necessity been omitted from this issue. However, would any member possessing an extra copy of March-April, 1933, be willing to donate it to Headquarters for our Archives?

THE 22nd NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Our Annual conclave this year will take place in Detroit—the City that serves the world—from August 15th to August 22nd. From a preliminary report the Convention Committee presented to the Supreme Lodge we learned that a round of activities is in the offing for both delegates and guests. An early reservation is all that the Committee asks from those who plan to attend.

ADS AT LAST:

We wish to thank our Supreme Governor George Bezaitis who has solicited two ads for this issue. California has done it in the past—when our War Service Units were in full swing—and is doing it again. We are sure the East, the South and the North, including Canada—will hasten to emulate the good deed of Supreme Governor Bezaitis.

OUR FORMAT:

Because of our limited space, again a large number of fraternal activities have been left out of this issue. We hope to be able to include everything in the next issue. But after all, 32 pages cannot possibly cover all the activities of 350 chapters, not including the auxiliaries. And this particular issue has plenty of auxiliary news. Let us hope that we shall soon be able to revert back to our original format of 40 pages.

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From The— EDITOR'S DESK

OUR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We invite the attention of all our members to the current membership drive for ten thousand new members. It has begun on January 1st—that is, initiations that have taken place since then will be counted up to the end of the drive—on June 30th.

It is admitted that every Supreme Lodge has considered it its primary duty to inaugurate a membership drive. The present Supreme Lodge is no exception. But in view of the critical days we are passing through and the state of affairs both in the domestic and international fronts, it is imperative that we redouble our efforts this time and bring in as many new members as possible.

For it must be emphasized again and again that our Order is a unique association in the annals of our race. Never before in the history of our people has there been such a substantial and long sustained collective effort with such a wide and meritorious record of achievements. If we are going to continue marching forward—and we are—we must rededicate ourselves to our growth and expansion. And this can be accomplished especially through new members.

Hence the membership drive for ten thousand members from January 1st to June 30th with prizes to Chapters and individuals, just to make it more attractive. Join now! Bring into your Chapter your applicants—good, upright, honest men to carry on when our past and present Chapter, District and Supreme officers will be mere names in the gray pages of our Ahepa history!

Discipline Spells Success

BLUEFIELD, W. VA.—The future of any organization depends upon the soundness of its program and in the progressive sense the aims, prescribed in the program, are imbibed with. The success of the program is secured through broadminded legislation set up by the membership in a democratic procedure; the laws and by-laws should be interpreted thereafter in an impersonal, unselfish and impartial manner and should be obeyed in a just, progressive and constructive application; they should guide all actions and constitute the inspiring force to all steps leading to the goal. In a cooperative spirit the whole membership should contribute to the realization of the ends and aims of the

laws and with socratic stamina accept sometimes even unjust interpretation of them and seek through constitutional procedure their improvement rather than their destruction through arbitrary and wilful actions.

All this can be accomplished with discipline. Discipline is the essential ingredient of any collective success. Discipline which is not forced through sanctions and intimidations neither based on any expected reward but derived from the scrupulous and conscientious desire to fulfil our duties.

Our times are marked by a very dangerous dose of fluidity and instability; and many an enemy is lurking from every corner to dart the decomposing fluid of discouragement, to atone our enthusiasm, to diminish our noble efforts towards humanistic ends.

So let us stick together and raise an impregnable wall around the name AHEPA against any attempt to break our ranks.

Our Great Order has engraved her name upon the stone of the noblest ideals and pledged herself to the fulfilment of humanistic obligations and must never stop short in carrying on noble missions which will make her unique and incomparable.—Paul N. Chryssikos.

REMIT YOUR 1948 DUES TO
YOUR CHAPTER SECRETARY

Return to the Local Scene

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The war years filled the minds of members not on military duty with nothing but problems of national and international nature, as pertaining to the Order. From Bond Drives, to War Relief, to Justice for Greece Committee, to Ahepa Hospitals for Greece, and so many others.

The termination and successful consummation of all these activities finds us with our national reputation in order, but our local house needing repairs. Educational, sickness and distress, home fund, scholarship and athletic work in New York City have fallen below the standards such powerful chapters should have.

All these activities and many others, that would make our local chapters more attractive to new inductees, delinquent members and the outside public as a whole, should again be encouraged. Chapters obviously taking the bull by the horns are Hermes, Long Island,

Coney Island and Brooklyn. Their meetings are becoming more interesting, they have a larger turnout and have caused all other chapters to sit up, which is as it should be. Competition will perpetually keep our area as the spotlight focus of the Order and the *Messenger* will gladly lend any support it may have to programs that will revitalize our New York City affairs.—N. P. Leventis.

NOTIFY OUR HEADQUARTERS
OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS. A
PENNY POST CARD WILL DO.

"The Periclean"

The Sons District Lodge of *Empire State District No. 6* has since the beginning of this year been publishing *The Periclean*, a monthly sheet devoted exclusively to the affairs and doings of New York Chapters: *Phocion No. 44* of Albany; *Mercedes No. 209* of Bronx; *Ezzone No. 219* of Brooklyn and *Crown No. 222* of Corona.

As Chairman of the Publication Board serves District Governor George Kanganis and as Editor Thomas Kanganis, Vice-President of *Mercedes*. There is also a Business Manager: James Tranos and a Photo Editor: Deno Manos. Their office is at Vasa Temple, Bronx.

From the last issue we have learned that the *Crown* Sons are discussing a Combined Sons Ball next November; that the *Phocion* Sons are planning to reactivate *Troy Chapter No. 197*, and that the *Mercedes* Sons combined with the *Clio Maids*, both of Bronx, to stage a most wonderful social last February. We also read the following in the *Mercedes* communication:

"A rumor has reached us that Brother George Kelfalenos, now a member of the armed services, has been caught. Yes, that's right, he's married. Will somebody please confirm this rumor so that we may be able to discover why people do these things after only eighteen meager years of freedom?"

We salute our Sons and wish them the best of luck. We are with them all the way—until they get married!

First Aid Book

The American Friends of Greece has shipped to Greece 5,000 copies of a translation into Greek of the *First Aid Manual of the American Red Cross*. The book is being distributed in Greece through the Greek War Relief Association who paid for the cost of printing the book in Greek in this country.

Medical authorities in Greece have long been clamoring for a translation of this essential manual. The Association was fortunate in obtaining the generous assistance of Dr. Nicholas G. Mavris who prepared the translation into Greek. The Greek edition contains all the illustrations of the original and special cuts were prepared with explanations and legends in Greek.—*The Philhellene*.

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The "Cold War" Is Shooting War In Greece

BY RAYMOND DANIELL

European Correspondent, The New York Times

In the past ten months, this able American newspaperman has twice visited Greece and has twice recorded the findings of his investigations for the American public. He is still of the belief that the end of civil strife will bring back to the people of Greece the desire to work and with it the means to recovery and reconstruction.



Raymond Daniell

In the heart of ancient Athens is Constitution Square. Within a few short blocks of it are the Capitol, the Royal Palace, the American Embassy and the American Mission to Aid Greece, or AMAG as it is usually called. At tables along the sidewalk and in the square under the palms and eucalyptus trees in the morning and in the afternoon men sit sipping coffee and talking as though they hadn't a care in the world. Smart shops, women wearing the "new look," and streams of new and expensive cars add to an impression of prosperity and peace. It does not extend much beyond this little sector of the city where about three hundred Americans are waging a desperate struggle to help Greece save herself.

For Athens is a capital cut off from large and scattered areas of the country. The Government of Greece is out of communication with many regions of the realm, not only along the northern borders but in central Greece and the Peloponnesus as well. Rebel activity is spreading, not diminishing, and the morale of the people throughout the country is sagging.

That does not mean that they are likely to yield willingly to communism, but there is a good deal of talking of the need for a "strong man," a leader who could knock the politicians' heads together and get things done. The word "politicians" has taken on almost as much opprobrium among both Greeks and Americans here as was once attached to "collaborators."

The amount of help Greece has had from abroad since the war ended is staggering. The amount is more than \$1 billion. Hundreds of tons of food, clothing, medicine, military supplies and equipment have arrived to help the Government suppress the rebels in the north who are being encouraged and assisted in Albania and Yugoslavia. Yet the strength of the guerrillas today is estimated at 20,000 or more. It was 13,000 at the time President Truman asked Congress to help save Greek independence and democracy with dollars.

Too Little and Too Late

It is not easy to analyze or explain why the American aid program has not achieved greater success. It may be that at least some of the fault is inherent in the democratic system, especially as it is practiced here. Partly it is the old story of too little and too late. Although the Greek Government appealed to the United States for help on March 3, 1947, it was July 30 before President Truman signed the bill appropriating \$300 million for the project, and although Dwight P. Griswold arrived in mid-

July, it was November before his mission was complete and functioning effectively.

At first it was thought that thirty-two officers and fourteen enlisted men could supervise the job of receiving and distributing military supplies and showing the Greeks how to use them. Now the military staffs have had to be increased by some ninety officers and eighty enlisted men and teams of American officers have been sent into the field to advise the Greek Army in its struggle against the rebels.

On the other hand, the Greek politicians have wasted valuable time wrangling over the promised economic and currency reforms and with red tape and inefficiency have hampered the distribution of supplies. It was November before a budget was ready, although the Government had agreed in June to act to put its financial house in order. Meanwhile, the drachma had sunk to a point where it was worth only between 3,000 and 10,000 to the dollar, and prices and wages were chasing each other in a crazy spiral.

Serious as is the economic situation of the country, the crux of the problem in Greece today is military and political. It is the belief of the American and British advisers here that if the rebels could be defeated, most of the other troubles in Greece would be solved in time.

But that won't be easy. It would be difficult if not impossible for a Greek Army of 130,000 men to seal the 500-mile northern border. As long as the main force of the rebels can find sanctuary across the frontiers where the Government troops cannot legally pursue them, they can remain in being, forcibly recruiting others to join them.

That is the problem and it is one which could be solved if the United Nations were not suffering under the crippling blight of the veto.

Army's Role Disappointing

The Army's campaign against the rebels has been disappointing to American military observers here. There seem to be two main reasons for this. One is the very natural demand of com-

munities in the threatened areas for protection. Vast numbers of men have been used defensively instead of being sent in pursuit of the guerrillas, and a defensive garrison psychology has developed. One reason behind sending American military advisors to the front was to attempt to change that, and it was agreed that Greece could raise another fifty militia battalions. Con-

National security does not mean militarism or any approach to it. Security cannot be measured by the size of the munitions stockpiles or the number of men under arms or the monopoly of an invincible weapon. That was the German and Japanese idea of power, which, in the test of war, was proved false. Even in time of peace the index of material strength is unreliable, for arms become obsolete and worthless; vast armies decay while sapping the strength of the nations supporting them; monopoly of a weapon is soon broken. But adequate spiritual reserves, coupled with understanding of each day's requirements, will meet every issue of our time.—General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

stantin Tsaldaris, Deputy Prime Minister, and even Premier Sophoulis himself, have been excusing the Army's failures on the ground that the American military equipment is insufficient and not the right kind for the job. Such talk is nonsense and harmful in the view of the Americans here.

Take, for instance, mountain guns. Greek politicians have kept insisting that they did not have enough and that those they had were of the wrong type. Members of the American mission discovered that of fifty of the type used by the British in all parts of the world, eight were attached to combat units and the rest were idle in arsenals. At the time when Mr. Sophoulis complained to visiting Congressmen that only a trickle of supplies had arrived, thirty-six ships had discharged their cargoes.

Once it got under way, the American aid program kept a vast supply of goods coming to Greece. All members of the Greek armed forces are now being fed on American food at a cost of \$102,000 a day for nearly 200,000 men. Some fifty ships carrying close to 100,000 tons of military equipment have discharged their cargoes at Greek ports since last August. Supplies included jeeps, weapons carriers, trucks, weapons, ammunition and clothing. Roughly \$13 million worth of vessels, supplies and equipment has been furnished the Royal Hellenic Navy. More than \$600 million worth

of military equipment, including weapons, ammunition, 3,000 vehicles, 1,500 mules and 800 horses had arrived before the first of the year. In addition United States dollars bought for the Greek Army nearly \$13 million worth of British equipment.

General Markos' rebel government, it is true, has not yet been able to capture a suitable foothold for a seat of government and the Slav bloc has not yet responded with formal recognition. But the rebels hold an extensive territory.

The percentage of the population in rebel hands, however, is not large. Operations have been directed mostly toward small communities, and large numbers of people have fled from the threatened areas. Athens, which had a population of 750,000 before the war, now is crowded with 1,500,000. Of the 1,500,000 people classified as indigents in the whole country of 7,500,000, it is estimated that 450,000 are refugees.

The number of refugees undoubtedly has been swollen by the deliberate Army policy of evacuating people from the threatened areas. It was easier to move them than to provide for them where they were and run the risk of their helping the guerrillas. Now steps have been taken in accordance with American military advice to establish a civil affairs section in the Greek Army to look after the population in communities recovered from bandit control.

Politics Still Going On

While the military situation in Greece thus remains disappointing, political problems have not been removed. Making American dollars work in Greece is one of the chief headaches of the mission, and it is small wonder that some of the members are developing a taste for ouzo, an anise-flavored native drink which turns white like absinthe when mixed with water.

They find Mr. Sophoulis a willing collaborator, but he is aged and is not a good administrator. In the days of the elder Venizelos he played a parliamentary role, but did not receive much ministerial responsibility. Mr. Tsaldaris, leader of the Populist party, which holds a clear majority in Parliament, and who occupies the post of Deputy Prime Minister, is a less certain but more forceful factor. He has his own ambitions and seems to believe that the United States is so deeply committed in Greece that it will put up with almost anything.

One Government crisis has followed another as a result of Mr. Tsaldaris and Populist conniving. Both Mr. Griswold and Karl Rankin, chargé d'affaires at the embassy, have felt called upon to warn the Greek politicians that they are jeopardizing American assistance and the safety of their country by their maneuvering, but it still continues.

Recently *Vradyni* and other Populist right-wing newspapers have adopted a censorious attitude toward Mr. Griswold and the American mission itself and there has been a tendency on the part of the Greek Government to go over its head and do business directly with Washington. Mr. Griswold's most recent note to the Government, calling on it to fulfill its obligations of economic reform, was denounced as a communication couched in terms suitable for a conqueror to use to the Japanese and *Vradyni's* editorial went on to charge that many of



Dwight Griswold, left, AMAG chief, with Greek Premier Sophoulis

the present troubles of Greece were caused by those who surrendered Europe at Yalta and Potsdam and were trying now to win it back on Greek soil. For once the Royalist party line came very close to endorsing the Communist line, but politics makes strange bedfellows—especially in Greece.

Planks and platforms have little to do with the games of personal politics the Greeks play, in which a leader's personality counts for more than his principles. Nepotism is the handmaiden of politics and the civil service and the army usually are in it up to their necks, in a secondary role beneath the hierarchy of hereditary leaders and generals.

Historically a Government that has lost the confidence of its people is more likely to be removed by a coup than by ballots. Its leaders are then exiled to the islands until their tempers have cooled, when there is an amnesty and they return to take up the campaign for inclusion in the next coalition.

The American mission has been on the scene since last autumn, trying to strengthen the army, reform the Government and bolster the country's economy. It has not made much progress but it has made some. It has managed to hold together a shaky coalition of Liberals under the aged Sophoulis and the extreme right wing Populists under Tsaldaris. It probably will hold together, barring unforeseen emergencies, until after Congress votes its approval of the Marshall Plan, because even Greek politicians can see that it would jeopardize hopes of future aid if it fell apart now.

Talk for a "Strong Man"

In the talk about the need for a "strong man" much is heard about the "new party" of Spyros Markezinis. This dynamic young man with ideas of how to get things done without too

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much parliamentary interference will bear watching. So, according to some, will Gen. Alexander Papagos, military adviser to King Paul and commander-in-chief of the Greek Army which chased Mussolini's soldiers into Albania. He is a great favorite of the right wing.

But as things stand now the Greeks generally have little confidence in the stability or efficiency of their Government. They blame it for a good deal of their troubles, however representative it may appear on paper or in fact. It may be that as events unfold the United States may find itself here, as in France if Gen. Charles de Gaulle comes to power, support a quasi-dictatorial right-wing Government which, distasteful though it may be, is the last bulwark against a Communist police state.

But with all its faults the present Government is probably the best that could be set up now on the basis of the last elec-

"A CLAIM STAKED"



Duffy in The Baltimore Sun

tion returns. An election now, with the country torn by civil wars, would be unthinkable.

The gravest danger at the moment is that the American people will get fed up with the situation here and will withdraw their support, an eventuality which would most likely bring into being a right-wing dictatorship predestined to eventual defeat by the Left. The members of the present mission for the most part are tired of their job already and many of them will want to go home when their contracts expire between April and June. It is imperative that they be replaced by men of equal or greater caliber.

On the credit side of the balance sheet some very great assets must be credited to the mission headed by Mr. Griswold. In the first place Greece is still a free and independent nation, which it would not be had it not been for American aid. Looking at the domestic political scene, the Government is more representative and less governed by the Tsaldaris-Zervas school of thought—which holds that all members of the opposition ought to be in jail or concentration camps—than it was before American intervention. And a start has been made toward the economic reforms which are essential to Greek recovery.

There are controls governing imports now which did not exist a year ago. It is no longer easy for importers to squander precious foreign exchange in luxury imports. New taxes have been imposed to siphon off the profits of speculators and importers, but taxes are still mostly indirect ones. There is a budget, in balance on paper at least, and agreements have been

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Πρὸς τὸ Ἐπιμετώριον Διοικητικῶν Σχολῶν τοῦ Ἀνωτάτου Τμήματος τῆς Ὀργάνωσης Α.Σ.Ε.Π.Α.,

510 Washington, D.C.

Ἀξιότιμοι Κύριοι,

Πρὸ ἐνός μηνὸς ἔτους τὸ Building Fund Committee τὸ ἑσῶτον συνέλαβε γράμα διὰ τὴν ὑγορὴν νέου κτιρίου τῆς Θεολογικῆς μας Σχολῆς, ἔλαβε τὴν γεννησιότην προσφορῶν σας τῶν 25-χιλίων δολларίων. Ἄν γὰρ εἶω ἔν σῶς ἐσθία τότε εὐχαριστήριος ἐπιστολὴ διὰ τὴν Ἐπιτροπὴν τοῦ Ἐθνικοῦ. Ἐξαιτίας τῶν ἄλλων ἡμερῶν μὴ παρέλασε ἡ Ἐπιτροπὴ τὸν λογιζομένον τοῦ Ἐθνικοῦ καὶ τὸ δῶμα τῶν εισφορῶν, καὶ εἰσθάνομαι τὸ ἔργον καθῆκον ἐν εὐχαριστοῦ ἔτους τοῦ εἰσοφοῦ. Πρωτοῦτος ἔτος, μὴ πολλῶν μηνῶν εὐχαριστοῦν ἔδραται τῆς εὐκαιρίας ἐν ἑαυτοῦ τὸν θαυμασμένον ὡς διευθυντῆς τῆς Σχολῆς τὸς τῆς μεγάλης Ἐθνικῆς μας Ὀργάνωσιν Α.Σ.Ε.Π.Α. καὶ ἐν ἐκείνῳ τὴν ἐπιβίωσιν εὐγνωμοσύνην μου διὰ τὴν μεγάλην βοήθειαν τὴν ἑσῶτον παρέχει αὐτῇ τὸς τὴν Σχολὴν μας διὰ τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς ἐπὶ τῆς τῆς. Ἡ εἰσοφοὶ τοῦ κατέβηκε ἡ Α.Σ.Ε.Π.Α. μέχρι σήμερον εἶναι 216,500. Ἐσῶτους εἶναι ἡ πρώτη μεγάλη προσέταρις τῆς Σχολῆς, καὶ τὸ δῶμα τῆς ἐν εἶναι γραμμῶν τῶν εἰς τὴν ἐναμφροτικὴν στήλην τὸν ἔσοτον καὶ ἐσῶτους τοῦ Σχολείου μας, ἡ ἑσῶτα ἐν τῶς ἄλλων ἡμερῶν ἐν κομῆ τὴν λαμπρῶν εἰσῶσεων τῆς ἑσῶτης ἐσῶ.

Μετ' εὐχῶν καὶ πατρικῆς ἐλπίδος,



Orthodoxos Ahepa

BY REV. ATHANASIOS Bishop of Boston

The Order of Ahepa has contributed to our Theological Institute the grand sum of \$36,500. First on the list!

made between labor and management to keep wages and prices in balance, although since it was reached a wedge has been driven in it by the granting of a 60 per cent rise to the Athens printers. Progress of this nature, while not spectacular, is of the greatest importance, for one of the great causes of disaffection in Greece has been the discrepancy between the means of the few and the wants of the many.

One Excuse As Good As Another!

On hearing the excuses given by the Russians for not favoring certain Balkan measures in the U.N., Warren Austin was reminded of the story about the Vermont farmer whose neighbor wanted to borrow an axe. "Sorry, Jim," said the farmer, "I've got to shave tonight."

His wife later took him to task, saying, "Why did you give Jim such a silly excuse?"

"If you don't want to do a thing," the farmer replied, "one excuse is as good as another."—Nat Barrows, Chicago Daily News Foreign Service.



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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SUPREME LODGE OF THE ORDER OF AHEPA (from left to right): Vice-President Thevos, Governor Bezaitis, Treasurer Georgiades, Secretary Bell, Mother Lodge Angelopoulos, Our President Truman, Our Supreme President Helis, Mother Lodge Polos, Counselor Ritsos, Governor Starr and Governor Derzis.

OUR SEVENTH NATIONAL BANQUET—

A Milestone In Ahepa History

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HEADS LONG LIST OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES AND HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THEY CAME TO HONOR THE AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION CELEBRATING THE 127TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

Our Seventh National Banquet—the classical biennial Ahepa event—took place in Washington, on March 29, 1948, in commemoration of the 127th Anniversary of the Greek War of Independence.

It was attended by President Truman, 33 members of the United States Senate, 236 members of the House of Representatives, and at least 50 high government officials, including Four-Star Generals, Admirals and Vice-Admirals. The Supreme Lodge and prominent Ahepa guests from every section of the country and from Canada filled the spacious banquet hall to capacity and overflow accommodations had to be provided in the banquet hall adjacent to the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Statler. To say that the banquet was a brilliant success is to underscore the obvious.

For this singular affair was as significant as it was brilliant. It was an event unparalleled in Ahepa history and in the history of America's Hellenism. And it took one man to accomplish it overnight—William Helis, our Supreme President. To him belongs the full and complete credit, for it was he who was responsible for the attendance of the President of the United States. When President Truman accepted the invitation tendered to him personally by Mr. Helis, it became a foregone conclusion that the affair would assume national and international significance.

The plan of Supreme President Helis to give Ahepa national repute was fulfilled, for the following day the name of Ahepa appeared on the front pages of every newspaper in the United States as well as in the leading press of the foreign capitals of the world. Every great radio station that night and virtually every radio station the following morning was sending the name of Ahepa over the airways to its everlasting glory. A high-ranking public relations executive announced the day after

the banquet that "the newspaper space and radio time devoted to the Order of Ahepa could not be purchased for under thirty million dollars."

An Amazing Accomplishment

William Helis had quietly announced some time ago that he was planning to invite the President of the United States to honor Ahepa with his presence. Many were skeptical; others were downright distrustful. For the fact is that the Chief Executive of the American nation very rarely attends a function of a private fraternal organization. He limits his appearances to State dinners and to functions of national import, such as the celebrations of Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays. But the President did come. President Truman came to honor the Order of Ahepa because the Order of Ahepa was led by his friend William Helis!

And those who came to Washington by plane and rail and car from all the near and distant parts of Ahepdom for this famed affair of the Order of Ahepa were treated to the unique privilege of seeing in person the Chief Executive of their nation and the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy. Sitting on the dais with President Truman were two Justices of the United States, the Honorable Hugo Black and the Honorable Harold Burton. Also on the dais were the representative of the Greek Government, Ambassador Vasilios Dendramis, and high legislative and executive officials of the American Government. Seated among these high dignitaries and acting as their hosts were the members of the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa.

Seated at the several tables, together with Ahepans and their families, was a quorum of the Congress of the United States. By actual count, there were present 236 members of the House



Under the President's portrait: Toastmaster Alfange, Ambassador Dendramis, Supreme Court Justice Black and Mrs. Dendramis.

of Representatives, constituting a majority of that body, and 33 United States Senators, or over one-third of the Upper House of Congress. The brilliant uniforms of Generals and Admirals added much color and glamor to the occasion.

Supreme President Helis Did It!

Indeed, the Seventh Annual Banquet was an amazing accomplishment, because never at any banquet of a private organization were so many high government officials present. Not even at *Jefferson Day Dinners* or *Lincoln Day Dinners*, at which Democratic or Republican Presidents speak, were there ever gathered at one and the same time so many of the representatives of the three great departments of the Government of the United States, namely, the Executive, the Legislative and the Judiciary.

And equally significant is the fact that this national banquet was a non-partisan gathering at which the leaders of both the Democratic and Republican Parties were about equally represented; whereas, the *Jefferson* and *Lincoln Day Dinners*, which may be considered as the nearest approach to the Ahepa Banquet, are strictly partisan.

To be honored by the presence of a majority of the nation's representatives of both political parties is no mean achievement. And it took Ahepa to do it! And it took William Helis to do it. Even if William Helis did nothing else as Supreme President, this singular accomplishment would make his administration the most successful in the history of the Order.

For all Americans of Greek extraction, indeed for all Hellenism, the public relations value of this event is priceless—something that money could not buy. It has boosted skyward the dignity, standing and reputation of every American of Greek descent as nothing else could. It has helped the land of our birth, because the members of the Senate and House of Representatives who were present will henceforth be more receptive to appeals for Greek aid. It has placed the Greek people on record as the foes of Communism and the defenders of the

democratic faith. It has inspired the younger generation no end. It will help reactivate Ahepa's inactive Chapters and bring back to the fold delinquent members. It will do more than any conceivable drive to stimulate new membership.

Ahepa Immigration Program Promoted

What is particularly significant at this time, the project initiated by Supreme President Helis to amend the immigration laws in favor of Greek nationals, also received great stimulus at this banquet.

Supreme President Helis had instructed the Toastmaster to tell the members of Congress attending as our guests at the banquet that the present Greek quota of 300 persons a year was grossly unfair; and that it was unsound policy for America to allow only a handful of Greek nationals to come to the United States each year while allowing many thousands of immigrants to enter each year from former enemy countries.

The Helis statement read by the Toastmaster was heartily approved by the Senators and Representatives, and it was followed by the speech of Congressman Robert Tripp Ross, author of a measure to increase the Greek quota to 5,000 a year for the next three years. It was said by many in high position that the immigration laws may be relaxed in favor of Greeks as a result of the Ahepa Banquet. This was one of the chief purposes the Supreme President had in mind when he asked that the immigration question be stressed on that well-timed occasion.

President Truman Castigates Demagogues

Going back 2,300 years for classical allusions from Greek history, past Supreme President Alfange in his role as toastmaster likened Stalin to Philip of Macedon, the conqueror who like present-day guerrillas threatened Greece on the north. He likened Henry Wallace, the third party leader, to Aeschines,* apologist for Philip, who tried to dissuade the Athenians from taking defensive preparedness measures.

When President Truman got up to speak, he was in excellent spirits. And he was ready with his own set of allusions. "I was going to tell you," he began, "that the Greeks had a Henry Wallace. I was going to tell you that the Greeks had a statesman (Aristides), an orator (Demosthenes), and a demagogue. The Greeks had the greatest demagogue of all times, *Alcibiades*."** There never was one like him," Mr. Truman continued "He had the looks of a god. He had the voice that took the Greeks around any way he wanted them to go.

"Now we are facing that same danger to this country," the President went on to say before the audience that cheered him warmly all through his talk. "And if we are not careful some demagogue is going to come along and get us. We won't do that—we certainly won't do that if all of you are informed and keep yourselves informed on just exactly where we are going and why.

"We didn't want to get into the war. This country never

*AESCHINES, whose life span covered 380-314 B.C., was an Athenian orator and political opponent of Demosthenes. They both were members of the first embassy to Philip of Macedon, 346 B.C., but a year later Demosthenes turned on Aeschines, and continued his denunciations for two years. Then, finally in the favor of Philip, Aeschines vainly prosecuted Demosthenes. Intrigues later turned the tables, and Demosthenes, firm in favor of the Athenians, won condemnation of Aeschines, who fled to Rhodes.

**ALCIBIADES, an Athenian general and politician, was handsome and possessed great wealth, but he squandered his worldly goods on dissipation and stud horses. He was, however, a great admirer of Socrates, who saved his life at Potidara. His early political schemings included an anti-Spartan alliance. Later he fell under suspicion of violence and of profanations of the Eleusian mysteries.

Revolts, expeditions and intrigues occupied him until about 407 B.C. when he made a triumphal return to Athens. But he was not trusted and a military debacle led to his banishment to Phrygia, where the Spartans engineered his murder in 404 B.C. His great personal charm and brilliance was tarnished by his lack of principles. Thucydides said of him that the Athenians never trusted him for fear of "the extremes to which he carried his lawless self-indulgence."

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wants war. But there are certain things which are worse than war. One of them is slavery. That's what we were faced with in 1940 and 1941. We are faced with almost exactly the same situation today."

Mr. Truman recalled his speech to Congress on March 12, 1947, requesting the Greek aid program and promulgating the Truman Doctrine to contain totalitarianism. He said Congress heeded him and consequently Greece was still free.

Enduring Peace Is Our Goal

Then, after reiterating that all this country wanted was "enduring peace," Mr. Truman declared:

"My friends, that is all this country wants. That is all this country ever wanted. This country has never asked for anything but peace and prosperity in the world for all peoples and for all countries. We have never shut the door against any country. We are willing to talk peace and international intercourse with any country in the world, but we will not stand idly by and see the liberties of the world debauched."

There was prolonged applause.

President Truman had struck the keynote of the evening—we want peace and we seek peace, but we shall fight the dark forces of communism just as only yesterday we fought—and won—the dark forces of fascism. The theme was again and again emphasized by the speakers who followed the President.

The President Was Awarded Life Membership

Upon the rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, Committee General Chairman V. I. Chebithes, who worked hard to make the banquet a success, invited Archbishop Athenagoras to pronounce the invocation. Immediately thereafter, with a few well-chosen remarks, he introduced the toastmaster of the evening, Dean Alfange. By that time, President Truman had been received by Supreme President Helis and his colleagues, and escorted to the dais under a prolonged and thunderous applause of the assembly.

When the President finished his epoch-making informal talk, C. G. Garrison, on behalf of the officers and members of the Heart of America Chapter No. 73 of Kansas City, Missouri, awarded their distinguished fellow-Ahepan a life membership card (in gold). This was again a cause for applause and enjoyment.

Supreme Vice-President Thevos was the next speaker. He spoke eloquently on behalf of the younger generation of Ahepans and paid a glowing tribute to the older generations of Greek immigrants, who came to this country poor but honest, unknown but hard-working, and made their way step by step up the ladder of hard and honest work until they were found worthy of the company of the President of the United States!

Taking up the point further, Congressman Ross discussed briefly the pitiful Greek immigration quota of 300 a year and announced the introduction of a bill authorizing the coming of 5,000 Greek nationals a year for three years. This was received with profound gratification by the Ahepans, every one of whom has the desire of bringing at least one relative over from Greece.

America Helping Democratic People Everywhere

Senator Irving M. Ives spoke on the European Recovery Plan and was lustily applauded when he declared that "America will do all she can to help the people of Europe on the hard road to recovery and reconstruction, in spite of the evil obstructions of the communists."

He was followed by Ambassador Dendramis, who gratefully acknowledged America's generous help toward his people and thanked the President and the members of Congress for their efforts in assisting little Hellas to regain her place among the happy and peaceful nations of the world.

Thereupon, Toastmaster Alfange presented Supreme Justice Hugo Black and Supreme Justice Harold Burton, who were re-



Presenting the President with a paid up life membership card (gold) in Heart of America Chapter No. 73 of Kansas City, Missouri: Supreme President Helis, past Chapter Secretary C. G. Garrison, Chapter President T. Kapsomalis, President Truman.

ceived with great enthusiasm and gratitude by the assembly. He also presented Tom Pappas of Boston and Peter Boudoures of San Francisco, who have been close associates of Supreme President Helis in the administration of the Greek War Relief Association.

Next speaker of the evening was the Honorable Loy Henderson, Director for Near Eastern and African Affairs in the Department of State, who briefly traced the state of affairs in Greece since her liberation and wisely counselled his audience not to be too severe with the present situation in Greece. "We would be lacking in frankness," he declared, "if we should try to conceal the fact that Greece is in grave danger. However, even American citizens of Hellenic descent should realize that, unless they have personally shared the sufferings of the Greek people during the past eight years, they should be slow to lift their voices in criticism." (For lack of space, Mr. Henderson's speech will be reproduced in the next issue.—Ed.)

Let Us All Unite, Supreme President Pleads

Finally, the Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa, the Honorable William Helis, was presented to his fellow-Ahepans and their guests. The levity of the early evening had by then changed into the seriousness of the international situation. Supreme President Helis was brief and to the point. He spoke of the sacrifices of Greece and her friends in the last 127 years and underlined current events.

Referring to his recent trip to Greece as head of Ahepa and the Greek War Relief Association, he said that "Greece was under constant pressure by the Soviet Union and her three satellites on the northern Greek border" and added that without substantial American aid "Greece might meet the fate of Czechoslovakia."

Supreme President Helis praised the efforts of the American Government in aiding Greece in this critical hour of her national life, but added, "When we speak of American aid to Greece, we speak as Americans and not as Americans of Greek origin." The Order of Ahepa, he said, is "an American fraternal organization and every one of our Chapters and every one of our members is a sentinel to guard and protect the American way of life."

In closing, he pointed out that the common task of democracy everywhere is to stop the Communist menace and that "the defense of Greece from the menace of Communism is also the defense of America." And particularly, he pleaded that "we rededicate ourselves to the task of preserving those principles and ideals for which our forefathers have fought and died."

This was the note on which the Seventh National Banquet of the Order of Ahepa was terminated at 11:17 P.M. by Toastmaster Alfange. The Most Reverend Archbishop Athenagoras was again invited to pronounce the benediction.

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AHEPA BLENDS AMERICANISM WITH HELLENISM

We Must Liberalize Our Immigration Policy Toward Greece

BY HONORABLE ROBERT TRIPP ROSS

Representative from New York

I am very proud and highly honored to have been asked to join you and talk to you this evening. I have been told to be brief and I shall be. The brevity of my message, however, will in no manner detract from the significance of the subject.

As most of you know, I have sponsored in the Congress a bill to increase the Greek immigration quota 5,000 a year over the next three years. To me this liberalization of our immigration policy should be a part of our foreign program.

The United States has locked arms with Greece and together they are facing up to the many and complex post-war problems besetting that gallant little nation, which can truthfully be called the cradle of liberty and the source of western culture. We have extended the hand of friendship which has always been strong for Greece, by providing assistance in her valiant efforts to rehabilitate her economy and to prevent the imposition by foreign powers of an ideology contrary to her free way of life.

This week the Congress will, I am certain, approve legislation providing further aid to Greece, that our mutual interest may be broadened and strengthened.

It was in this spirit that I proposed that we liberalize our immigration policy toward Greece at this time. I am sure that it was in this spirit that my colleagues from California, Mr. Donald Jackson and Mr. Willis Bradley, joined me in this effort by introducing similar bills.

To permit an additional 15,000 Greek nationals to immigrate to the United States over the next three years, to stretch out not only our hand of friendship, but to bring out the welcome mat as well, would be a great morale tonic to the people in Greece who are striving so hard to save that vital area from the clutches of communism.

Ahepans Must Champion the Cause

You Ahepans know of the heartaches and hardships close relatives are enduring because of their inability to obtain visas which would unite them with their families in this country. I have many personal friends, fine outstanding American citizens of Greek extraction who have been trying for years to bring over their loved ones. Although the number proposed is relatively small, it would be a start from which we could hope to liberalize permanently our Greek quota.

I would caution you who have a vital interest in the project, however, not to be over-optimistic about the passage of this bill tomorrow or next week. You know the slowness sometimes of the legislative processes. But I would ask you to use your influence individually to have the Congress act upon this matter. I would ask the AHEPA organization to champion this cause as it has done in so many worthy causes for the betterment of Greek-American relations. It would round out our mutual interest and mutual assistance program. The dreams and aspirations of thousands would be fulfilled and an invaluable contribution would be made to the strengthening of our American way of life and to the progress of America.

AHEPA BLENDS AMERICANISM WITH HELLENISM

By Honorable WILLIAM HELIS
Supreme President, Order of Ahepa

One hundred and twenty-seven years ago, the Greek people took up arms against foreign oppressors. After seven years of bloody war, they won their independence. Today, we celebrate the 127th anniversary of Greek independence. We pay tribute to those Greek patriots who made the supreme sacrifice.

We also pay tribute to the American friends of Greek freedom — Webster, Clay, Monroe. These great Americans gave their whole-hearted support to the struggle for Greek liberty. To them the Greek people owe eternal gratitude, and will honor their memory to the end of time.

The world also remembers the heroic struggle of the Greeks in 1940. In those glorious months between October 1940 and April 1941, little Greece once more electrified the world by defeating the invincible Axis armies. Her gallant victory gave new hope, gave new courage to the democratic peoples of the world.

Americans Helped Greece in 1940

During those years of sacrifice and suffering, America again answered the call of Greece by organizing the *Greek War Relief Association*, of which I have the honor to be president. While the fighting was going on, and during the Nazi occupation, the *Greek War Relief Association* shipped to Greece over one hundred million dollars worth of food, clothing and medical supplies. We Americans can be proud of the fact that we have helped to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children.

Recently, I returned to America after a tour in Greece which I made as president of the AHEPA and the *Greek War Relief Association*. I can tell you from my own personal observations that, besides hunger and disease, a new menace faces the Greek people. It is the

menace of communism. The internal and external pressure of the Soviet Union is increasing day by day. There is urgent need at this moment for greater and more effective economic assistance.

I assure the members of the Senate and House who honor us with their presence that without the additional help, recommended by Secretary of State Marshall, Greece would soon meet the tragic fate of Czechoslovakia.

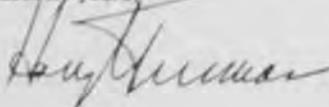
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1948

Dear Mr. Helis:

I appreciated very much your note of March thirty-first and I enjoyed the meeting with the AHEPA organization.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. William G. Helis
Supreme President
Order of AHEPA
1420 K Street, N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

*I have never had a more
enthusiastic reception any
where*

protect the American way of life.

As Americans, as men of good will, we must unite our common efforts to resist the dark forces that are trying to enslave the world. In these crucial and difficult times, let us dedicate ourselves to the task of preserving those principles and ideals for which our forefathers have fought and died. By doing so, the fight will be won, and the world will be a better place to live in.

Greece Guards the Mediterranean

Do not forget that Greece is the only stronghold of democracy guarding the Mediterranean. If Greece should collapse by pressure from the North, the flood of communism will spread throughout Europe.

When we speak of Greece, we speak as Americans and not as Americans of Greek origin. I say we speak as Americans because we understand full well that the defense of Greece is also the defense of America and the things America stands for.

The Order of AHEPA is a non-partisan, fraternal organization. It has only one aim. That aim is *Americanism*. For over twenty-five years we have been fighting the dark forces of communism and fascism in the United States. Every one of our 400 chapters and everyone of our members is a sentinel to guard and

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Congressman Walter K. Granger
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Senator George D. Aiken
Senator Ralph E. Flanders

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Congressman J. Vaughan Gary

Congressman Porter Hardy, Jr. and Mr. Thad S. Murray

Mr. and Mrs. A. Robbins, Jr.

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WASHINGTON

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Senator Warren G. Magnuson and Mr. Irvin Hoff

Senator Harry P. Cain and Mrs. Phair

Congressman and Mrs. Walt Horan

Congressman Henry M. Jackson and Mr. John Salter

Congressman and Mrs. Russell V. Mack

Congressman and Mrs. Thor C. Tolleson

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HONOR GUESTS

Senator and Mrs. Harley M. Kilgore
Senator and Mrs. Chapman Revercomb
Congressman and Mrs. Erland H. Hedrick

Congressman Francis J. Love

Mr. T. E. Millsop, President, Weirton Steel Co.

Miss Georgette M. Zanotti

HONOR GUESTS

*Wheeling No. 68; Clarksburg No. 96; *Weirton No. 103; Morgantown No. 124; *Bluefield No. 132; *Huntington No. 307; Charleston No. 309; *Parkersburg No. 340

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HONOR GUESTS

Congressman and Mrs. John C. Brophy
Congressman and Mrs. John W. Byrnes
Congressman and Mrs. Charles J. Kersten

Host Chapters

*Milwaukee No. 43; *Fond du Lac No. 49; *Beloit No. 164

WYOMING

HONOR GUESTS

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney

Congressman and Mrs. Frank A. Barrett

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Manatos

Host Chapters

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DOMINION OF CANADA

HONOR GUESTS

His Excellency Hume Wrong, Ambassador of Canada to the United States
District Governor and Mrs. C. D. Tsipuras

Host Chapters

*Toronto No. 1; *Montreal No. 7

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF AHEPA, GREETINGS:

Shortly after I assumed the office of Supreme President I launched a nation-wide campaign to amend the immigration laws so as to permit a larger number of Greek nationals, and especially Greek orphans, to enter the United States each year.

In this connection, I sought and obtained, without compensation, the services of the leading immigration lawyers who are members of the AHEPA and utilized the services of our National Immigration Committee, whose Chairman is Leo Ypsilanti of New York.

These attorneys together with others, whom I appointed to carry on this work, made a complete study of all the laws that have recently been introduced in Congress to amend the immigration statutes. They also consulted with the Chairmen and several of the members of the Immigration Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives to determine what amendments would be feasible at the present time.

As a result of three months of investigation we have arrived at the following four-point program:

The Ives Bill: Orphans

1. *Support the enactment of the Ives Bill, S830.* This bill was introduced by Senator Irving M. Ives of New York and allows orphan children to enter the United States, irrespective of quota, if they have an aunt or uncle residing here who will adopt them. An orphan is defined as a minor child, one or both of whose parents are dead. In our opinion, passage of this bill would allow several thousands of Greek orphans to enter the United States each year, who would otherwise be barred by the present quota restrictions.

The Ives Bill is now pending before the Senate Committee on Immigration and has not yet been acted upon by either the House or the Senate. I am, therefore, asking the Chapters to write or wire their Senators and request prompt Senate Action on this bill. Also, to contact the Congressmen of your respective districts asking them to support this bill and urge the House of Representatives to enact this measure as speedily as possible.

The Wiley Bill: Deportation

2. *Support the Wiley Bill, HR3566.* This bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Frank Fellows of Maine and has already been passed by the House. The bill gives the Attorney General of the United States the power to suspend deportation proceedings with respect to those aliens who have resided in the United States for seven years and can show that they have been persons of good moral character the last five years.

It is estimated that this bill will affect about four thousand Greek nationals who now face deportation, unless this law is promptly enacted. The Wiley Bill has the support of the United States Immigration Service, the Attorney General and the State Department. However, it is temporarily blocked in the Senate because the Senate Committee on Immigration has not yet taken action on it.

I, therefore, urge the Chapters to write or wire their Senators immediately and ask them to urge the Senate Committee to take prompt action on this measure and to report it favorably so that it may be quickly approved by the Senate. Chairman of the Senate Committee on Immigration is the Honorable Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia and, accordingly, I am asking the West Virginia Chapters to take special action in this connection.

Naturalization Offices

3. We propose to establish, on a voluntary basis, four AHEPA Naturalization Offices in New York, Washington, Chicago, and San Francisco. These offices would give advice and provide facilities with respect to filling out, filing, and obtaining citizenship papers.

There will be attached to each of these offices a member of the AHEPA acquainted with immigration laws, who will screen each application to ascertain that it is legally in order, and a stenographer to type the papers. I believe that this kind of service fulfills the purpose of the AHEPA, which is to promote American citizenship.

Social Welfare Agency

4. We also propose to set up a social welfare agency for the purpose of cooperating with the welfare authorities on Ellis Island. This group will be made up mostly of Ahepa's ladies who are interested in social work and would be advised by persons acquainted with the immigration procedures.

It is intended that this welfare group will visit Ellis Island once a week and advise persons detained there with respect to (a) contacting relatives who might be able to assist them, (b) obtaining privileges of release from the Island where they can vouch for the persons, (c) provide them with Greek literature and other reading matter for their entertainment and, (d) in case of young children, obtain their release pending the adjudication of their status.

The members of this welfare agency would also make arrangements to visit ships which dock in New York ports with Greek people aboard, assist them in approaching their relatives or friends, and render similar related services. Archbishop Athenagoras has endorsed the formation of this welfare agency and has indicated his willingness to cooperate with it in every respect.

The four-point program above set forth represents objectives which AHEPA can achieve during the coming year. We have been advised that due to the tense European and world conditions it may be impossible to induce Congress to increase the quota allotments at the present time. We must, therefore, strive to obtain the maximum benefits for our people within the framework of what can be practically accomplished.

I believe that the four-point program is a reasonable and practical program that can be realized during the coming year if all of us cooperate and do our best to bring it about.

WILLIAM HELIS,
Supreme President.

Washington, March 23, 1948.

Ahepa Health Center At Chryssoupolis Completed

The first Health Center to be completed by the Greek War Relief Association in Greece was opened for public use at Chryssoupolis, one of the devastated areas in northeastern Greece, on Sunday, March 14th. This Center, which will provide medical and hospital services for over 75,000 people, is one of ten similar institutions now being constructed in Greece as part of the Association's medical rehabilitation program.

The building was dedicated by A. Orphanidis, the Greek Minister of Hygiene. Charles T. Abernethy, the Association's Director of Operations in Greece, spoke on behalf of the Association, which is one of the 26 American agencies now participating in American Overseas Aid—United Nations Appeal for Children.

The Chryssoupolis Health Center is the first new hospital building to be erected in Greece since the liberation of that country in 1944, and prominent representatives of the Greek government and top officials in the American Mission, including Herbert Lansdale, Chief of the Welfare Division, Dr. O. Hedley, Director of the Public Health Division, and Frank Shea of the Information Division, made a special trip from Athens to be present at the dedication of the building.

THE AMERICAN MISSION
FOR
AID TO GREECE

ADDRESS:
A.M.A.G.
4, W. CHURCH ST.
ATHENS, GREECE

20 March 1948

Dear Mr. Abernethy:

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Greek War Relief Association on the completion of its health center at Chryssoupolis and to express the appreciation for the important role your organization is playing in the rehabilitation of this war-torn country.

Doctor O. F. Hedley, Director of the Public Health Division, expresses his appreciation of the invitation to attend its formal dedication. He was most favorably impressed with the construction and equipment which the Greek War Relief Association has so generously provided. I understand that the health center at Chryssoupolis is the first of nine centers to be constructed by the Greek War Relief Association which has assumed the responsibility for their operation for the first three years. I wish you success in the completion of these projects and their subsequent operation. These facilities located in places where medical care is not readily available will do much to provide means for the relief of illness and prevention of disease for the Greek people living in areas which have suffered the ravages of war.

Very truly yours,

Dwight P. Griswold
Chief.

Mr. Charles T. Abernethy
Director of Foreign Operations
Greek War Relief Association, Inc.
10 El. Venizelos Ave.
Athens, Greece.

Dwight P. Griswold, Chief of the American Mission for Aid to Greece, upon completion of first AHEPA Health Center.

Following the dedication, the guests inspected the Health Center which is a complete public health unit with a 12-bed emergency hospital wing. It will provide prenatal and children's clinics, a dental clinic, X-ray and pathological laboratory facilities, and such public health services as visiting nurse and sanitation consultation for the community. The staff of 29 includes the Director Hygienist, 6 public health nurses, 8 clinic and hospital nurses, 1 operating theater nurse, 2 sanitary engineers, a pharmacist, an ambulance driver, and clerical and maintenance personnel.

Chryssoupolis is in an area where 31 villages were totally destroyed, and as a result of malnutrition and privations during

the war occupation, infant mortality is high and tuberculosis is widespread among children. In planning the medical facilities for the Center, special emphasis has been placed on care of children and nursing and expectant mothers. It is estimated that over 75 per cent of the medical care provided at the Chryssoupolis Health Center will be for this group. Special provision has been made for tuberculosis prevention through a thoracic clinic and public health education.

This Health Center is one of the medical rehabilitation projects of the Greek War Relief Association which will be maintained by American contributions to the American Overseas Aid—United Nations Appeal for Children campaign, of which the Association is a participating member. The AOA-UNAC nationwide drive for \$60,000,000 represents the united efforts of the International Children's Emergency Fund and 25 outstanding voluntary foreign relief agencies to raise money to relieve the suffering of 230,000,000 children and victims in devastated nations.

Status of Ahepa Projects

It is gratifying to learn that a great deal has already been accomplished by the Greek War Relief towards the completion of the Ahepa projects. Here is the latest report as given to us by Executive Vice-President Xanthaky:

- I. *Chryssoupolis Health Center* is completed and started operating on March 14th.
- II. *The Evangelismos wing*. Construction work began on February 11th, and is moving rapidly.
- III. The following health centers are under construction with excavations completed in every case, and masonry work progressing at a satisfactory rate:
 - a. *Kalavryta*
 - b. *Meligala*
 - c. *Ierapetra*
 - d. *Thebes*
 - e. *Filiatra*
- IV. *Salonica Hospital*. All topographical and other necessary technical surveys have been completed and approved by the Greek authorities, as well as a plot for the hospital. Preliminary plans have been completed. As soon as additional necessary information has been received from Greece, work on the final plans and specifications will be commenced.



IERAPETRA, CRETE: Laying of cornerstone for Health Center.

MARCH-APRIL, 1948

AHEPAN

Expansion Our Keystone in Hoosier State

By JAMES BRAHOS, District Governor

HAMMOND, IND.—Appointment of Louis K. Tsaros as scholarship chairman by the District Governor marked the official opening of the campaign to select four honor students from Indiana high schools who will receive awards this spring.



James Brahos

District lodge officers, headed by the Governor, installed officers of Gary, Hammond and East Chicago Chapters in January. Much of the time in the past six months has been devoted to re-establishing Sons of Pericles chapters in the district.

Assisting the district lodge of the Sons in the reorganization program has led to the establishment of two more chapters—one in Gary and another in South Bend. Hammond and East Chicago chapters were the only active chapters prior to that time.

With younger men taking over the chapter reigns throughout Indiana, the district lodge has offered to give them whatever assistance is necessary to maintain the splendid record of the 12th district for years to come.

The city of Anderson, basketball capital of Indiana, will be the Ahepa capital of the state on July 18, 19 and 20, dates of the 12th District Convention.

With a three-day program of activities planned by the Convention Committee, Perry E. Pakes, president of Anderson Chapter No. 198, announced that Supreme Vice-President Thevos will be principal speaker at the convention banquet. He was invited as guest speaker after his first district appearance at Gary last January was a huge success. His address at an open meeting sponsored by the District Lodge and Gary Chapter No. 78 made such a fine impression that his return to Indiana was inevitable.

Since the present District Lodge took office last summer, most of its activities have been centered around developing the Sons of Pericles, of which this District Governor and Lieut. Governor Sophocles N. Pancol are graduates.

Two Sons chapters, *Pygmalion* No. 135 of Hammond and *Praxiteles* No. 51

of East Chicago, were active, and in the past six months, chapters have been revived at Gary and South Bend through the efforts of the District Lodge, Supr. Gov. George Korellis of the Sons, and the Sons 12th district lodge headed by Nathan A. Carras, governor.

The District Lodge and the Daughters of Penelope this year will award four \$125 scholarships to deserving students of Hellenic extraction, increasing the number from two to four in accordance with the wishes of the 1947 District Convention. Louis K. Tsaros of East Chicago, past district governor, is chairman of the committee which includes District Treasurer Harry Argus and District Lieut. Governor Pancol.

Chapters in Northern Indiana have been the most active mainly because 75 per cent of our district membership is concentrated at Hammond, East Chicago, Gary and South Bend. The District Lodge helped install new officers at each chapter early this year, commending the members for turning over the reins to younger Ahepans for the first time in history.

Emphasis on youth has been the policy of the district lodge because of the importance in setting the stage for sons of Ahepans to carry on when their fathers or brothers relinquish control of Ahepa chapters. We all believe in a program of preparedness for the future because the future of Ahepa lies in our younger members.

Hammond continues to be the No. 1 chapter in the district as far as membership and activity are concerned. With its membership well over 130, Hammond this year is represented in the top positions in the district lodges of Ahepa, Sons and Daughters with their governors residing in this city. Recently, the governors were honored at a reception in Hammond.

A policy that has received much favorable comment this year is the one inaugurated by the district governor in which copies of all district lodge meetings are mailed to each chapter in the district to let members know what the district is doing. The district does not have a monthly publication to inform members of various activities.

Assisting the 12th District Lodge in promoting activities for the Sons of Pericles has been past Supreme President and national advisor Van Nomikos of Chicago. The 12th district lodge is confident that its pledge for an active Sons organization in Indiana will be fulfilled before the 1948 District Convention.

Informal Talks Inaugurated

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Delphi Chapter No. 25, inaugurated last February, at its Fraternity Clubhouse meeting room, the first of a series of informal talks on subjects of interest to the residents of this metropolis.

This first lecture was delivered by James P. Fuscas, assistant corporation counsel under the LaGuardia Administration, and now with the Labor Department of the State of New York, who spoke before a highly receptive audience on labor problems in the United States in general, and in New York State in particular.

Mr. Fuscas brought out, among other things, the accomplishments of the State Labor Department in reducing Child Labor abuses in this state and low percentage of strikes in New York. In discussing the Health Insurance Plan, Mr. Fuscas revealed that his investigations indicated that sickness was the greatest single cause of a family going into debt. At the conclusion of his talk, the speaker greeted the many questions leveled at him with answers that were to the point and to the satisfaction of the questioner.—Peter P. Angelos.

Sundry Activities

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—The officers of Battle Creek Chapter No. 214 were installed in an impressive ceremony by District Governor Sekles of District No. 10.

A few weeks later, the members and their families shared a "potluck" dinner, followed by a social hour and folk dancing to the strains of native Greek music. When after midnight we returned home, a number of us were happy but a little tired. No longer can we take it—when we dance "tsamiko" and "zeimbekiko."—Gust Metes.

A Son, A Scholar, An Inventor

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—George Camamis, 17, New Brunswick High School senior, who has spent five of his 17 years "fooling" around chemistry in a homemade laboratory, was recently announced as one of 40 senior high school students in 16 states who have been chosen as finalists in the seventh annual nationwide Science Talent Search conducted by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

The 40 students, eight girls and 32 boys, were sent to Washington, D. C. with all expenses paid, to attend the five-day Science Talent Institute and to compete for \$11,000 in Westinghouse science scholarships.

Each finalist will be interviewed by the board of judges, who will make the final selections. Top awards, one to a

Supreme Vice-President Thevos Pleads for Higher Quota

YORK, PA.—On February 29th, the members of *White Rose Chapter No. 322* held an open public installation for their 1948 officers. The Installing Officer was District Governor Peter J. Carres, assisted by Lt. Governor William Seras.

The large Dance Hall where the Ceremonies were held was decorated with flowers and palms, and the different insignias of the chapter as well as of the Order.

Mayor Felix Bentzel welcomed every one to York and congratulated the members of the chapter for displaying the American Flag and placing the Bible on the altar. He also commented on the fact that Greece had done so much for the world in the fields of science, literature, arts, etc.

Dr. E. A. Gladfelter, principal of William Penn Senior High School, also spoke on the subject of what the little nation of Hellas had done for the World in the past and what it will do in the future. He congratulated Greece for having refused to surrender to the Axis in the darkest hour the world had ever seen—October 28, 1940—and related briefly how little Greece battled and pushed the enemy back into the Albanian mountains, threw the Axis' time table off its course and enabled the rest of the World to re-organize and defeat the enemy in 1946.

Congressman Chester H. Gross stated that the United States was doing all she could to help the Hellenes by sending them food, medicine, clothing and other assistance.

Supr. V-Pres. Thevos Main Speaker

The main speaker of the evening was Supreme Vice-President John Thevos. He chose to speak about the low Greek Immigration Quota, and recommended an amendment to the Immigration laws to increase the number of Greeks allowed to enter each year. "Such a revision to the immigration Code," he declared, "is a positive goal of our American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association."

He stated that only 307 persons of Greek birth are permitted to enter the United States in any one year and that at that rate the quota for the Greeks is completely filled for the next 50 years. Other nationalities, he continued, are permitted to enter along with the Greeks, but their quotas range from 5,000 to 65,000 a year, and frequently some of these quotas are never filled.

He emphasized how the Order of Ahepa educates the Hellenes coming into

the United States and fits them into the pattern of American living. "Americanism and Hellenism are Synonymous," Supreme Vice-President Thevos declared.

Spero Custis served as Master of Ceremonies. Under Captain of the Guard John E. Mandras, the Guard of Honor gave an interesting performance.

A buffet dinner was served following the Installation Ceremonies, after which Greek and American Dancing was enjoyed by everyone.

Guests represented Ahepa Chapters from Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., Harrisburg, Baltimore, Gettysburg, Wilkes-Barre, New York, Lancaster, Frederick, Md., and Massachusetts.—*George Toggas.*

They Show Gratitude

ASTORIA, N. Y.—It was a great and inspiring meeting the initiation ceremony that took place last March in the large and beautiful hall of the local St. Dimitrios Church, the regular meeting place of *Queensboro Chapter No. 97*.

Twenty new members were initiated into our Order under the general chairmanship of Lt. Governor Kastrinos and his mates: past District Governors Loris, the Grand Old Man of New York Ahepa-dom, George Bourney and George Dimas.

But what made it particularly noteworthy, the meeting featured for the first time in the history of Metropolitan New York and perhaps of the entire Domain of Ahepa the official awarding of special scrolls of merit to all past presidents of *Queensboro*.

Congratulations are due to the Chapter officers and particularly to Dynamic President George Rodis, who is determined to put *Queensboro* on the map and is succeeding fast and furiously. It's men like George Rodis who keep the panoply of Ahepa shining.

There were many Ahepa dignitaries from other New York Chapters as well as Supreme Treasurer Georgiades. They addressed the large gathering with well chosen brief remarks. Sandwiches and drinks followed.

Heavy Cancer Toll

The American Cancer Society reports that during 1946, cancer of the breast and genital tract killed 11,287 males and 40,299 females while cancer of the digestive system claimed 45,063 males and 37,400 females. Cancer in other regions took a toll of 31,150 males and 15,801 females.

boy and one to a girl, will be four-year Westinghouse grand science scholarships of \$2,400 each. In addition there will be eight four-year scholarships of \$400 each, and the remaining \$3,000 will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

3,161 Applicants

The students were chosen from 3,161 applicants, in all 48 states, on the basis of their showing in a stiff science aptitude test, their teachers' estimates of personal abilities and interests, scholastic records and 1,000 word essays on their own scientific projects.

George Camamis, the slim, bright-eyed son of Mr. and Mrs. John Camamis, has for his project a process whereby he has been able to produce a thin film of gold from several gallons of sea water by following a 10-step method. He worked on that project all last summer, making trips weekly between his home and Asbury Park, and developed the process in a laboratory in an unoccupied store in the building where he lives.

Since he was 12 years old, George has been interested in chemistry. He has two great ambitions, one to become a research chemist so he can biochemically explore the origin of life, the other to analyze many of the world's natural salt bodies, such as the Great Salt Lake at Utah, for their gold content, in an effort to work out a practical system for extraction of rare metal from salt water.

Produced Fireworks

Born here August 3, 1930, he turned out other "inventions" in his laboratory. In addition to building a telescope, microscope and model airplanes, he has devised new methods for producing fireworks. The latter nearly proved his undoing four years ago. While working on phosphate bombs which explode when dropped, one went off and burned his hands. His parents insisted that he halt that phase of his activities, and he did so reluctantly.

He has also produced flares and smokers.

After his graduation from high school, where he is president of the Chemistry Club, and a member of the Political Club, Biology and Sportsmen's clubs, he intends to follow his studies at Rutgers University.

George has a brother, Constantine, 19, who is a sophomore at Rutgers on a state scholarship. Constantine is majoring in journalism. There is a sister, Olga, 6. Prior to entering New Brunswick High School, George was a student at the Bayard street grammar and Roosevelt Junior High Schools. He is secretary of the Sons of Pericles *Kanaris* and works three nights a week at the Crystal lunch room on Albany street.

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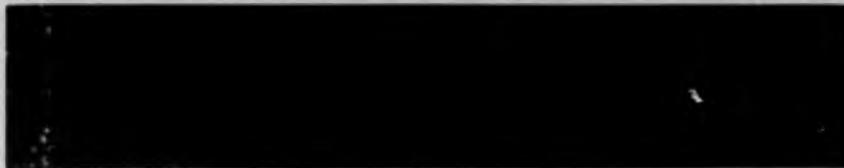
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Supreme Lodge and Supreme Advisory Board of Sons



From left to right, standing: Arthur Lagadinos, Supreme Vice-President, initiated in 1939 by *Daniel Webster* No. 33; Nicholas J. Melas, Supreme President, initiated same year by *Ypsilanti* No. 22; Michael N. Kouvas, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, initiated by *Hippocrates* No. 210. Seated: Peter Scarmoutsos, member of Board and past President of *Elmira* No. 111, Corning, N. Y.; Van A. Nomikos, Chairman and past Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa; and Charles Davis Kotsilibas, member and past Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Vice-President of the Order.

TO ALL AHEPANS AND SONS, GREETINGS:

On the occasion of the half-way point in this first year of the post-war reorganization of the Sons of Pericles, we report the progress made since the Los Angeles Convention and offer some recommendations.

As of August, 1947, the membership of the Sons had dwindled from a pre-war height of 10,000 to 700. The number of chapters had dropped to 47 from a total of 225. The Los Angeles Convention, recognizing the seriousness of the situation, adopted sweeping legislation aimed towards a complete reorganization of the Junior Order. A national governing body was reinstated and the present Supreme Lodge was appointed to office. In addition, a National Advisory Board was appointed to supervise the work.

The first meeting was held in Washington in September, 1947. At that meeting, it was decided that missionary

work among the chapters was necessary. Accordingly, a national reorganization program was put into effect and four Supreme Governors were appointed: Kanganis in the East, Hagestratou in the South, George Korellis in the Middle-West and Kosmos in the West. Supreme Advisor Van A. Nomikos of Chicago, elected by the Los Angeles Convention, appointed Theodore N. Tsangaris of Gary as Secretary of the Supreme Advisory Board, with members: Charles Davis Kotsilibas of Worcester, C. H. Pelias of New Orleans, Pete Scarmoutsos of Corning, New York, Theodore Zolotas of New York City and George Diamos of Tucson.

Membership, Chapters Increased

The active aid and cooperation of Ahepa's district and chapter officers were enlisted throughout the country. Slowly the ball began to roll. We are now able

to report that due to the hard work of these loyal Ahepans and Sons our membership has increased by 800 to a total of 1,500, while 18 chapters were reactivated. The spirit of the Sons is once again on the march.

Along with this growth in size, there has been an extension in the activities of the various chapters. As in the past, athletics are the most popular phase of the Sons' program. Many districts had basketball tournaments and many Sons' chapters are expected to enter the National Ahepa Basketball Tournament. This emphasis on athletics has not, however, been at the expense of other activities. The past few months have seen the Sons participating in a renewed social, civic and educational program.

This, however, is only a beginning. We have a long road to travel before we return to the previous high state enjoyed by our Order. A detailed program is being sent to the chapters for execution if our progress is to continue. This program includes plans for a membership drive, reactivation of chapters and a National Conference to be held in Detroit in conjunction with the 22nd Annual Convention of the Order of Ahepa. With the unstinting effort and devotion of every Ahepan and Son we know that we cannot fail.

The Sons Blend Americanism and Hellenism

For, we must remember that upon becoming a member of our Junior Order of the Sons of Pericles, your son, nephew, brother, cousin, and friend are all offered an opportunity to learn and practice Americanism and to learn the history of Hellenism and its contributions to the culture of Western Civilization. They learn to practice parliamentary procedure; to participate actively in sports; to aid their community; and mostly to respect not only their parents and their elders, but themselves. They are given the privilege of becoming a member of a national fraternity, which consists of young men from homes very similar to each other in respect to custom, tradition, language, culture, and a heritage so rich as to have no equal known to man.

No one has the right to deny these gifts of history to our boys. Therefore, where there is no active Sons of Pericles Chapter in existence, write to our National Headquarters and inquire as to full particulars.

One might well ask, "What do these opportunities mean to me particularly?" Each member has the privilege to participate on behalf of his respective chapter in all contests which may be scheduled as well as tournaments held both in districts and nationally and to compete for individual and team awards. These

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MAIDS and SONS! Report your activities briefly and on time. Your daddies want to know. Editor Doukas wants to know. Send in your reports NOW!

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To Share in Community Work

Another question is, "How do I go about aiding my community?" Active participation will permit your group to solicit for drives of the community, and to participate in all events of the community. The church oftentimes requires a new face, a redecorated room, or a task that offers our boys to know the value of the things they strive to accomplish.

Surely an outstanding example of the initiative of the Sons is the offer made about a year ago by the *New Brunswick* Sons to redecorate the basement of the church. Permission having been granted, a man size job was attempted and completed to the satisfaction of everyone. The Ahepa, on behalf of the community, saw fit to reward each boy with a sweater containing the emblem of the Sons.

This is merely one of many instances, in which, when the opportunity is offered and there is a leader to guide these young men, our communities are given the greatest amount of progress they have yet to see.

The net result is that upon the entrance of a young man into the Order of Ahepa from the ranks of the Sons of Pericles, he is more qualified than the average member of Ahepa to participate, better able to lead in the fraternity's affairs, and more amply equipped to aid in the progress that is witnessed in our every day life.

This permits us to thank the founders of Ahepa, who organized the Sons of Pericles. In checking the records of the Order, one would find that time has produced from the ranks of the Sons leaders in the chapters, districts and nation. Let us hope this shall continue.

JUNIOR ORDER OF SONS OF PERICLES

- NICHOLAS J. MELAS, *Supreme President*
 - ARTHUR LAGADINOS, *Supreme Vice-President*
 - MICHAEL KOUVATAS, *Supreme Secretary*
 - VAN A. NOMIKOS, *National Sons Advisor*
- Washington, March 30, 1948.

FOR EDITORIAL MATTERS PLEASE ADDRESS OUR EDITOR, DR. KIMON A. DOUKAS, 1175 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 28, N. Y. TELEPHONE: SA. 2-3186.

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MARCH-APRIL, 1948

SONS OF PERICLES
National Membership Drive

I. Length of Membership Drive.
April 1st, 1948 to June 30th, 1948.

II. Basis of Award.

- A.—Present membership of each chapter as of April 1, 1948.
- B.—Total increase in membership during the drive.
- C.—The size of the local Hellenic community.

NOTE: This will afford the chapters in cities where the potentialities for obtaining new

members is limited, to have an equal chance for all prizes.

III. Judges.

A committee of 5 Ahepans will be selected by the Supreme Lodge of the "Sons" at Detroit National Convention in August.

IV. Awards.

- 1st Prize—\$100.00 Savings Bond
- 2nd Prize—\$50.00 Savings Bond
- 3rd Prize—\$50.00 Savings Bond
- 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Prize—\$25.00 Savings Bonds.

Officers of Newly Organized Chapter Installed



President Angeline Girias (middle, front row) and officers of Alcides Chapter No. 160

SEATTLE, WASH. — In a very impressive ceremony conducted by an installing team of "Daughters" from Troy Chapter No. 32 of Portland, Oregon, the officers of newly organized Alcides Chapter No. 160 were officially inducted into office recently in the Junior Ballroom of the Olympic Hotel.

Past District Governor, Mrs. John Raptor, acted as the installing officer. She was ably assisted by Mrs. Tom Lillies, president of Troy Chapter, Mrs. Andrew Hrestu, first president of that chapter, as well as the Mesdames Panos Lampros, James Alex, Anthony Pelay, Jr., Pete Anthony, Chris Drugas, Iva Simeon, John Ellison, James Carkonen, and Steve Bellas.

Dignitaries present for the occasion included Ida Lucas, past District Governor of the California area, Kathryn Dariotis, District Secretary of the Maids, Thos. D. Lentgis, chairman of the organizing committee, and Steve

Anastos and Nick Carras, the other committee members.

Entertainment was furnished by Mary Paputchis on the violin and Rita Athans at the piano. Refreshments followed.

Front Row (left to right): Chairman of Board of Governors Amy Dariotes, Treas. Helen Laskaris, Pres. Girias, Vice Pres. Lola Siores, Secr. Olga A. Smith; second row: Governors Georgia Manoussos, Betty Langus, Lucille Stavrou, Theresa Zefkelis, Sent. Anastasia Rockas, Priestess Helen Petrides, Warden Lucille Papagilis, Sent. Helen Zefkelis and Capt. of Guard Nitsa Gumas. — A. M. Girias.

ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF YOUR CHAPTER REGULARLY

"Income taxes could be much worse. Suppose we had to pay on the basis of what we think we're worth!"—Anon.

Pinellas Site Favored for Ahepa Orphanage

TAMPA, FLA.—More than 300 persons attending the 25th anniversary celebration of the Order of Ahepa at the local Hellenic Center heard Supreme Governor Peter Derzis say that he was favorably impressed with property near Clearwater as a possible site for an Ahepa Orphanage or old people's home.

The observance was a combined celebration sponsored by *Lycurgus* Chapter No. 15 of Tampa, *Sunshine* Chapter No. 15 of St. Petersburg and *George Washington* Chapter No. 16 of Tarpon Springs.

Activities included a banquet and dance. John N. Harris of Tampa and James Seletos of St. Petersburg, were in charge of arrangements for the banquet.

Derzis is chairman of a special committee appointed at the last national convention to inspect 120 acres of property near Clearwater purchased by the Order in 1937 for an orphanage or old people's home for its members.

Derzis and his committee, Nick Jack, of Tampa, district governor of District two; John A. Sellas, president of *Lycurgus* Chapter; Gus Koumouchos, of *Sunshine* Chapter, and Michael Bouchlas, of the Tarpon Springs Chapter, will recommend a program for the development of the project to national headquarters.

He will take the report of his findings back to national headquarters for dis-

ussion before presentation before the national convention for official action.

Sellas said he hopes for an agreement on the part of the committee on some plan whereby the project will be started soon, even if on a small scale.

The banquet and dance was attended by Ahepans from surrounding cities.

Others on the program were State Senator Raymond Sheldon, St. Petersburg Mayor Blackburn, Tarpon Springs Mayor Howard, former Mayor Blanc of St. Petersburg, and John A. Sellas, president of *Lycurgus* Chapter. Mayor Hixon and Police Chief Eddings were invited but neither attended or sent representatives. Nick Jack, of Tampa, governor of District two, also had part on the program.

During the afternoon a new chapter was formed at Clearwater and it was named *Pinellas* Chapter No. 356; Dr. George Kariton was installed as president and Frank Photiadis, who recently moved to Clearwater, vice president.

Other officers installed included James Megas, secretary; Pete Katsouropoulos, treasurer; James Yeatropoulos, captain of the guard; Thomas Sarris, chaplain; Tom Andrews, warden. Named to the board of governors were S. Dervisch, Gus Marmaredis, A. Nicholas, James Andrews and Chris Sarris.

—Tampa Morning Tribune.

Alexis Kyrrou Speaks Before Capacity Crowd

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Last January 26th, two leading Metropolitan Chapters, *Hermes* No. 136 and *Upper Manhattan* No. 42 and Daughters *Evrilia* No. 36 held combined installations at one of the Carnegie Hall meeting rooms and tendered a reception in honor of Alexis Kyrrou, permanent member to the U.N. from Greece. The program for the evening was divided into two parts: the rituals and actual installation ceremonies, and the presentation of Mr. Kyrrou and other dignitaries.

His Excellency, Alexis Kyrrou, speaking in English, gave a recapitulation of the major happenings in Greece from 1939 to 1943. His purpose in doing so was to give those listening the opportunity "to understand fully the evolution which has led to the present situation in Greece." Stressing the point that Greece today is faced with a problem which is "of a clearly international character," Mr. Kyrrou went on to affirm, however, that "in spite of the provocative attitude

of the three governments (Albania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria) Greece would never proceed to any action contrary to her international obligations."

Reiterating again and again his country's faith in the U.N., Mr. Kyrrou made a point—and well taken—that "an eventual victory of the communist aggression would nevertheless mean the end of the United Nations as well. . . . No. The United Nations will not abandon Greece, because the ideals for which Greece is fighting now are the same ideals for which the United Nations stand and which they have to defend. The international peace and security promised by the United Nations are defended by Greece today. Should this defense yield, there will certainly be no security and no peace anywhere in the world—not even in this country."

The Hellenes in Greece "do not forget and will always be grateful to you for the support you extended . . . within the framework of your great organization

of the Order of Ahepa," Mr. Kyrrou said. In order that Greece's case may be helped today, the U.N. representative suggested that we "undertake the important work of enlightening our friends, so that no American, in the future, might be deceived in using the weapons of our common opponents." Asserting that the Greeks today are "fighting against an abhorrent totalitarian tyranny which is fomented and supported from abroad," Mr. Kyrrou advised that we should inform our fellow Americans "that there is no war mongering in Greece," that "Greece is imperiled as well as a democracy in southern Europe, and, more generally, international peace."—G. J.

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Metropolitan Sports Parade

BY TOM DEMOPOULOS
of Hermes Chapter No. 186

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The athletic program of the Metropolitan area which since its inception eighteen months ago has rapidly and methodically advanced progressively forward, reached its peak as it culminated with a huge double basketball game and dance affair this past March 7th.

At this affair, the powerful *Hermes* squad avenged an earlier defeat sustained at the hands of *Holy Trinity* of Bridgeport, as it defeated the boys from the nutmeg state, 47 to 41, in a fierce and closely contested game. The lead changed hands ten times and the score was deadlocked four times.

With only three minutes remaining and the score tied at 40 all, Lazos, the prolific scorer of the *Hermians* made good on a foul attempt and skipper George Demopoulos tapped in his own rebound to ice the game. This triumph was the fourteenth out of fifteen played for the Carnegie Hall occupants who since then have notched two more on the credit side. At this writing, news was received to the effect that the *Hermes* team was preparing to enter the National Ahepa Tournament. If this should come to pass it would set a precedent, insofar as it will mark the first time in the annals of Ahepdom that a representative team from New York partook in the Tourney.

Estia in the Footsteps of Hermes

In the first game of the twin bill, the much improved *Estia* five humbled their counterparts from *Long Island* to the tune of 52 to 36. After a slow first quarter in which *Estia* held the upper hand, the tempo of the game picked up with the victors enlarging their lead in every quarter. Harry Zarcadoolas and G. Edvokias were high guns for their victorious squad with 13 and 11 points respectively. Prokos of *Long Island* took scoring honors with 14 pts. in a losing cause.

Last year, the highly touted *Long Island* bowling team swamped all of its foes in easy and gracious style with M. Georgiades the ace kegger of the Ahepa league leading the way. This very potent group which participated in other leagues during the past bowling season, received a beautiful trophy at the 1947 District Convention in Jamaica, emblematic of supremacy in this recreational sport.

The *Hermes* basketball team which romped through nine consecutive games without a defeat in the 1946-1947 season defeated *Estia* twice and *Long Is-*

land in the process by very comfortable margins to win the local championship and the resultant trophies which, by the way, were also given at the Jamaica Convention.

Hermes Leads All the Way

In softball activities last year, *Long Island* and *Hermes* won the first and second rounds respectively, and played a best two out of three series to decide the championship. Once again the hard hitting and experienced *Hermians* came through with flying colors as they routed their brother rivals in two straight games, by scores of 23 to 3, and 18 to 1, to win their second consecutive championship and trophy awards.

Thus far, the *Hermians* with their star-studded basketball squad have won the first round of the two round robin affair and are prohibitive favorites to cop the second round.

The greatly accelerated sports program which has engulfed not only the metropolitan area, but our brethren upstate, leaves nary a breathing spell for its participants. Only the months of September and October find Athletics stalemated. From November to August our Chapters' athletic groups are either indulging in basketball, softball or bowling. Incidentally, ten of the thirteen local chapters are engaged in one or more of the athletic functions.

Bowling Our Present Worry

Currently, a furious struggle is in progress for supremacy in bowling. The dark-horse of the ten-pin game *Brooklyn*, which has led the league since mid-December, finds itself menaced as the power-packed *Long Island* "A" team is making threatening overtures to overtake the leaders. The present percentage standings of the nine team bowling league is: *Brooklyn*, 750; *Long Island* "A," 733; *Estia*, 625; *Long Island* "B," 606; *Theodore Roosevelt*, 434; *Bronx*, 345; *Queensboro*, 250; *Upper Manhattan*, 238 and *Coney Island* 123.

The bowling league terminates on April 21st; basketball, April 8th, and in the second week of May, the softball season will commence with 8 teams in the fold. Details and information relative to the winners of the Bowling, basketball and the Ahepa National Tournament will appear in a subsequent issue.

Our Twenty-Second National Convention Meets from August 15th to August 22nd, 1948, in Detroit, Michigan. Reserve the Dates.

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, small size, \$10, larger.

Again, because of limited space, the Supreme Lodge have directed that no pictures be published unless accompanied with a write-up about some distinct fraternal activity of local, district or national interest.

Tri-Installation and Benefit Dance

SOUTH BEND, IND.—The officers of *South Bend* Chapter No. 109, in conjunction with the Daughters of Penelope, and Sons of Pericles held their joint installation and Benefit Dance at the Oliver Hotel, with more than 350 attending.

Leo J. Lamberson was installed as President, with Steven Tsalkis, as Vice-President, Milton Batalis, Secretary, Tom Gross, Treasurer, Geo. Coulolias, Warden, Rev. Arcadiou, Chaplain, Bill Metros, Capt. of Guards, Gus Lampos, Sentinel. The retiring President, Wm. Lewis, will serve as Chairman of the Board of Governors with Atty. Nick Cholis, Atty. Geo. Stratigos, Gus Makris and Otto Leonekis, as Governors.

Installing Officers were District Governor James Brahos of Hammond, Lt. Gov. Sophocles Pancel of Anderson, Dist. Treas. Harry Argus of Whiting, and Past Dist. Gov. Perry Pakes, of Anderson.

Mrs. Victoria Petrou and her colleagues were installed as President and officers, respectively, of the local Chapter of the Daughters by District Governor Mrs. Peter Michaels of Muncie, and past Grand Governor Mrs. Leo J. Lamberson of South Bend. The Sons of Pericles installed John Petrou as their President, with Installing Officers Nathan Carras of Hammond, George Argus, Whiting, Jas. Skufakis, Hammond and Geo. Korellis, officers of the District.

Ahepans from Kalamazoo, Benton Harbor, Hammond, Anderson, Ft. Wayne, Muncie Chapters attended.



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Security Loan Campaign Our Government Again Calls on Ahepa Volunteers To Help Sell Savings Bonds

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

The Treasury Department, with the help of volunteers throughout the country, is organizing a nation-wide Security Loan campaign this spring to sell more Savings Bonds to more Americans in the interest of a stabilized economy. This campaign opens April 15 and will continue until June 30.

I am very much impressed with the excellent resolution recently adopted by the National Organizations Committee for Savings Bonds in support of a greatly expanded Savings Bond program and I invite the active participation of the Order of Ahepa. Your members can be a mighty force in helping Americans to build security for themselves and their families.

Leaders in industry, advertising, banking and finance, agriculture, labor, education, and key people from many other economic and social groups are responding to the Treasury's call for volunteer service. I assure you that all you do to advocate regular purchase of Savings Bonds on the Payroll Savings and Bond-A-Month plans by your members will be greatly appreciated.

You were strong partners in Savings Bond promotion in the days of War Finance. Now that the need for the widespread sale and holding of Savings Bonds is greater than ever before, I sincerely hope you will enlist the full resources of your organization to lift sales of Savings Bonds to levels unprecedented in peacetime.

My associates here in Washington will be glad to hear of your bond promotion activities. Our State Directors will be pleased to receive copies of your communications to local lodges, and to service requests for promotion material, so that every opportunity for close cooperation in reaching prospective bond purchasers can be fully utilized.

VERNON L. CLAVE,
National Director.

U. S. Savings Bonds Division,
Washington, March 22, 1948.

A Correction

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

In your November-December 1947 issue, Anthony J. Mentis has written an article entitled "What The Convention Meant To Me," which I enjoyed reading. I have,

however, one comment which I'd like to make—August 15th is known to all as the *Day of Assumption* and *Not St. Peter's Day*. The latter is celebrated on June 29th.
(Miss) MARY K. VERGES.

East Moline, Ill., January 23, 1948.

PLEASE NOTE

Opinions expressed in *The Ahepan* do not necessarily reflect the attitude or policy of the Order of Ahepa unless subscribed to by a duly authorized member of the Supreme Lodge.

Brotherhood Week

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

The single purpose of this letter is to tell you why my experiences in the war have excited my interest in *Brotherhood Week*, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

In its basic philosophy and its waging among nations, war is a renunciation and a denial of human brotherhood. But those who bear its heaviest brunt gain a deep and enduring appreciation of the ties that join them with their fellows. I have seen and marveled at the flawless human unity it has wrought among men whose common denominator was comradeship in the defense of freedom.

In the assembly area before a dawn assault, on the ready line of a forward airfield, there was no thought of a man's antecedents, creed or race. It was enough then that he was an American—that his heart was strong, his spirit willing—that he was big enough to place the cause above himself.

It is such a spirit of brotherhood that Americans must unite to combat the problems of the peace. Our own tranquillity and continued productiveness can be assured only through harmony and fellowship, and these attributes, faithfully sustained, may well prove our greatest contribution to a civilization paralyzed and wasted by dissension.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER,
General of the Army.

Washington, February 20, 1948.

"And the Greeks"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

After being out of print for some time and because of the backlog of many requests for it, we have just brought out a second edition of *"And The Greeks"*. This

handsomely edited book of Hellenic recipes and culinary lore by Allan Ross Macdougall is being sold at 54 East 64th Street at \$1.50 a copy prepaid. Its subject matter, format, typography, and low price all go to make it a delightful and most unusual gift book for all who are interested in good food or in the gastronomic customs of Greece. Clementine Paddleford, the well-known Food Editor of the *New York Herald-Tribune*, has said of *"And The Greeks"*: "It's easy to use and amusing to read."

We shall be very obliged if you will pass this information on to your readers making sure to let them know the address where they may obtain copies of this book. It should be stressed that all the author's royalties as well as all profits from the sale of the book will be used to aid in the work Near East Foundation is doing for the needy children of Greece.

LAIRD W. ARCHER,
Foreign Director.

New York, March 2, 1948.

Support Near East Colleges Their students are well versed in American Democracy

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

In the discussion about the necessity for an able administration in this country of the ERP funds, the equal importance of capable administration at the receiving end has received too little attention. When the present emergency has passed and the countries to benefit from the Marshall Plan and the Greek and Turkish loans have established more economic independence than they now have, their political and economic choices will have considerable influence upon the future strength of democracy and the United States. For all believers in democracy it is, therefore, a matter of concern that there should be in all nations to which the United States is lending vast amounts of money and goods citizens well informed about the theories and practices of democratic government and economy.

To this end, the numerous American schools and colleges abroad are the finest means. They deserve the interest and support of all Americans. In Greece, Turkey and the other Mediterranean countries American educational institutions are besieged with applications as never before. Enrollments have risen to the limit of effective teaching and reasonably comfortable housing.

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They are Swamped With Applications

At Athens College, which was first used and then wrecked by the Nazis, there are 800 boys instead of 400. Of the 367 on scholarships many are war orphans, dependent on the college for clothes and vacation care. At Robert College, in Istanbul, one of the Near East Governments asked last fall to be allowed to fill the whole freshman class, and men and women from all over Turkey and its neighbor countries beg for the privilege of sitting in on classes to learn English and hear American ideas. Anatolia College, in Salonika, where the guerrilla fighting is severe, is swamped with applications it lacks facilities to accept.

Thousands of alumni of the American schools abroad proved their value to us in World War II. Our State Department has spoken highly of the extent and quality of their help. Their graduates, who fill important posts in business, the professions and politics in their native countries, do not require further persuasion toward American ways; they know them and like them. They are victims neither of anti-democratic propaganda nor of the fantasy of a never-never land paved with gold and always good for a handout.

There is no better protection for American democracy and American money abroad than the support of these schools and colleges. Everyone can give it through hospitality to alumni studying here and participation in the work of such organizations as the Near East College Association, the American Field Service, the International Students Association, the United Nations Center. Such support goes beyond the immediate job of supplying food, clothes and shelter; it promises for a problematical future men and women who have been trained to think independently and who choose democracy on its merits.

RT. REV. NORMAN B. NASH,
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Boston, Mass., March 1, 1948.

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A New Maids Chapter

The newest Chapter of the Maids of Athens called *Venus No. 99*, was organized in Hollywood, California, on August 10, 1947, with ten charter members, under the sponsorship of *Hollywood Chapter No. 318*. The initiation was conducted by *Melita Chapter No. 119* of the Daughters of Penelope of Los Angeles.

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MARCH-APRIL, 1948

Supreme President Helis Honored at Banquet



Salt Lake City Ahepans and Their Guests

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.—Our Supreme President William Helis' timely visit created much excitement and enthusiasm, as it is a rare treat and opportunity to entertain a Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa.

The members of *Bonneville Chapter No. 313* honored the Supreme President with an outstanding Banquet in the beautiful Lafayette Ballroom of the Hotel Utah on February 16, 1948.

The Banquet was well attended by more than two hundred members and guests, including Peter Boudoures of San Francisco, and many others from Pocatello, Idaho; Tooele, Midvale, Ogden, Magna, and Bingham, Utah.

Delightful music was furnished by Eugene Jelesnick and his Continental Orchestra, who played Greek melodies during the evening. Vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. John Chipian and Mr. Nick Cozacos.

President Sam Soter introduced Nicholas L. Strike, past Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles, who as Toastmaster did an excellent job in making the Banquet a huge success.

The Committee in charge on arrangements was headed by Chris E. Athas, and ably assisted by President Sam Soter, Nick Galanis, Secretary Chris Luras, Gus Floor, and Lee Papiano.

Reading from left to right: Paul Borovilos, President of the Community, who welcomed the honored guest; E. T. Thayer, Utah representative of the American Overseas Aid, who made an appeal on behalf of the children of the United Nations; Mrs. Strike; Rev. Anthony Kalogeropoulos; President Soter; Toastmaster Strike; Supreme President

Helis; Mrs. Soter; Chris E. Athas; Peter Boudoures, who spoke on his recent trip to Greece; Mrs. Athas, and George Zeese, District Governor of GAPA, who extended greetings.—Chris E. Athas.

The Sons Report Activities

CAMDEN, N. J.—Last June found the return to active status of our district lodge. With its reorganization, came the reinstatement to active status of the following four chapters: *Corinthian*, No. 20 of Newark, N. J.; *Thermopylae*, No. 118 of Jersey City, N. J.; *Lincoln*, No. 132 of Perth Amboy, N. J. and *Philemon*, No. 176 of Atlantic City, N. J.

Basketball became the topic of the district and after much debate, a schedule was issued. It proved to be the beginning of troubles, for icy roads and other difficulties caused cancellations, re-scheduling, etc.

With most schedules begun, but incomplete, a special district meeting was held and final arrangements were made to complete schedules, whereupon final awards to the respective winners will be made and new glories for our district can be recorded.

Softball is now in the schedule. It is making progress and is seen as the next program which will carry us into the forthcoming district convention to be held here on June 5th, 6th and 7th. *John Dent*, District Secretary-Treasurer.

No Age Limit

Cancer kills at all ages! During 1944, this disease killed 1,153 Americans under the age of 15; 2,570 between 15 and 29; 14,400 between 30 and 34; 47,970 from 45 to 59, and 107,070 of 60 and over.



"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 invite 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, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."—Oath of the Athenian Youth.

OUR DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

It is not too soon to begin considering personal records and general problems before our Chapter delegates assemble to decide on District blueprints and to elect the six wise men who will administer them.

It is not too early to take stock of our affairs and to formulate policies and programs for submission to the District delegates for approval.

It is not too premature to look around and single out certain Chapter leaders whose names should be placed in nomination for the highest offices of each District.

Indeed, it is time that we do all these things now so that by June or July, when District Conventions roll around, our delegates will be ready and able to discharge their pleasant yet heavy duty of passing resolutions concerning District-wide matters and electing District officers.

Of course, each District has its own peculiar problems to solve and its own particular means or ways of solving them. Equally so, each District looks to certain precedents and long-established practices for awarding real and sincere leadership with District offices.

All these considerations, however, must be underlined by the single fact that individual Chapter activities are more effective, are more impressive, are more rewarding, only when coordinated by the District Lodge at the top—when all Chapters move forward in unison and along certain clearly defined District lines and directions.

And all this is amply reflected in the deliberations of the National Convention that follows our District Conventions. It is in that ultimate and all-powerful gathering of Ahepdom where Chapter leadership expressed through District leadership is clearly felt and appropriately registered in the results therefrom.

It will be our duty to think clearly and decide wisely in our National conclave at Detroit this coming August. It is our duty to be ready for that hard

work by thinking clearly and deciding wisely at our forthcoming District Conventions. And to do that, it is our duty to prepare ourselves now.

INVITE A GOOD FELLOW AMERICAN TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FRATERNITY. DO IT NOW. IT IS GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

WE HAVE EARNED OUR RIGHTS

The *Ahepa Mentor* of last February devoted considerable space to the politics of Seattle, Washington. Large ads, prominently displayed, urged one and all to vote for certain candidates at the primaries.

Thus, we learned that Mayor W. F. Devin and Seattle "march forward," while Pomeroy "is the man" and Bill Fringer "can bring business back to Seattle." In addition, the following councilmen were recommended for reelection: F. J. Laube—"loyal to public welfare;" A. R. Rochester—"outstanding work;" R. H. Harlin; Mike Mitchell and David Levine.

We would offer no comments for none is necessary. The above little item speaks for itself. Yet, we all recall the time when our people in this country were poor immigrants, selling peanuts and amounting to next to nothing. Now, we Americans of Greek extraction share in the actual running of the government and our support is eagerly sought by all sides.

We do not know whether this form of participation in politics offends or in any way transgresses our Ahepa law, even though it appears as paid advertising. But we do predict that the time will come—if it isn't here yet—when we will be running our own candidates with our force augmented by the support of like-minded groups. Because we stand for those attributes that make for clean and progressive government.

We congratulate our Seattle fellow Ahepans. And we may soon read in their *Mentor* that one of them is running as Senator or Congressman or Mayor or Governor. We are waiting.

OUR POOR FINANCES

Inquiries are reaching us as to why our finances are in such bad shape that the space of this national magazine has been curtailed and other restrictions have been promulgated by the Supreme Lodge.

The explanation is very simple. Each member pays fifty cents for the six issues of *THE AHEPAN* for each year. These fifty cents are inadequate to cover the cost of our publication. The Supreme Lodge have no power to increase this 50c per capita tax for our magazine. Only the national convention can decide it.

On the other hand, it must be remembered that the 25th Anniversary issue of July-August, 1947, was financially, if not otherwise, a distinct failure. We collected the sum of \$7,675 as special contributions from some chapters. Yet, the issue was mailed to each and every member of the Order, whether his chapter had made a contribution or not.

For printing and mailing of the issue we expended the sum of \$22,134.00. We also incurred for engraving, editorial and stenographic expenses the additional sum of \$2,589.52. In other words, the loss or deficit of that issue amounted to \$17,048.52, against which neither the Supreme Lodge of last year nor the Los Angeles Convention made any provision. The present Supreme Lodge have no authority to appropriate any money in payment of this outstanding liability. And there the matter rests until the forthcoming Detroit Convention decides to take it up and dispose of it.

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

If you wish to receive your magazine regularly, please notify our Headquarters whenever you change your address.

Kimon A. Doukas
Editor.

CHAPTER OFFICERS, NOTE!

(Continued from page 2)

F.—MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND FEES:

(a) Chapter Secretaries must check carefully all membership applications to see that they are completely filled out and signed.

(b) Chapter Secretaries must fill in the date of initiation on the last page of the application. This is important.

(c) Membership applications sent to Headquarters *must* be accompanied by the proper initiation fee and per capita

tax payments, otherwise registration is delayed.

(d) Applications and fees of newly initiated members *must* be sent to Headquarters soon after the initiation has taken place.

Transfer of Members

(a) A member must be in good standing with his original chapter before he can transfer to another chapter.

(b) Do not accept dues nor send per capita tax to Headquarters for a member who does not belong to your chapter or whose transfer to your chapter has not been completed.

G.—MAGAZINE—CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

If members of a chapter fail to receive their copy of THE AHEPAN, this may be due to any of several causes, the greater of which is the member's *failure to notify us of his change of address.*

(a) If a member changes his address *he* or the Chapter Secretary must notify Headquarters directly by *card or letter* to this effect. Do it this way, don't depend on any other way.

(b) If members of your chapter fail to receive the Magazine for no known reason, please send us their names and addresses so we can check our circulation files and determine the cause and thus effect the correction.

(c) *Delay* in sending in a change of address, and delay in sending to Headquarters applications and fees of newly initiated and reinstated members will cause members to miss one or more issues of THE AHEPAN.

H.—SUPPLIES:

1.—The following supplies are furnished your chapter upon request directly by Headquarters:

- a—Membership applications.
- b—Reinstatement and Transfer applications.
- c—Emblem Cuts for use on stationery and other chapter printed matter—Cost of Emblem Cut is \$2.00.
- d—Constitution and Rituals (25c per copy).
- e—Dues Booklets—containing membership cards and mailing cards.
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Books on Greece

It's Greek to Me. By *Willie Snow Ethridge.* (297 pp. New York: The Vanguard Press, 1948. \$3.)

An unblushingly unauthoritative book about Greece is probably the last thing that anybody expected at this point. But here it is, and from perhaps the only possible source: an irrepressible Southern matron who is anxious to cultivate an impression of her light-mindedness. The five months she spent last year in the Balkans with her husband, Mark Ethridge, distinguished newspaper publisher and American representative on the U.N. Balkans Commission, would almost certainly qualify her as an expert by present standards. With all her resolute artlessness, primer politics, rapturous travelogue and facetious accounts of her mishaps with strange languages and customs, "It's Greek to Me" is an informative if incomplete picture of life in a troubled region and infinitely more entertaining than many a more political tome.

Mrs. Ethridge arrived in Athens to join her husband (whom she rather irritatingly calls "the roommate") in holiday mood. She describes in great detail the magnificent Greek dishes which she enjoyed in the round of official parties. But she is sharply aware that the food is beyond the economic reach of the pinched and bleak-faced populace. The mother of four, she notes that the children fed by UNRRA seem fairly chubby and pink-cheeked. She had a heart-to-heart talk with the Queen about the latter's romance with King Paul and stayed to take notes about the royal couple's plans for humanitarian and economic reforms in Greece. She rather dryly remarks of Mrs. Tsaldaris' repeated protestations of her Foreign Minister husband's enormous popularity, and heard from a hairdresser who had once worked in New York an explanation of the appeal of communism for a Greek peasantry whose needs had been memorially ignored by a corrupt and over-stuffed Government.

For her tour of the Eagles' Nests, the hostels maintained by the Near East Foundation for the children of the 1,400 burned Greek villages and towns, Mrs. Ethridge had the perfect guide in Eleni Angelopoulos, a war-time Red Cross nurse. Passionately patriotic, Eleni despised the guerrillas, whom she called "convicts paid by the Communists" and

deplored her countrymen's predilection for nursing wartime griefs. Mrs. Ethridge gives a poignant account of the nightly pilgrimage made by the relatives of the massacred dead of Distomon to light candles on the graves. An old villager warned her that the Greek Army could not alone conquer the guerrillas, and a liberal young woman assured her that prominent Communists went unmolested in Athens.

If life in Athens seemed unreal, her existence in Bulgaria, where she received gifts provided by the Communist-controlled Fatherland Front and put her fingers in her ears to avoid hearing accounts of the tortured anti-Communists, was something else again. And the smile comes off her face entirely in Bulkes, the Yugoslav village where the Commission's attempt to investigate Greek Government charges that Greek guerrillas were being trained by Communists ended in a welter of confusion and the insistent chant of the people, "The British Must Go!" This is the most dramatic episode in the book and first-rate reporting—MARY MCGROUNY.

To know a little less and to understand a little more; that, it seems to me, is our greatest need.—*James Ramsey Ullman, The White Tower.*

Russia's Europe. By *Hal Lehrman.* (341 pp. New York: D. Appleton-Century Company, 1948. \$3.75.)

A liberal in a hurry is something of an anachronism nowadays, but a liberal in a hurry to rouse his readers and his country against Soviet Russia is almost unique. Mr. Lehrman is not only in a hurry; he is almost running in his urgent desire to issue his warnings. As he himself says, this is not the book he meant to write. Lehrman went to Europe early in 1945 on his first assignment to the Balkans, after a wartime spell of duty in Turkey. His book is a record of his growing cynicism and eventual complete disillusionment with Russia.

Greece, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania and Czechoslovakia are all reported in varying degrees of detail and not without passion, which is, I suggest, Lehrman's greatest defect in his book. From being originally impatient with the British in the Greek civil war, because of their hostility to EAM, which he admits had Communists for its core, Lehrman is now equally impatient because they do not take stronger measures against the Russians.

He describes enough first-hand experience of Russian power politics to make his book interesting to any student of affairs in Hungary, Rumania and

Bulgaria. Unfortunately, these tactics are often so devious and so well accompanied by the usual orchestra of propaganda both at home and abroad that they are difficult to uncover for the average reader; and in his zeal to be completely authoritative, Lehrman appears to have relied occasionally on second-hand sources which have led him into contradictory statements here and there.

On page 120, describing a visit to Tito's Macedonia, where he saw fugitives from northern Greece—fugitives who have since been armed by Tito and are now fighting against their mother country—he says, "All told essentially the same story: arrests, beatings, their homes put to the torch because they were Slavs. And all wanted the same thing: to go back to the place where they were born, to rejoin their kinfolk, but as free Macedonians, not as imitation 'Greeks.'" He placed the number at 8,000.

Yet on page 327 he says of Greek Macedonia, "This territory was better than 90 per cent Greek. Of the 80,000 Slavs who had elected to remain there after World War I population exchanges, only a handful wanted an autonomous Macedonia—or union with Yugoslavia."

The value of his book lies in his personal eye-witness account of the Russian intrigues of south-eastern Europe, of their successful attempts to squeeze out the remotest vestige of Anglo-American or truly democratic influence in these countries, of their cynical use of both the street-corner thug's blackjack.

Perhaps the greatest triumph of Soviet propaganda is the degree to which they have persuaded people to believe in the basic importance of ideologies in international affairs. International affairs are a complex of real facts and problems (on which Lehrman at first-hand is a real reporter) in which ideologies may be used as an instrument. What Lehrman deduces from his experiences is that the Russians captured the Balkans because we failed to give the Balkans real democracy. His deductions aside, however, what he reports, factually, is that the superiority of the Soviet system was much less important in the extension of the Soviet sphere than the sheer physical power exerted by the Soviet Union over the smaller and weaker frontier nations from which German domination had been suddenly removed.

It is evident, however, that to Lehrman facts are sacred, and it is to his great credit that where he found facts he reported them with an honesty and clarity that makes his book worth reading. In the clamor of conflicting books on this trouble-spot of Europe, Lehrman's is one of the few which tells what its author really saw, as well as what he himself believes.—*SYLNEY MORRELL.*

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THE FRONT COVER:

May 30th is a Memorial Day. It is appropriately celebrated throughout the United States by our people who remember and honor those who fell "at the ramparts we watch," and pray that their deeds and their sacrifices be not in vain. Many were those who fell in World War II. We present in honor and humility some Americans of Greek descent with their Commander-in-Chief, the late President Roosevelt. We salute them again and wish them AIONIAN THN MNHMHN TON.

THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD:

The Special Message of Supreme President Helis urges officers and members of this great Fraternity to join the current campaign on behalf of the children of the world and help as much as they can for its success. 230 million children are today the victims of a catastrophic war they did not cause. Now on the fringe of starvation and hate, they look to us Americans for a large share of help. Let us remember that hunger won't wait and let us join the *American Overseas Aid-U. N. Appeal for Children*.

GREECE CARRYING ON:

The most authoritative statement on the current strife in Greece was made at our last National Banquet by Loy W. Henderson, Director for Near Eastern and African Affairs of the Department of State. We are fortunate in being able to reproduce it in its entirety on page 5. It should be read carefully by everyone and Mr. Henderson's candid suggestions should be taken to heart.

AHEPA RULINGS:

We are glad to publicize on page 9 some of Supreme Counsellor Ritsos' rulings of this year. One that has caused intense feelings and is bound to cause further aggravation is the ruling concerning the age limit of the Maids. Age is always a ticklish subject. In this case it is dynamite. The matter should engage the attention of all Convention delegates to Detroit if we want—and we must—avoid a terrible cleavage in our ranks.

EVANGELISMOS HOSPITAL:

On page 10 we reproduce two significant pictures of the Ahepa Wing of Evangelismos Hospital in Athens. Last February, workers had just finished the outside scaffolding of the eight-story building. Today the work is almost finished and the 380 bed wing will soon be admitting patients.

DETROIT NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Our people in Detroit are working hard making terrific preparations for our 22nd Annual Conclave—the highest authority in our Order. On August 15th there will assemble in Detroit delegates from 350 Ahepa Chapters and from the three Auxiliaries, the Daughters, the Maids and the Sons, to deliberate on our problems, to legislate and to elect a new Supreme Lodge. It is promised to be one of the most important Ahepa gatherings in recent years. We hope to be able to publicize an advance program of activities in the next issue.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:

By all accounts, the Chicago "Tournament of Champions" of last April was a huge success. Seasoned and experienced teams came from all over the country to compete for highest honors. The Sons of Ypsilanti again won and carried away most of the trophies. We are reproducing the complete story on page 12.

OUR MAGAZINE FINANCES:

It is by now perfectly clear to every one that our magazine finances are in not very "flourishing" state and something has to be done to assure its continued publication. Either the per capital tax of 50c per member per year must be increased by at least one dollar, or a special subscription of one dollar must be added to each member's dues. Otherwise, the alternative is to discontinue publication. We trust that the forthcoming Convention will consider the problem squarely and finally.

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From The— EDITOR'S DESK

Our Athletic Department

The Athletic Department of the Order of Ahepa has been functioning since 1931. The first years of its existence it confined its activities to the Sons of Pericles. At the St. Paul, Minn. National Ahepa Convention in 1937 it was officially adopted mainly through the efforts of Van A. Nomikos, A. A. Pantelis and Lew Blatz. Since that time, it has sponsored district and national tournaments; league and soft ball tourney; national Olympiads, etc. It has carried on this work through 350 senior Ahepa chapters and 150 junior chapters of the Sons of Pericles.

The Order of Ahepa was long a sponsor and participant of the National Hellenic Invitational Tournament in Chicago, but launched its own basketball tourney through the Sons of Pericles in 1940 with a tournament at the Midwest Athletic Club, March 30 and 31, with fifteen teams entered. Winner of that tourney was Pittsburgh who triumphed over Ann Arbor, Mich., and Denver defeated Moline for third place. The consolation round was won by Gary, Ind.

In the second annual rotating event held in Pittsburgh in 1941 the host team, Pittsburgh, repeated by beating out Gary for the national title. Philadelphia beat out Ypsilanti of Chicago for third place. In the consolation round, Lowell, Mass., rose to the top.

Originally scheduled for Detroit, the 1942 tournament was held in Gary, Ind. after the former city was unable to handle the event because of the outbreak of war. At this tourney, which drew eighteen teams, Gary won the national crown by defeating Ypsilanti of Chicago and Steubenville, Ohio took third place by beating Hammond, Ind. The consolation round was won by Moline, Ill.

The 1943 to 1946 events were cancelled because of the war. During that interim, members of the fraternity were fighting another battle in every theater of war.

After the layoff of the tournament for four years, it was resumed at its birthplace in 1947 in Chicago. Held at the University of Chicago Fieldhouse, the event drew a record number of twenty-five teams to make it the finest Hellenic athletic event ever held.

Ypsilanti, who began to climb in the previous tournaments, took first place by defeating Oak Park, Ill. In the battle for third place, Hellenic Center of Chicago beat out Anderson, Ind. The consolation round was captured by Waukegan, Ill.

The tournament had its fifth renewal last April in Chicago, with Ypsilanti retaining their national championship title. Second honors went to Gary and third place to Sioux Falls. For further particulars, please turn to page 12.

BUY SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

Banquet Broadcast

Our Seventh National Banquet held in Washington last March was indeed an outstanding success. It made "news" in the press and over the radio waves.

Savas Sapounakis, owner of the *Grecian Program* over WGAY of Washington and Baltimore, gave a summary description on Sunday afternoon of April 4th—how President Truman came in amidst a thunderous applause and Committee Chairman Chelithes introduced Banquet Toastmaster Allfange; how President Truman was awarded a gold life membership card by his Kansas City Chapter; how speakers extolled the virtues of Ahepa membership and American citizenship of Greek extraction; and how Supreme President Helis concluded this epoch-making event with a short and meaningful speech.

We are appreciative of Savas Sapounakis and his *Grecian Program*.

Leadership Is the Thing!

The following are excerpts from an editorial by George Calimeris, Editor of *The Ahepa Traveler*, published by the Golden Gate District No. 21, issue of January-February, 1948. No comments.

"It is erring for any organization, irrespective how large or how strong it may be, to think that it is free from the danger of deteriorating or collapsing in less time than was required to build it! And the future belongs to that organization which entrusts its leadership to the right men, and which is in constant alert and check as to what its leaders may be doing, for history and experience has taught us repeatedly that an organization is as strong as its leaders who can either direct it to greater progress or plunge it to catastrophe. This has been made evident when we observe the rise and fall of nations which occurred suddenly, many times upon the mere change of leadership.

"This must be very cautiously observed by the leaders and followers of our Order in the immediate years to follow since AHEPA is undergoing a most striking evolution which almost reverses its entire scope—namely from that of the Americanization of Greek immigrants, which purpose we can proudly say that AHEPA has most successfully fulfilled, to that of the maintenance of a Hellenic cultural and religious conscience among the American-born Hellenes. In other words from Americanization to Hellenization. Hellenization not by any means in the sense of nationalism or ethnical and racial discrimination, but the maintenance of a heritage of ideals and culture which is a contributing factor to the richness of American culture.

"It is the destiny of such a changing Order that newly installed officers are entrusted and towards which good AHEPANS must follow."

Our Auxiliaries

The Daughters of Penelope are now beginning to take their rightful place besides their men. After following the same program, this tends to add an understanding between man and wife which hitherto had not existed. Today's way of living is so different from the bygone days when a man married a woman with the basic qualifications of how well she was able to bear children and how good she was in tilling the soil etc. Today, we lead a life of understanding, a life where two people live in one world and not in two worlds. The Daughters of Penelope throws together man and wife in the same field because they speak and think of the same program, they attend meetings of the same nature, participate in the same social and fraternal gatherings, and engage in the same field of sports which tend to give a better understanding between them for a better living. Some have argued that the Daughters of Penelope are going to be a liability to the Community where Philoptothos Societies exist. It has been proven that it is not so, but that they are an asset because it is doing the educational and social work which the Philoptothos Societies were not doing because it was not part of their work, and in many cases they have undertaken Philanthropic work.

As for the Junior Auxiliaries, the Maids of Athens and the Sons of Pericles, they are an integral part of the community and with the assistance of their senior chapter, they are being fitted in an atmosphere of true, clean living with high ideals for better citizens of our community.—Y. K. Mircoutsicos, *The Ahepa Voice*.

Our Twenty-Second National Convention Meets from August 15th to August 22nd, 1948, in Detroit, Michigan. Reserve the Dates.

The "Buckeye Bulletin"

The "Buckeye Bulletin" has graduated into a beautiful printing job of monthly news to cover the activities of the *Buckeye* District No. 11. Extending over the States of Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, it is, according to its caption, "read by 10,000 persons." For that reason perhaps, it carries a large number of ads (always a weak point with us).

The "responsible editor" of the *Bulletin* remains John Kras of 820 Engineers Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio. Our best wishes for a long and successful Ahepa life.

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

"El Camino Real"

We hear that the *El Camino Real* District No. 20 have launched recently the publication of a district periodical. We wish them success and if they have an extra copy, we shall be happy to read it.

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Greece Again Fighting For DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

By **LOY W. HENDERSON**

Director for Near Eastern and African Affairs, Department of State

What follows points up the tragedy of Greece! Exhausted after many years of war and cruel oppression, she is still fighting for her freedom, her institutions and her democratic way of life. The address was delivered at our Seventh National Banquet, held in Washington last March and attended by scores of Senators, Congressmen and other high officials of the Government headed by President Truman—a fellow—Ahepan!

I am deeply appreciative of this opportunity to address a few words to the members of the Order of Ahepa and their distinguished guests. We who are assembled in this room tonight are



Loy W. Henderson

loyal friends of democracy, bound together by common interests and ties including: love for Greece; admiration of Greek culture, talent and courage; a desire to promote friendly relations between the United States and Greece; and determination to do all that is possible and proper to aid Greece to maintain her independence and again to develop into a self-supporting and prosperous state, free to play a role in the world worthy of her great heritage.

Such common ties and interests cannot but create among us an atmosphere of intimacy which encourages the free interchange of thought. In such an atmosphere, I feel free to speak to you frankly and informally. It has been almost 3,000 years since there began to glow in Greece the sparks of a new culture, based in democracy, tolerance, and respect for the dignity and rights of men. These sparks gradually developed into a flame of such brightness that it penetrated all the recesses of the then known world. During the vicissitudes of the intervening centuries, the light emanating from Greece has at times flickered; for long periods it has been dimmed. Nevertheless, it has never been completely smothered and since Greek liberation about a century and a quarter ago, it has been again gaining in brightness. Even during the centuries when Greece was deprived of her political independence, the Greek people, by their stubborn adherence to the principles of democracy and by their sustained struggle for freedom, continued to set up an inspiring example for liberty-loving people everywhere. It would be a tragedy if in our generation that flame which has survived through the millenniums should be finally extinguished.

Greece in Grave Danger

We would be lacking in frankness if we should try to conceal the fact that Greece is in grave danger. The forces of totalitarianism which are endeavoring to quench the flame of liberalism and democracy in Greece are just as ruthless as any of the waves of invaders that have inundated that country in the past and are much more skilled in the techniques of the crushing of the human spirit and of the extirpation of the ideas of freedom, tolerance and kindness upon which our civiliza-

tion is based. These forces are attacking Greece both from within and without at a time when she is weak and exhausted in consequence of long years of war and of cruel occupation. Their aim is to deprive Greece of her independence and to replace Greek institutions and ways of life with a totalitarianism system similar to that in which they are in the process of enmeshing other peoples who also are liberty-loving and who also in the past have been proud of their own free institutions. In endeavoring to achieve these aims, these forces are using not only the weapons of naked violence, but also those of menace, terror and falsehood. By overt acts of violence, as well as by sabotage, they are endeavoring to create in Greece economic chaos and to promote misery because these forces feed on human suffering.

At the same time, they try to stifle all opposition by the spreading of propaganda to the effect that inevitably Greece will fall under their power and that when they once obtain control, a terrible fate will be meted out to anyone who has had the courage to resist them. As examples of what may be expected when they take over power, they are engaging at present in murder and banditry, and in the seizure of hostages and the kidnapping of women and children.

Greece Winning Gallant Struggle

There is little doubt that Greece in its weakened condition would have been over-run by these forces during the last year if the Greek people had permitted themselves to be intimidated by violence and terror, if the United States, Great Britain, and other democratic countries had not gone to her aid, and if the existence of the United Nations had not discouraged the use of the tactics of open aggression. In order for Greece to survive during the undoubtedly difficult period which lies ahead, the people of Greece must remain confident that they have our support in the gallant struggle in which they are engaging and the forces of totalitarianism must continue to understand the perils which an aggressor in an aroused world is sure to encounter.

The extinction by the forces of totalitarianism of the light in Greece would mean much more than the disappearance of free Greek institutions, the eradication of Greek democracy, and the loss of Greek freedom.

As President Truman stated in his message to Congress of March 12, 1947:

"The disappearance of Greece as an independent state would have a profound effect upon those countries in Europe whose peoples are struggling against great difficulties to maintain their freedoms and their independence while they repair the damages of war.

"It would be an unspeakable tragedy if these countries, which have struggled so long against overwhelming odds, should lose that victory for which they sacrificed so much. Collapse of free institutions and loss of independence would be disastrous not only for them but for the world. Discouragement and possibly



failure would quickly be the lot of neighboring peoples striving to maintain their freedom and independence.

"Should we fail to aid Greece and Turkey in this fateful hour, the effect will be far-reaching to the West as well as to the East."

That historic message brought encouragement not only to Greece, but also to other nations struggling to maintain their political independence in the face of foreign pressures. Our decision taken last year to aid Greece prepared the way for the present European Recovery Program, on which Greece and 15 other nations, together with the United States, base their hopes for a lasting peace and a better world.

Greece and America Walk Hand in Hand

It is altogether fitting that the United States should come to the aid of Greece in her time of need. Our own democracy is a descendant some 30 generations removed of the democracy of Pericles. In modern times, the history and fortunes of Greece and of the United States have been closely linked by their common devotion to free institutions. Even while the United States was a young nation absorbed in the development of a new continent, it did not hesitate to extend a helping hand to Greece. Just as President Truman in his message to Congress of last year encouraged the Greek people in their struggle to maintain their liberties, President Monroe in 1822, in a message to Congress, encouraged the Greek people in their struggle to regain their liberties. In that message, President Monroe stated:

"The name of Greece fills the mind and the heart with the highest and noblest sentiments. The disappearance of this country for a long time under an aggressive yoke has profoundly grieved us; it is therefore natural for the reappearance of this people in its original character, fighting for its independence, to rouse enthusiasm and sympathy everywhere in the United States."

American encouragement to Greece in 1822 also was not limited to words. American citizens collected food, clothing, and medicines for the Greek soldiers. Many American citizens, including Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe, General Jarvis and Colonel Miller, went to Greece to aid the embattled Greek people.

On its part, Greece has contributed much to the development of the United States. Since the earliest days of American independence, the sons and daughters of Greece have been making distinguished contributions to our nation. Among our outstanding American military figures are to be found many citizens of Greek origin such as Andrea Dimitry in the War of 1812, Admiral George Mouzalas Kalvokoressis in the Civil War, and his son, Admiral George Partridge Kalvokoressis in the

Spanish American War, and Private George Dilboy, one of the most notable heroes in the First World War. Hundreds of thousands of other Greeks have brought to America the gift of their humble toil which has helped to build our cities and fructify our land; the gift of their business acumen and energy which has stimulated our commerce and added to our prosperity; the gift of their logic and political instinct which has served the nation in the conduct of its public affairs; the gift of their culture illustrated in the writings of Aristides Phoutrides; the gift of their humanitarianism exemplified by their liberal donations to charitable and public institutions and enterprises. Furthermore, in two World Wars, Americans of Greek origin or descent, by the tens of thousands, have served gallantly in the armed forces of the United States, allied in battle with Greece's and America's common foe.

Americans of Hellenic Descent Grateful to Greece

Although American citizens of Hellenic descent are distinguished for their loyalty to the United States, they are also known for their filial attachment to and philanthropic interest in the country of their ancestors.

Greece is dotted with hospitals, schools, charitable institutions and other monuments demonstrating the attachment of Americans of Hellenic descent to the country of their origin, while the economy of Greece before the last war was considerably strengthened by remittances to their relatives left behind in Greece. Since the liberation of Greece in October 1944, an estimated 20 million dollars have been given to Greece by private American Organizations. Much of this amount has been contributed by Americans of Hellenic descent. In addition, many more millions—the exact amount cannot be estimated—have been sent as remittances or gifts by individual Americans to their relatives in Greece.

The Order of Ahepa and its members have been among the leaders in this philanthropic activity. What you have done and are doing is well known. It is hoped that the Ahepa, as well as other organizations and individual persons, will continue to help Greek institutions and the Greek people. The need for private assistance to the Greek people is no less pressing because of the establishment of the governmental and military American aid program. That program was necessarily drafted with a view to placing upon the shoulders of the American taxpayer a burden no greater than necessary since the American Government had so many other calls for foreign assistance which could not be ignored. The calculation of the amount of American governmental aid needed was accordingly based on the assumption that private contributions to Greek economy would be maintained at least at existing levels. If private contributions to Greece should diminish, American aid to that country would fall short

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of meeting its minimum goal. Furthermore, private remittances and gifts are often more effective in raising the morale of the people of Greece than is the more impersonal aid extended through the Government, since volunteer contributions impress upon the recipient the personal sympathy of the giver.

Sympathy and Unity of Effort Needed

It is not, however, only through donations and gifts that private American organizations and persons, particularly those of Hellenic descent, can aid Greece at this time. The Greek people are in need of expression of sympathy and understanding. It is easy for us almost 5,000 miles away to be critical of actions taken by the Greek Government and the Greek people. We probably would not be so critical if we understood the day-to-day problems which the Government and the people of Greece are facing. Even American citizens of Hellenic descent should realize that, unless they have personally shared the sufferings of the Greek people during the past eight years, they should be slow to lift their voices in criticism. They should bear in mind that the problems of Greece are quite different from what they were in the days when Greek public opinion was concerned chiefly over purely internal issues such as the form of government. Today the all-important issue is whether Greece is to maintain its freedom.

Recognition of this issue is in part responsible for a movement within Greece for closer cooperation among all elements opposed to totalitarianism of any kind. Unless these elements can work amicably together, there will be great difficulty in combatting the activities of the highly disciplined totalitarian minority enjoying the support of international communism.

It is to be hoped that the movement towards greater cooperation among loyal, democratic groups in Greece will be reflected by correspondingly closer cooperation among friends of Greece in this country, including Americans of Hellenic descent whose interest in the country of their forebears today as in the past, goes hand in hand with their good Americanism. Greek freedom can be preserved and world peace can be saved. But unity of effort, here as well as in Greece, is an indispensable condition for the achievement of these noble aims.

MAKING A LIVING ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE



The donkey has solved his transport problem.

May-June, 1948

FROM OUR SEVENTH NATIONAL BANQUET



Supreme Court Justice Burton and Archbishop Athenagoras.

"I am convinced the American people are determined that the world's children shall have at least a chance to survive and I know of no better way of transforming that determination into action than by supporting American Overseas Aid-United Nations Appeal for Children."—Harry S. Truman, President of the United States.

80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6018

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 1948

Mr. BRADLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

Increasing the immigration quotas for Greece.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 *That, notwithstanding the provision of section 11 of the*
- 4 *Act of May 26, 1924 (43 Stat. 159; U. S. C. 8; 211), as*
- 5 *amended, or of any other Act, the annual immigration quotas*
- 6 *for Greece for each of the fiscal year 1949, 1950, and 1951,*
- 7 *shall be increased an additional five thousand.*

Introduced by Representative *Willis W. Bradley*, 18th District, California. He and Mrs. Bradley attended our Banquet.

TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF AHEPA,
GREETINGS:

I am writing to you on a most urgent matter. As Ahepans we have a direct responsibility to aid in the fund raising campaign of the AMERICAN OVERSEAS AID AND UNITED NATIONS APPEAL FOR CHILDREN.

President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall have urged the people of the United States to give their full support to the *American Overseas Aid and United Nations Appeal for Children*.

May I state at this point that the Order of Ahepa and the Greek War Relief Association are working together to carry out a much needed health program in Greece. Our Ahepa Hospital projects in Greece are progressing with maximum speed and completion of same is not too far off. But now we are looking ahead to the more serious problem of the support and maintenance of the twelve Ahepa Health Centers first to be erected. Ahepa has no legal responsibility in this connection. However, the Greek War Relief Association has agreed to maintain and administer, at its own expense, all Ahepa Health centers as a part of its public health program.

Greek War Relief to Share

The quota of the American Overseas Aid Drive is sixty million dollars. If this quota is reached, Greek War Relief will be allocated \$3,600,000.00.

Our responsibility as Ahepans and American Citizens of Greek descent is clear. Let us marshal our organized efforts and harness them to the local Campaign Committees which have been formed in all major cities. Let us make this sixty million dollar quota possible and thus give valuable help to the suffering children of Greece and the world making for a stronger Greece and a healthier world of tomorrow.

Please get in touch with the Committee in your city and offer your services as a chapter and as individuals. Do not fail to include the members of our Auxiliaries in this work. If no campaign has been started, begin to organize one. Contact the Churches of other denominations, get in touch with the other local nationality agencies and start the campaign.

The Greek War Relief Association is ready to help you in every way if you need additional information or suggestions.

Let us make this a crusade for the children of the world and let us not fail in this holy mission which is the only hope for the future of mankind.

WILLIAM HELIS, *Supreme President*.

Washington, May 11, 1948.

The Ives Bill: Orphans

In this connection, we reproduce the following extract from the Supreme President's *Special Message* which appeared in the last issue of March-April:

1. *Support the enactment of the Ives Bill, S830.* This bill was introduced by Senator Irving M. Ives of New York and allows orphan children to enter the United States, irrespective of quota, if they have an aunt or uncle residing here who will adopt them. An orphan is defined as a minor child, one or both of whose parents are dead. In our opinion, passage of this bill would allow several thousands of Greek orphans to enter the United States each year, who would otherwise be barred by the present quota restrictions.

The Ives Bill is pending before the Senate Committee on Immigration and has not yet been acted upon by either the House or the Senate. I am, therefore, asking the Chapters to write or wire their Senator and request prompt Senate Action on this bill. Also, to contact the Congressmen of your

respective districts asking them to support this bill and urge the House of Representatives to enact this measure as speedily as possible.

Supreme President Helis has requested both Chapters and members to contact their Senators and Representatives and solicit their support for the enactment of this bill. We trust that such Congressional contact has been in sufficient volume.

How did this come about?



230 million children today are the innocent, piteous victims of a war they did not cause. They starve as a result of the scorched earth sacrifices that slowed the enemy, but rendered useless and unproductive vast agricultural areas of Europe and Asia. Their own food was destroyed to deny the enemy. And now children suffer for those sacrifices!

If it made sense for those countries to search their earth, does it not now make sense for us to help them? Must we not now help assure their children a chance to survive and grow to normal adulthood?

Remember, *your* children will share the world of tomorrow together with the 230 million children now on the fringes of starvation.

If we let this starvation continue; if we allow hunger to warp the young minds, what will the future bring? Can we reasonably expect to keep the peace? If we permit mass starvation to go unchecked—(what a fertile field for hate to grow in!)—what might it cost our own children in anguish—in tears—in blood?

Are your children to fight?

But we won't do that. We're Americans. Join the millions now making gifts to the AOA-UNAC to save the children; to point the way for them to a healthier, happier, friendlier world.

Why pick on us?

America is not the only country in the world sending help to the hungry. Thirty other nations are united in this effort. Sharing and caring is a sign of greatness. The gifts we make now will enrich us far beyond their cost.

It's truly American to be charitable. We have always been that way. Our government encourages us to do this by allowing 15% of our personal income as a charitable deduction. It allows corporations 5%.



Don't wait. Make your gift now. Call your local AOAUNAC office. If there is none in your town mail your gift to national headquarters.

Remember, hunger won't wait!
**American Overseas Aid—
United Nations Appeal for Children
National Headquarters
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Ahepa Health Center At Chryssoupolis Completed



The first Center to be completed by the Greek War Relief Association in one of the devastated areas in northeastern Greece, it will provide medical and hospital services for over 75,000 people. Opened for public use March 14th.

Ahepa Rulings

By ZACK T. RITSOS, Supreme Counsellor

Before proceeding with current rulings of my office, I would like to state that the long pending contract between the Greek War Relief and the Order of Ahepa has been signed and concluded.

Some of the important elements of the contract are (1) The completion of a wing of Evangelismos Hospital in the city of Athens, (2) The erection of a hospital in the city of Salonika, to contain 100 beds and to be expandable to 200 beds, and the Ahepa Nurses Training School, (3) Ten health centers throughout various parts of Greece, (4) The contract further provides for the repair and rehabilitation of the hospital at Filiates and for the construction of a health center to be known as Canadian-Ahepa Health Center. All funds for the cost of these projects are to be placed in a joint account and no withdrawals will be made without proper presentation of vouchers and signatures from the Ahepa officials and Greek War Relief officials.

I may add that there are many other important provisions in said contract, which will be reported to the Detroit convention. Incidentally, work has commenced on the Evangelismos wing and on some of the Health Centers and it is contemplated that most of these projects will be ready for occupancy by June 30, 1948. All of the projects will bear the name of Ahepa in perpetuity.

"Civilization marches forward upon feet of healthy children. We cannot have recovery of civilization in nations with a legacy of stunted bodies or distorted and embittered minds. The jeopardy to mankind by famine gives us an opportunity to change the energies of the world from killing to saving life. To succeed is far more than a necessity to economic reconstruction of the world. It is the path to order and peace."—Former President Herbert Hoover.

Covering recent rulings, I am herewith submitting some, which I do not consider confidential.

1. A member who holds an elective office in the Order of Ahepa is not prohibited from holding an elective office in the church or any other organization.

2. A member of the Junior Order of the Maids of Athens must graduate to the Senior Order of the Daughters of Penelope when she attains her 23rd birthday. If a Maid marries she must graduate to the Daughters irrespective of age.

3. When an applicant for admission to the Order of Ahepa is rejected, he cannot renew his application until the expiration of six months from the time of his rejection.

4. No candidate can become a member of the Ahepa unless he is a citizen of the United States or has filed a formal declaration to become a citizen with the U. S. office of immigration and naturalization.

5. No Chapter officer, District Lodge or Supreme Lodge officer has the power to suspend or expel a member, without a trial, and in cases involving charges of members within the same Chapter, the procedure as outlined in Article XXI must be followed.

6. It is *not* necessary for a woman to be the wife, sister, daughter, mother, niece, cousin or widow of a member of the Order of Ahepa, in order to become a member of the Daughters of Penelope—so long as she is a "Christian white female of good character," which is the only qualification now required.

7. The Order of Ahepa or any District Lodge or Chapter shall not form or enter into any alliance, partnership or articles of confederation with any 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.

8. Under the Death Benefit Fund, headquarters cannot make checks payable to Undertakers but only to the beneficiary or to the Estate of a deceased brother.

9. The office of National Athletic Director is *not* an elective office within the meaning and spirit of our Constitution—consequently the person holding the office of National Athletic Director may also hold an office either in the Chapter, District or Supreme Lodge.

10. 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.

"Voluntary aid supplements the general relief assistance which only governments can provide. It affords things and services, including spiritual comfort, needed by the weakest of the war victims, the children, their mothers and invalid fathers. The Department of State joins with the President in urging every citizen to work for the success of American Overseas Aid-United Nations Appeal for Children."—George C. Marshall, Secretary of State.

In addition to the foregoing rulings, I want to report that my office is making an extensive investigation concerning the real estate which the Order own in Clearwater, Florida. This property has been in the hands of the Fraternity for a good many years and thus far no action has been taken to ascertain the use of same. We are at this time making a survey and examination of title with the view in mind of presenting to the Detroit convention a plan for establishment of an Orphanage. This is very valuable property and extremely suitable for an Orphanage, and due consideration should be given this matter.

Construction Work on the 380 Bed Wing of Evangelismos Hospital, Athens, Greece



February, 1948



May, 1948

GREEK WAR RELIEF, 1940-1948

Down the endless corridors of Time since the earliest days of civilization, Greece has written some of the most glorious chapters in history, but none more brilliant than the epic of its courageous defiance of Axis military might in World War II.

Against Mussolini's minions in October, 1940, the Greeks electrified the world by their refusal to kneel to the mighty Duce. Unequipped, and with courage and love of freedom as her only assets, Greece proved more than a match for the Fascist forces which were driven back into Albania. The following year when Hitler's hordes took over the task, there was a repetition of the same Stoic defense, but against the full fury of the Nazi war machine the Greeks were hopelessly out-matched. In a heroic, but futile stand, duplicating that of the Spartans at Thermopylae, the Greek forces were compelled to capitulate. Thereafter for more than three direful years Greece was completely occupied. The record of those awful years—jampacked with horrors, starvation, disease and death—marked a new low in Nazi barbarity and brutality, and a new high in Greek sacrifice and suffering.

Organized immediately after the Fascist attack, Greek War Relief Association began a program of relief which is still continuing to ease the tragic plight of many of the millions of war victims—mostly children.

Throughout the months while Greek resistance completely upset the Nazi timetable and gave the Allies more time for preparation, Greek War Relief Association speeded emergency relief to the stricken population. Even when Greece was wholly occupied and sealed off from contact with the world, Greek War Relief Association succeeded in devising a plan to provide a modicum of relief through operation of a mercy fleet of

neutral ships which made more than 100 trips carrying almost 700,000 tons of food, clothing, medicines and other desperately-needed supplies.

Altogether, Greek War Relief Association has given aid to a total of more than 3,000,000 persons, of whom approximately 1,800,000 were children. To them there was distributed approximately \$4,000,000 worth of wood, \$7,000,000 in clothing, and \$1,500,000 worth of medicines. Medical care was given to some 800,000 persons through operation of 20 to 30 mobile clinics and at 100-150 community clinics in areas throughout the entire country. Nursing care was extended to more than 40,000, and child care was provided for approximately 1,750,000 youngsters. Supplementary feeding was given to some 1,500,000 school children, and camp vacations were arranged for 5,900 undernourished children, while Greek War Relief Association supported programs for 5,500 orphans.

In addition to this direct aid, Greek War Relief Association provided building materials, school supplies, books, athletic equipment, and artificial limbs for disabled veterans. It also aided in training of doctors and nurses; gave assistance to orphanages, health centers and hospitals; cooperated in malaria and tuberculosis control; and made delivery of 125,000 food and clothing packages and 11,827 animals.

In its continuing program of aid to an estimated 3,000,000 Greeks still in need of emergency assistance, Greek War Relief Association plans to ship in 1948, 50 tons of food per month, 30 tons of clothing per month and \$10,000 worth of medicines per month, and will continue its artificial limb and child care projects, as well as providing delivery of food packages for individuals.

From the Navy to the State



Nicholas S. Lakas

WASHINGTON, D. C.—We are proud to present Nicholas S. Lakas of Washington Chapter No. 31, recently appointed American Vice Consul in Glasgow, Scotland. Born in New York, Nick came to Washington in 1939 on a federal appointment to Interstate Commerce Commission. In August, 1942, he enlisted in the Navy as apprentice seaman, at the same time attending evening sessions at George Washington University in Personnel Administration.

In April, 1943, he was sent to the University of Pennsylvania for a four-month course in Industrial Relations. While there, he directed the Naval V-12 male chorus of some 75 voices. In October he was sent to the Norfolk Navy Yard for additional training, and then to the Naval Reserve Midshipman School at Northwestern University, where he was commissioned an Ensign (Deck) in March, 1944. While with the Amphibious Forces in the Mediterranean area, he participated in the Anzio, Elba, and Southern France invasions.

In May, 1945, he was assigned to the Amphibious Forces of the Central and Southern Pacific areas and made Executive Officer of the USS LCI 451, with the rank of Lt. (jg). While with that vessel, two military government missions were completed in the Southern and Western Caroline Islands. During both expeditions, it was necessary for him to lead the ship through uncharted reef passes which led into the relatively unknown atolls of that group.

After separation from service in May, 1946, Nicholas engaged in private business, completed his work at the University and was married to Eleanor Nicholas of New Milford, Conn. He sailed from New York for his new assignment last February. The best wishes of his fellow Ahepans accompany him in his life work—serving American interests abroad.—*Speros A. Versis.*

Ahepa—The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association—was founded in Atlanta more than 25 years ago to blend Hellenism with Americanism.

Our Forthcoming National Convention in Detroit

DETROIT, MICH.—The 22nd Annual National Convention of the Order of Ahepa will be held in Detroit, Michigan, during the week of August 15 through 22. The host chapter is Alpha Chapter No. 40, while the hostesses will be Myrina Chapter No. 123 of the Daughters of Penelope.

A gala program has been planned for the delegates, members, and visitors. Alpha, Myrina, Mu Omicron Alpha (Maids of Athens), and Phidias (Sons of Pericles) chapters of the Order of Ahepa have joined forces in preparing the convention activities.

Among the many interesting, new and traditional features of the convention will be the Welcome Dance; the National Olympiad; the Victory Dance; the pre-

They Celebrate Anniversary

SCRANTON, PA.—Close to 300 men and women of Greek birth and lineage attended the 25th anniversary dinner of Keystone Chapter No. 34 at the Elks Club last April.

Included among the guests were the Rev. Athen Devezakis, and representatives of the Binghamton, Reading Pittston, Wilkes-Barre, Allentown and Philadelphia chapters.

Officers were installed: John Chakires, president; Peter Gabriel, vice-president; Milton Davis, secretary; Steve Carambilos, treasurer; the Board of Governors and all appointed officers.

William Serras, Plymouth, lieutenant-governor of the Fourth District, was in charge of the ceremonial.

Postmaster Joseph F. Conrad and the Rev. Devezakis were the speakers. Peter Kaldes was chairman and James Veras was toastmaster.

Mr. Conrad stressed the contributions of the Greeks to the development of this country, their heritage of freedom, and lauded their opposition to Communism.

The clergyman expressed his pride for the American patriotism of those of Greek descent and their adherence to the principles of their own race.

Mr. Kaldes in citing the prominent part taken by Greeks in American life mentioned Gus Barbushis, who saved Langelath, Pa., from being a ghost town.

Mr. Barbushis, the speaker said, went to the community rescue when the American Zinc Chemical Co. decided to abandon the Langelath plant, the town's principal industry and center of employment. He expended \$200,000 in the town and expects to have the plant reoccupied in the near future.—*The Scranton Tribune.*

sensation of a classical Greek drama at the Cranbrook Amphitheatre; a tour of Cranbrook Academy; tours of Greenfield Village and the Ford Factory; the Grecian Panagyr; the Grand Banquet; Moonlight Boat Cruise on Lake St. Clair; the coffee Hour; Breakfasts, Teas, Luncheon, Cocktail Parties; the Grand Ball; the Farewell Dance and other entertaining, recreational, and educational events.

All inquiries should be addressed to Ahepa National Convention Headquarters, Hotel Book-Cadillac Detroit, Michigan.

Hotel reservations should be made early to be assured of a room at the Hotel Book-Cadillac; Daughters and Maids at the Hotel Statler; Sons at the Tuller Hotel. The Fort Shelby and Detroit—Leland Hotels will be used for the overflow. Place room reservations through the Housing Committee at the Convention Headquarters.

The Detroit committee expects more than 18,000 people to attend the convention, from all sections of the United States and Canada.

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, small size, \$10, larger.

Again, because of limited space, the Supreme Lodge have directed that no pictures be published unless accompanied with a write-up about some distinct fraternal activity of local, district or national interest.

Installation - Refreshments

DES MOINES, IOWA.—The Daughters of Penelope, Zeus Chapter No. 32 held a public installation of its officers last January.

The installing officer was past District Governor Aspasia Neofotist, and the installing Marshall past President Ethel Aygerinos.

Those installed were headed by President Eva Pappas.

A program of both Greek and American music was presented, after which refreshments were served by the outgoing President, Edith Economos and the newly installed President, Eva Pappas as hostesses.

Several guests from Mason City, Boone and Perry attended.—*Gladys Kanelos.*

Ahepa "Tournament of Champions" Again Won By Ypsilanti

CHICAGO, ILL. — *Ypsilanti* Chapter No. 22 of the Sons of Pericles of Chicago retained their national championship title in the Fifth Annual Ahepa National Basketball Tournament held April 16, 17 and 18 in Chicago at Crane Tech gym—known as the "Tournament of Champions."

It was the third title that the fast breaking *Ypsilanti* team had annexed in as many weeks. Repeating their 1947 performance, they won the National Hellenic Invitational Basketball crown, and two weeks later the 13th District of Ahepa title. Last week made it two in a row for the national Ahepa title.

Ypsilanti, who entered as one of the tourney favorites, lived up to that expectation by defeating Gary, Indiana in the finals by a score of 37 to 25. Here again, as in games previous, the team with its coordinated playing demonstrated that it has the punch to go ahead and win.

The losers of the semi-finals games fought it out for the third place berth in the tournament. A sparkling Triumph Chapter Sioux Falls, South Dakota, team edged out by one point a fighting Hammond, Indiana quintet by a score of 51 to 50. This game brought together two evenly matched quints, and to many, it was one of the best games played in the tournament.

In the consolation round, in which the teams who lost their first game in the regular round participated, Milwaukee, Wis. emerged victorious by defeating Canton, Ohio in the final by a score of 46 to 32.

Formidable Opposition

To make their appearance in the final championship game, *Ypsilanti* bowled over formidable opposition. In their first game they knocked over *Harvey*, Ill. with a score of 47 to 21, and later the highly overrated *Beehive* Chapter quintet from Salt Lake City, 65-23. In the semi-final round, the *South Side* team beat out *Sioux Falls*, 56-42. On the other hand, *Gary* in order to enter the final had to defeat Milwaukee in a close game, 45-43; the much publicized New York City team, *Hermes* Chapter, by another close margin, 39-35 and *Hammond* by 33-29 before losing to *Ypsilanti*.

Sponsored by the National Department of Athletics of which Nicholas Conteas of Waukegan, Ill. is national director and Van A. Nomikos of Chicago, founder of the department and now honorary director, the tournament

The Champion of Champions!



The *Ypsilanti* team, collectively and individually, loaded down with trophies.

drew a total of twenty-one teams, the most representative ever to enter any Hellenic tournament, with teams coming from Rocky Mountain area East and to the Atlantic seaboard.

Thousands of persons witnessed the gigantic sports festival at Crane Tech. It was only right, for Chicago is the hotbed of sports, and consistently the Ahepa cage tournaments draw out the Chicago populace.

After three days of rigorous play in which the participating teams fought hard to place in the tournament, the event was climaxed by a huge Victory Dance at the grand ballroom of the La Salle Hotel. The dance was jammed with 1500 people who witnessed the trophy presentation to the championship teams and players.

After being introduced by James Maurides, the dance master, Conteas proceeded with the presentation of the greatest array of trophies ever presented in any tournament.

A Number of Trophies Awarded

Two new and outstanding trophies were among those usually given. One is the *William Helis Perpetual Trophy* on which the championship team's name will be inscribed for permanent record, and which trophy would remain at our headquarters. The other, which was not

on hand because it is being designed by John Vassos the noted designer, is the *Thanos Skouras Memorial Trophy* given by the Skouras Brothers which is kept permanently after a team has won it three times.

Zack T. Ritsos, *Supreme Counsellor*, made the presentation of the *Helis* trophy to Louis Bellos, coach of the *Ypsilanti* quintet. *Helis* was to make the actual presentation and was at the tournament games on Sunday afternoon, but he was unexpectedly called east.

In the absence of the donors of the Skouras trophy, the presentation of a certificate acknowledging *Ypsilanti's* win and possession of the trophy, was made by Van A. Nomikos.

The *Permanent Department of Athletics Championship Trophy* was given to Bellos by Conteas. And the *Second Place Trophy*, donated by Charles Davis Kotsilibas of Worcester, Mass., past supreme vice-president, was presented by Arthur Lagodinos, of the *Worcester* team, and supreme vice-president of the Sons of Pericles, to Christ Zahiralis, coach of the *Gary* team. Spero Sam NAKOS, past district governor of No. 1, of Birmingham, Ala. donor of the *Third Place Award* was on hand to present it personally to Dean G. Rallis of *Sioux Falls*. The *Fourth Place* presentation was made to James Skufakis, coach of

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the Hammond team by Peter Angelos, president of the Hellenic Progressive League donor of the award.

The Van A. Nomikos Sportsmanship Trophy was presented by Michael Hatos of the Grecian Melodies Hour to S. A. Lambros, coach of the Huntington, W. Virginia team who were without half of their team which was stranded in their home area by the floods there. Theodore Alevizos, coach of the Milwaukee quintet received the Johny Raptis Orchestra Consolation Trophy from the band leader. And the Zack T. Ritsos Long Distance Trophy was given to George Furgis of the Salt Lake City team by Mrs. Ritsos. For the second consecutive year, Peter N. Mantzoros, national commander of the American Hellenic Veterans Association awarded a wrist watch to the outstanding player: Dean G. Rallis of Sioux Falls.

Individual Awards Appreciated

To the estimation of the players, the most prized awards were those given to the All-Star tournament team by Peter Stefanos of Joy Candy Co. They went to: Tom Katsimpalis of Gary; Nick Morfias, Hammond; Peter Coorlas, North Shore No. 94 of Chicago; Peter Kostantacos, Rockford; Mike Chinakas, Marko Giannopoulos and Nick Kladis of Ypsilanti; A. Demopoulos of Hermes, New York; Dean "Taki" C. Rallis of Sioux Falls; George Furgis, Salt Lake and George A. Lambros, Huntington.

Arthur H. Peponis again donated the first place individual awards which were presented to the Ypsilanti team members by his son, Harold Peponis. Members of the runner-up team, Gary, also were recipients of individual awards given by William Karzas, managing director of the Aragon and Trianon Ballrooms of Chicago.

In addition to the teams that played in the tournament, the following participated: East Chicago, Ind.; Hellenic Center of Chicago 46, Worcester, Mass.; Flint, Mich.; Harvey, Ill.; Hellenic Center of Chicago; Waukegan Ill.; North Shore of Chicago; Rockford, Ill.; Woodlawn of Chicago and two teams from Detroit Ahepa and Sons of Pericles.

An innovation to Hellenic tournaments and first introduced at the Ahepa event was a direct Radio broadcast of the proceedings from the floor of the gymnasium. The half-hour program was carried over the Grecian Melodies program, station WSBC on Saturday night, April 17th.

The Ahepa tournament is a rotating event. The site of the 1948 tourney is not known as yet, but New York City, through Tom Demopoulos of Hermes Chapter has made a bid for the event next year.

And as a climax to the tournament and to the dance, Helen Geldes, secre-

tary of Hellas Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope who aided in tournament committee work, was hostess to a gay party after the dance at the Bismark Hotel at which members of the commit-

tee and the basketball teams had been invited. It was a lovely affair, that topped off a fine tournament—a tournament that was truly the "Tournament of Champions."—*The Greek Press.*

Hesperia Team Captures Pacific Coast Basketball Title



Hesperia's basketball team with their coach and managers

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — The Hesperia Chapter No. 152 Quintet ended a successful undefeated and untied basketball season by annexing the Ahepa Second Annual Pacific Coast Hellenic Invitational Basketball Crown by defeating the much-heralded five representing Oakland Community in the championship game, 47 to 36.

Going into the game as the underdogs, the localites took immediate possession of the situation to stay in front all the way with some beautiful floor work executed by Jim Economidis (f) and Pete Doomanis (c), not to mention the accurate eye of Bill Messler (g), who hit the hoop for 19 points. His performance during this all-important game was excellent for he didn't miss a basket and hit seven times with long shots.

The opening game of the tourney pitted Oakland Community, with Gus Chavalas of Stanford University at guard, against Phoenix, Arizona. Community thwarted undermanned Phoenix to win by the high count of 70 to 17.

The Los Angeles Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, featuring probably the youngest Hellenic cage player in the nation, little Gus Tassop, 15 (f), made their title bid against the Greek Ameri-

can Veterans of Sacramento and lost, 45 to 33. Hesperia played the last game of the first round and went on to conquer Oakland Chapter, 50 to 39. Jim Economidis paced the way with 21 points.

The last round of play saw the two Oakland rivals compete with Community winning, 42 to 32. Hesperia edged out Sacramento, 47 to 44. Phoenix took the Consolation title by whipping the L.A. Sons, 32 to 27. High scoring honors went to Chris Georgis of Sacramento with 39 points; Pete Doomanis with 38; Bill Messler, 30 and Economidis with 25.

Oakland Community won the title last year in their own home town. Next year's event will move, in all probability, to Sacramento.

"The most outstanding game," writes Hesperia's coach Chris Denis, "including football, can be traced to foreign origin of which the Hellenic race has played the unchallenged leading role. Even basketball indirectly owes its origin to the ancient Greeks, for the first game was played with a soccer ball. Games in which a kicked-ball was used are recorded in Biblical literature as having taken place in ancient Rome and Greece; even then the Greeks had a word for it . . . *karpiston*.

"The game of basketball was invented by Dr. James Naismith in 1892, while a student at Springfield College (Mass.). The first game was played in a large hall with peach baskets ten feet high for goals . . . hence the name basketball. A ladder, to retrieve the ball after tossed into a basket, was part of the equipment. The popularity of this game has leaped more than in any other sport. It was played for the first time in the 1936 Olympiad in which twenty nations were represented."

Shown in the picture are (from left to right) kneeling: Bill Messler g, Ernie Serfas g, Manuel Serfas f, Jim Economidis, f, and Pete Doomanis c. Standing: Chris Denis, coach, N. G. Rekas, Tom Pholos, George Peterson g, George Pappas g, and John Nicholas, manager and Director of Athletics for the Chapter. Photo taken by A. Zamouzakis. Treasurer of the Chapter.—N. G. Rekas.

A U. N. Official Thanks

JAMAICA, L. I.—On March 25th Long Island Chapter No. 86 auspiciously celebrated Greek Independence day by having Dr. V. G. Valaoras, United Nations aide and professor of Hygiene at Athens University, give a most inspiring lecture on the history of Greece. There was a good membership turnout to cause Dr. Valaoras to write the following enthusiastic letter to Chapter President John Bezantakos:

"It is indeed an honour and a great pleasure for me and my wife to join after your kind invitation your reunion on March 25th, 1948 at the celebration of the Independence day for Greece.

"What we found there was so nice and great for the Hellenism of the United States and what I did was so little, that my admiration for the Order of Ahepa and its remarkable Chapter No. 86 grew sky-high. Mrs. Valaoras and I were very much impressed from this meeting, which was so heartfully conducted under your able leadership, and the acquaintance of so many distinguished members of your organization.

"As people who just came from the long suffering but nevertheless glorious Greece, we wish to extend our congratulations to you and our best wishes for the future of your great organization. We feel really proud of you all.—Dr. Vas. G. Valaoras."

New Chapter Organized

Pinellas Chapter No. 356 was organized in Clearwater, Florida, on December 14, 1947, with fifteen charter members. The initiation of the fifteen charter members was conducted by Supreme Governor Peter N. Derzis. District Governor Nick Jack of District No. 2 was instrumental in the organization of the new Chapter.

Adela Starr

Last April—on the 4th—a little girl was born to Supreme Governor and Mrs. James J. Starr of Hartford, Conn. Adela—that's her name—is growing to be quite a lady. Best wishes to her and congratulations to the happy parents.

Installation and Dinner

WATERTOWN, N. Y.—The officers of Watertown Chapter No. 136, were formally installed at a public installation ceremony followed by a dinner in the main dining room of the Hotel Woodruff. They are: J. Andrews, president; William G. Seferlis, vice-president; George G. Calender, secretary, and Dr. Chris G. Ronson, treasurer.

The ceremony was performed by District Governor Miller, Secretary Marketos, and Gus Nicholas, advisor of the auxiliaries.

About 85 members and guests attended the dinner which followed the installation. President Andrews presided.

Guests included Mayor and Mrs. Henry A. Hudson, City Manager and Mrs. C. Leland Wood, Fire Chief and Mrs. Joseph T. Dibble, former District Attorney and Mrs. Carl J. Hines, former City Judge and Mrs. Michael R. Renzi, and L. Murray Boyer, manager of the Hotel Woodruff, with Mrs. Boyer. Chief of Police and Mrs. Edward J. Curtin were unable to attend.

Visitors from out-of-town included Aristides Fourtounis, president of the Utica chapter; Spiros Livadas, Jack Knapp, secretary of the Elmira chapter; Mrs. Stella Saris, Binghamton, district governor of the Daughters and Rev. Lambros Vakalakis, pastor of St Sophia's Hellenic Orthodox church of Syracuse.

District Governor Saris discussed plans for the proposed formation of a Watertown chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, explaining the purposes of the organization. She announced that she will return for the purpose of attending the completion of the local organization, election and installation of officers. During the meeting, all Greek-American women in attendance at the dinner signed applications for membership in the proposed organization.—Daily Times.



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A Nose for News



Russ Andrews at work.

BALTIMORE, MD.—We are happy to present Russ Andrews (Constantine Constantinides) of Worthington Chapter No. 30. He is staff announcer on Maryland's Pioneer Broadcast Station, WFBR, born in Baltimore. "But, unlike the umbrella," Russ says, "I was also raised in Baltimore!" (One of Baltimore's claims to fame is that the umbrella was "born in Baltimore and raised all over the world!")

Russ who has been broadcasting to WFBR listeners since 1943, got his start in radio six years ago at WFGC, Atlantic City. While there he did staff announcing from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. which, Russ says, gave him plenty of opportunity to bask in the sun and enjoy the ocean.

At that time Russ was taking a course at Rutgers, and seven months later moved to Trenton, N. J., because he was a Reserve in the Army's Signal Corps. While attending Communication School there, Russ announced on the staff of Trenton's WTTM. After working there for a year, he then entered the Army where he later sustained a back injury, and was discharged after 4½ months' service.

Back in Baltimore, Russ joined the WFBR announcing staff in 1943. He worked all around the clock for a year, and then was assigned to the morning shift and took over all morning news programs on this ABC basic network affiliate. With his deep resonant voice well-adapted to radio, Russ broadcasts 5 newscasts a day on WFBR, from 7 A.M. to 1 P.M. His sponsors range from cough medicine to furniture dealers. His day starts at 6:30 A.M. when he prepares and edits the news for his 7-7:10 A.M. broadcast. His other newscasts are at 7:30 A.M., 8:55 A.M., 12:30 P.M. and 1:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday. In addition, he handles general announcing duties until 2:00 P.M. each week-day.

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married 3 years. They have an eleven-month-old daughter, Valerie Niki, who keeps Russ busy playing father every night. The Andrews say Valerie is "everything we had hoped for."

Russ is an expert badminton player; likes to play bridge; reads quite a bit; and listens to semi-classical music.

He likes to be around people, and both he and his wife enjoy parties and dancing. Every week they have a family get-together with parents and relatives.

—Radio Mirror.

They Celebrate Greek Day

EDMONTON, ALBERTA.—Greek national dances and songs featured the celebration in Edmonton of Greek Independence day March 23, when members of the Greek community attended a social sponsored by the Order of Ahepa, *Aurora Borealis* Chapter No. 10. Proceeds from the social went to the Greek Refugee Fund.

The event has been celebrated by Greeks the world over since 1821, when Greece overthrew the Turkish rule that had lasted for 400 years. James Lingas said, in explaining the history of Independence day.

The *Hasapiko*, a dance which originated on Independence day, was performed, and several recitations were given by the children. James Anton was master of ceremonies. He is President of the Chapter.

Members of the Greek Canadian Ladies Society served buffet supper.—*Edmonton Journal*.

Promotion Deserved

RALEIGH, N. C.—All Ahepans will be glad to learn that one of our local boys, Nick Dombalis, who operates the Mecca Luncheonet, was recently elected vice-president of the North Carolina Restaurant Association.

He has been actively interested in this fine organization since it was formed a few years ago and has contributed much to its growth and usefulness.

A past president of our *Sir Walter Raleigh* No. 10 Chapter, past District officer of District No. 3, and one of our finest citizens, Nick takes part in all other good causes. He is also a Mason, a Shriner and can always be counted on to contribute his time, ability and his money for worthy causes.—*H. C. M.*

Congratulations!

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Congratulations are due to James Markus, Treasurer and past President of *Oakland* Chapter No. 171, upon his election as President of the Retail Grocery and Merchants Association of Alameda County for 1948.

One of the Most Progressive Chapters in Empire State



Officers and members of Schenectady Chapter No. 125

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—It is with pride that we present some of the officers and members of Schenectady Chapter No. 125. With a growing membership of 110, the Chapter boasts some of the best individuals in Hellenic traits. Harry Koundes, for instance, brought in all by himself in 1946 twenty-four new members. Constantine Siders is the best Secretary any Chapter can wish for. The late George Holley was a champion of Greek war relief. Past President Gust Lambrose gave everything he had for the welfare and progress of his chapter. Bill Dancus is a Rumanian with a Greek

heart. James Malegdes complains that he never receives our magazine. (*Ed's note: Why doesn't he write a penny card to the Headquarters?*) Nick Patriarcheas is a master of the violin pointing to Carnegie Hall.

(From left to right) first row: Steve Jordan, Harry Koundes, Pete Kontompasis, Gust Lambrose, John Pappas, Const. Siders, Paul Stathes, George Georgelakis; second row: Jim Vasilou, George Manikas, George Holley, Spiro Condos, Rev. Kamelakis, Ernest Papadoyianis, Andy Chalachanes, Chris Angelus; third row: Peter Contompasis, Jim Economakos, Jim Coupounas, Peter Stathes, William Dancus, Lewis Geanopoulos, Jim Melegdes, Theodore Goutos, Nick Patriarcheas and Evangelos Stathis.—*C. T. Siders*.

INVITE A GOOD FELLOW AMERICAN TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FRATERNITY. DO IT NOW. IT IS GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Neither Snow, Nor Storm!

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Despite a severe snow storm last January that engulfed the entire City of Providence and Plantations, a goodly number of hardy and loyal members of *Sophocles* Chapter 106 munched and tugged over the snow drifts and arrived at Ahepa Headquarters in time for the installation of Gregory Joannidi as President. This evidence of loyalty to an incoming president presages good for this up and coming Chapter in the biggest City in the smallest State in the Union.

Installed by William E. Cummings of the Police Department besides President Joannidi were the following: Vice-President George Mihos; Secretary for the tenth year Athanasio Joannidi, and Treasurer for the 15th year John Georgeadis.—*William E. Cummings*.

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S. GREGORY TAYLOR

Hotel Executive, Philanthropist, World Citizen

S. Gregory Taylor, president and managing director of the St. Moritz Hotel of New York City, died on February 22, 1948, of a heart attack in a Palm Beach (Fla.) hospital. He had been living at the Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, for two months, having gone South for a rest. He was 59 years old.

After learning his business with the Manger chain of hotels, Mr. Taylor, and a group of associates, built the Dixie Hotel and the Montclair, now the Belmont Plaza, both well-known hotels in New York City. He was vice president of the Hotel Buckingham, of which his brother, Charles G. Taylor, is president.

Mr. Taylor was a director of the Hotel Association of New York City, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Greek War Relief Association, past President of the Board of Trustees of the Hellenic Eastern Orthodox Cathedral, Inc., Founder and President of the New York City Federation of Greek Churches and Chairman of the Board of the Greek Mariners Club.

The St. Moritz Hotel was established by Mr. Taylor in 1930 and went into a receivership in 1931. It remained under his supervision, however, and returned to his control in 1932, with the end of the receivership. The hotel is distinguished for its Continental atmosphere, including its sidewalk tables in spring and summer.

A Success from Early Life

His story is the story of a young lad who decided to emigrate to this country to find fame and fortune—and did, by hard and honest work. This is what THE AHEPA of July, 1930—almost 18 years ago—recorded for S. Gregory Taylor under the title "Who's Who in the Ahepa"—it reads like a fairy story:

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A man who was in early life trained for the bishophood of the Greek Orthodox Church is now one of the outstanding figures in the hotel life not only of his adopted city, New York, but of his adopted country, the United States. This man is Brother S. Gregory Taylor, the guiding genius who had made possible the erection of the Dixie Hotel, one of the most up-to-date hotels after previous notable successes in New York, and whose plans for the future give one an idea of the indefatigable energy, ingenuity, and ambition which have made possible his rapid rise to his present



The late S. Gregory Taylor in 1930

position of power among Manhattan's hotel leaders.

Born on the Island of Marmara, Turkey, in 1888, the son of the industrial prince of that territory, S. Gregory Taylor faced life as may the gilded scion of any of America's most wealthy families.

Many conflicting circumstances entered into the business career of Mr. Taylor. Suffice it to say that he enjoyed a splendid education in his youth, passing through grammar, high school, and finally the American College in Constantinople, known as "Roberts College."

Strikes for America and Success

Thus Mr. Taylor faced life well equipped for the problems he chose to solve.

When he was a boy in school his father died. This was a severe blow, as both his children, S. Gregory and Charles, were too young to assume charge of his multitudinous affairs.

His family affairs, however, continued more or less unchanged for several years until his mother remarried. By this time, Gregory was approaching 18 years of age, and with the spirit which has since typified his activities, decided to strike out for himself.

Gregory's trip across serves as the keynote of his success.

Arriving in America, Gregory had several amazing experiences, naturally, at Ellis Island. Although he had learned

to speak English in Constantinople, he found to his surprise that English and American did not mean the same thing. He could not understand the inspector, nor the inspector him. He soon learned the difference between "pidgin English" as taught abroad, and "English" as understood in America. Now he talks like a native New Yorker.

Once in New York, he was immediately struck by the air of activity, of tenseness, the hurry and the bustle which marks our metropolitan life. Fortunately, he had secured the address of a former employee of his father's, who had years before migrated to America. He looked this man up who introduced him to Edward H. Nies, Chief Steward at the St. Regis Hotel.

The St. Regis proved a stern and valuable teacher, and a year and a half later when Gregory, now approaching 20, left, he had more than an inkling of just what hotel life "behind the front" amounted to. He had tried his hand at every position open to one of his years. He had learned the trials and the problems of the average hotel worker. He had learned what special little services appealed mostly to guests, and what irked them. He had stored in that fertile brain of his a veritable fountain of information and data which later was to stand him in such good stead.

Starts His Own Business

After securing such training as he could, and seeing nothing in the immediate future which would warrant the spending of any more time in such work, he cast his eyes about for an opportunity to improve his personal finances. He was not long in finding such a chance, and took it.

This was the half-ownership of a wholesale ice cream and candy factory which had been allowed to deteriorate through mismanagement. Gregory put his active brain to the wheel with the result that three years later, when circumstances so directed he sold out his share for an amount which brought a net profit of \$25,000. And this was when he was 23 years old.

The following circumstances concern his mother. She was seriously ill. Her physician urged her eldest son to return home that she might have the comfort of his presence, as they feared her illness would prove fatal.

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teen months he remained at his mother's home in Greece, standing by her to the very end.

Following her death, and consequent settlement of affairs, he returned to America.

This time he did not hesitate. He was determined that while manufacturing and other forms of American commercial life might have their particular attractions and charms, the hotel industry was the one to which he would pay allegiance.

Gets First Manager Job

Again looking up his friend Nies, he found him now the steward of the Hermitage. This time Nies did not hesitate to recommend him, and he now found himself in the business end of the hotel, again seeking and finding new angles in this hotel business.

From now on the story of S. Gregory Taylor brings to mind visions of Aladdin's lamp.

Within one year from his entry into the employ at the Hermitage as an humble employee, this young man suddenly appeared in the lobby one day with the title "Manager" affixed to his signature.

However, this was not done easily. It was the culmination of unusual application to work and of indefatigable energy. In this year Gregory had progressed from his lowly position in the business department to assistant steward, assistant manager, and finally manager.

The next step in this man's amazing career came one fall day when Julius Manger, head of the gigantic hotel bearing his name, became hungry for a ham steak, southern style. The Hermitage was famous for such dishes and to the Hermitage he went.

Naturally, he noticed this youth with flowing hair and called him to his table.

"Say, young man. How is it that I never hear you play? Aren't you a member of the hotel orchestra?" His amazement when Taylor revealed his identity may be imagined.

This acquaintanceship soon ripened and before long Mr. Manger was approaching this young "musician" with tempting offers. He found here, however, a hard nut to crack.

No longer satisfied with a mere salaried position, no matter whether it be as hotel manager, Gregory had his eyes on another opportunity. The Manger chain included the Great Northern, and they had been having trouble in making their restaurant a success.

The Great Northern Restaurant

"I'll tell you what, Mr. Manger," said this young Hercules. "I will take over the management of your restaurant, and the restaurant alone. All I want is the



The late S. Gregory Taylor in 1947

\$125 a month you pay your present head, as salary, that is"—and here came the vital difference between young Taylor and others who seek to follow in his path—"in addition, I will take 25 per cent of all the profit which the restaurant shows." The year previous, the Great Northern restaurant had shown a deficit of \$17,000.

Manger laughed. "Well, you certainly have confidence. But your proposition is fair enough. Before you can make any money, you have to make some for us. Go to it."

So Taylor was put in complete charge of the restaurant, in every particular. Supervised the buying, the hiring, the firing. The Great Northern restaurant showed a profit of \$27,000 the first year under his supervision. Confidence? Yes—backed by the ability and the will to succeed.

From the Great Northern he went to the Netherlands, where he repeated his remarkable success in restaurant management.

Julius Manger had watched Taylor's epochal career with more than casual interest. One day he summoned Gregory to his office.

Made General Manager

"Taylor, I want you to be the general manager of my chain of twelve hotels."

This blunt statement came like a bolt from the blue. Here was a great chain of hotels literally thrust into the hands of a young man who but a few short years before had been carrying the water glasses to St. Regis patrons, and peeling potatoes for cranky cooks.

Nothing daunted, Taylor, 29 years of age, became the general manager of the Manger hotels. Incidentally, the only one they have ever had to hold such a terribly trying position—now the job is split up into many departments and divisions, each with its separate head.

Such was the directing genius of this man, however, that he held the reins

smoothly and this huge machine operated without a hitch during the four and one-half years of his managership.

Then Taylor tired of working on other people's propositions and decided the time had come to strike out for himself.

His First Hotel

His first step was the purchase of a half-interest in a small but well-known hotel at 74th Street and Broadway. This was owned by an elderly lady who had wanted to sell the entire business. Taylor convinced her to retain half, and then took over the management. During his stay there her half-interest paid her larger dividends than her full ownership ever had.

Later, he acquired the Buckingham, that famous hostelry of 57th Street which houses in its luxurious apartments some of New York's most noted families. He did not restrict his financial interest to the Buckingham Hotel, however. Foreseeing that he would have need of a progressive and successful building organization in the future, he purchased an interest in the entire building business conducted by H. H. Uris, his son, Percy Uris and A. I. Kaplan. Through this association he has been able to provide New York since that time with the Montclair, the Dixie and the St. Moritz, the latter now under construction at 50 Central Park, South, on the site of the old New York Athletic Club.

Has Many Hobbies

Aside from his varied and trying business activities, Mr. Taylor finds time for healthy physical exercise. He is an ardent horseman, and is seen almost daily in the Central Park Paths.

Boating and fishing give him his respite from the cares and worries of the city. He is an active and popular clubman, his clubs including the New York Athletic, Columbia Yacht, Boca Raton, Florida, Rye Polo Club, and Mic-Mac, Nova Scotia. He is also a member of Mecca Shrine, the Order of Ahepa, and both the New York City and New York State Hotel associations.

Public Service His Passion

S. Gregory Taylor was initiated into our Order by Queenboro Chapter No. 97 in 1930 and was transferred to Delphi Chapter No. 25 in 1942, of which he was past governor and past trustee of the Home Fund. But his first and foremost devotion was to our Church, which he served long and well. He held the highest ecclesiastical post open to a layman, and was only second to His Eminence, Archbishop Athenagoras, in the governing body of the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America.

In addition to being past president of the Board of Trustees of our New York Cathedral, our mother church in America, he brought the fifteen Greek Churches of New York together in a federation and remained its coordinating spirit and administrator to the very end of his life. Speaking of him at his state funeral, past Supreme Secretary Kourides said:

"He was also much devoted to our younger generation, and forever helping youngsters to go through college. Five years ago he endowed the *S. Gregory Taylor Foundation* so that annually eight scholarships would be awarded to boys of Greek extraction for training in hotel administration at Cornell University, and advanced studies in Theology for graduates of the Pomfret Theological Seminary. These scholarships will, of course, continue in the future as a memorial to his affection and interest for our generations to come in America.

A Tireless Worker for Greek Relief

"Finally, since October, 1940, when Greece was invaded, he had been a tireless worker for Greek War Relief. He was its Vice-President and Chairman of its Executive Committee. At its inception, single-handedly he collected nearly a million dollars as Chairman of

the New York division of the drive. Thereafter, with His Grace, the Archbishop, Spyros Skouras and Supreme President William Helis, he fought unceasingly for the lifting of the blockade by both the allied and the axis powers so that food might reach the people of Greece. And this gallant triumvirate, finally succeeded in placing in operation a fleet of Swedish ships which throughout the hostilities safely crossed the Atlantic and brought shiploads of wheat, medicine and supplies to the starving people of Greece. During these eight years he gave so much of his time, money and energy to this noble cause of Greek relief that we, his associates and colleagues, wondered from what bottomless pit he drew his sustaining power.

"These are but so few of his many communal achievements. They are characteristic, however, of his devotion to his church and to his compatriots. When the history of our people in this country shall have been written, the name of S. Gregory Taylor shall stand high among its noble titans.

He Spent Himself for His People

"He is now gone! He might have been with us longer but he was no miser of his life. He poured it out into the discharge of duty, caring not for himself,

keeping with nature no account of heart beats. And so he died, satisfied that in his earthly stay he left no stone unturned towards the added strength and prestige of his church and of his people.

"He has departed into another life, with us who are left behind assured that in this truer existence he is now at peace—with weakness cast aside as a cloak when winter has past,—with vision clear as when at dawn we awake from dreams—with heart happy as when the victory won, we cease from effort and from care. For him, the night is done and it is written that joy shall cometh in the morning."

Brother Kourides was followed by Ambassador Dendramis, who posthumously bestowed the Gold Cross of the Phoenix by order of King Paul and spoke in recognition of the departed's services to Greece; by Brother Spyros Skouras, who spoke on behalf of the Greek War Relief Association, Inc., and finally by Archbishop Athenagoras who fittingly and eloquently expressed the grief of our Church and of our people at this irreparable loss.

We mourn the untimely passing of S. Gregory Taylor—a successful businessman, a great philanthropist, a world citizen. We shall ever cherish his memory and emulate his many deeds. *Aionia Thou H Mnimi!*

Gesture Of Good Will:

THE RESTORATION OF A HISTORIC ICONOSTASION

From *St. John the Divine, Smyrna, Asia Minor, to Saint Fotini, New Smyrna, Athens, Greece*

By CONSTANTINE J. CRITZAS, Past Supreme Treasurer

The cordial relations between two nations, which twenty-six years ago fought an exterminating war, made it possible for their governments to conclude an arrangement of historic importance and perform an act of far reaching good will between the two peoples.

Following a request on the part of the Greek Government, the Turkish Government realizing the moral and spiritual effect on its former subjects who now live in Greece since the deplorable exchange of populations, very thoughtfully and magnanimously consented to grant that request. It was to allow the removal of the historic iconostasion (altar screen) of the Church of *St. John the Divine* in Smyrna, Asia Minor, for transportation and restoration in the

Church of *Saint Fotini* in New Smyrna, Athens. The removal and transportation was effected during the past year, and the technical work for its restoration is about to begin.

By coincidence, the iconostasion is a duplicate of the one that was erected in the old Cathedral of *Saint Fotini* in Smyrna, Asia Minor, in 1802 carved and constructed by the same craftsman who made the one that is to be restored in Athens; a masterpiece, work of art of an improved style of Louis 14th to Louis 16th periods. The craftsman whose name remains unknown was of the Aghloretic School and embodied in the carved designs scenes of religious and historic significance, taken from the biblical account of events and drawn in

his imagination.

Asia Minor, Cradle of Civilization

In the life and history of every nation, the way of life of its people, their philosophy and institutions together with their works of art, monuments, churches and schools, remain as the symbols of their civilization and achievements and constitute their contribution to the progress of mankind. The Greeks of Asia Minor for thirty long centuries, from the time of Homer to the ill-fated year of 1922, had developed a civilization of their own in the coastal cities—Smyrna, Miletus, Alicarnassus and later in the cities of the seven stars of Apocalypse; they have rightfully earned for their land the title of "Cradle of Civilization."

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The imposing edifice of St. Fotini, New Smyrna, Athens, Greece

Their philosophy, their authors and sages by their writings and theories in astronomy and mathematics stand out along with their temples and monuments, as the foundations upon which the structure of our civilization was built. Even in the darkest years of their subjugation, after the fall of the Byzantine Empire, they had maintained and nurtured their faith and devotion in the loftier things of life, particularly in the centers and the cities that offered them shelter within the walls of the temples of worship which enjoyed a certain immunity and privileges granted by the conqueror.

Thus, at the beginning of the nineteenth century and some twenty years prior to the revolutionary war of Greek Independence, when the Church of *Saint Fotini* in Smyrna was about to be built, the master craftsman who designed and made its iconostasion, had also made another one exactly the same for the Church of *St. John The Divine* which was erected in the section *Epano Mahala*, half way up the hill of Mount Pagus.

Craftmanship Captivates Spectator

The late George Lampakis, archeologist and secretary to the late Queen Olga of Greece, in his book "The Seven Stars of Apocalypse" (1909) describes the church inside as follows: "At first sight, the solemn decoration of this holy temple and its iconostasion of excellent and very minute craftsmanship captivates the spectator. We do not know the name of its designer but we do know that it was made at the time the church was built (1804). From the church records

we also learn that the iconostasion, the pulpit and the archbishop's throne were carved on walnut wood and cost the sum of 15,461 piastres.

"The study of each part of this iconostasion, the fruits hanging over the *dodecaederton*, the noble and very subtle decorations under it, the thought behind each representation and its symbolism with the correlating scenes depicted under each large icon, all these make this iconostasion one of the most valuable treasures of Christian Smyrna and one of the most precious jewels which the Greek intellect of a christian craftsman could produce."

These holy treasures, which will adorn the Church of *Saint Fotini* when the work of installation is completed, constitute the only monumental jewels that have been saved and recovered thanks to Turkish generosity. Countless similar treasures, monuments, works of art and homes have been abandoned at the time of the forced exodus of a people who for thirty centuries lived and prospered in their homeland. It was fitting and proper for the Micrasiates in Athens to form a committee under the honorary chairmanship of His Grace, the Metropolitan of Mytilene Iacovos and Hon. P. Perimenis, Mayor of New Smyrna, as chairman, for the purpose of providing for and attending to a proper restoration of these holy masterpieces by expert craftsmen builders to harmonize their framing into the church.

Because they bring to them the memories of every city, village, community and church left behind in the land of their birth and of the happy and peaceful life they enjoyed before the World



The Restored Iera Pyli from St. John the Divine

Wars brought about the unrest and upheavals that had as a result their cruel displacement from their homes. Those who live on these American shores will be eager to assist financially in the work of their restoration and completion and thus make the Church of *Saint Fotini* in New Smyrna a shrine and a living symbol, reminiscent of a Grecian and Christian civilization that was taken from its ancient abode in the Asiatic shores to its new home in present day Greece.

The Late Arthur Marinos

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—It is with deep regret that we record the loss of one of our Ahepans, Arthur Marinos, who passed away on October 15, 1947.

The late Brother Marinos was a charter member of *Parthenon* Chapter No. 215. He was a very active Ahepan, having taken part in the National Convention of 1946 as our delegate. As past President of our chapter he had given his utmost to the cause of Ahepa. Truly, we have lost a very sincere Ahepan.—*John G. Sateros, Secretary.*

District Conventions

WILMINGTON, DEL.—The Third District will hold its 17th annual convention in this City on July 11th, 12th and 13th. Those who wish to visit the chemical capital of the world and a very active Ahepa family will be welcomed. *Harry P. Hasapidis.*

NOTE! All Newly Elected District Governors—Mail us your picture and writeup about your Ahepa career.

The Late Plato D. Milton

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Americans of Hellenic extraction in the Bay area as well as in many parts of the country mourned the passing of Plato D. Milton (Demetrakoulos), beloved husband of Bessie Milton, father of Greta S. Anastas and grandfather of Anastasios, Carol, Helen and Platonina, children of Greta Anastas and Stamatis Anastas.

Brother Milton is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Fotini Sohou in Athens, Greece, and by two brothers, Milton and Odysseus and their families. He is also the uncle of Andrew Sardell and Margaret Bezaitis, wife of Supreme Governor George Bezaitis.

Born on the island of Tinos, Greece, in the year 1881, he was one of the first who pioneered the immigration movement from Greece to America, establishing himself in Hayward, California, over 40 years ago. It wasn't very long that he became a successful business man, a family man and a prominent citizen of his community.

His constructive spirit is indicated in his activity in many outstanding organizations. He was a member of Eucalyptus Lodge of F. & A. M., of the Rotary Club, a charter member of Oakland Chapter 171.

To individuals like the late Plato Milton, as well as to his surviving brothers, the Hellenic Americans owe a tremendous tribute, for it was early Greek immigrants like them who, through their noble character, their creative enterprise and their adaptability to the American way of life introduced and promoted to esteem the Hellenic name to the American mentality so that the countless Greek immigrants that were to follow were able to find their place in America socially, economically and otherwise.

And so throngs of Hellenes as well as citizens of Hayward crowded Sorenson's Memorial Chapel where last rites were held. The services were officiated by Rev. Arsenios Pallikaris and Rev. Naoum Nitsiotis, who also delivered the sermon while the members of F. & A. M. and Order of Ahepa ceremoniously prayed for the repose of their deceased brother's soul and accompanied him to his final resting place at Long Tree Cemetery.

Following the burial services a consolation dinner was held at the Tourist Cafe, owned and operated by the late Plato Milton.—*Ahepa Traveler.*

BUY SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

Heart Attack Is Fatal

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.—Paul M. Costas, died in Cedar Rapids Hospital last March following a heart attack.

A charter member of Cedar Rapids Chapter No. 194, he was its first president for 1928 and 1929. When the Ahepa Districts were organized, he was the first District Governor of District No. 24, now No. 14.

Born in Kockoni, Corinth, Greece, in 1883, he came to the United States in 1906, and to Cedar Rapids in 1914, to open the Second Avenue Virginia Cafe with his brother John M. Costas.

Services were held in the St. John's Hellenic Orthodox Church, of which he was president at the time. Officiating were the Rev. George Hadgis, pastor of St. John's Church, assisted by the Rev. George Evrotas, from Des Moines, Rev. Stamatis Sarinicolaou from Waterloo, Rev. Constatine Papadimitrion from Moline, Ill., and Rev. D. Loferski from St. John's Episcopal Church, Cedar Rapids.

Many Ahepans, and friends were present from Dubuque, Waterloo, Des Moines, Marshalltown, Iowa City, Davenport, Sioux City and Creston, Iowa, Chicago, Ill., Washington, D. C., Sioux Falls, S. D. and many other towns. Also present were District Governor James Yiannias from Dubuque, and many City and County Officials.

His activities for the Greek War Relief, Community Chest, Red Cross and to our Greek Community will be remembered for a long time.

Surviving, besides his wife, are his brother, John M. Costas, Cedar Rapids, a sister and a brother in Greece.—*Wm. Haritakis.*

Supreme Officers Go To Boston

BOSTON, MASS.—On Sunday afternoon, March 14, 1948, the members of Athens Chapter No. 24 had the pleasure of a visitation by Supreme Vice-President John Thevos, Supreme Secretary Peter Bell, and Supreme Governor James Starr.

President A. P. Senopoulos first called on Supreme Governor Starr, who in a very able and well versed manner spoke for the good of the Order and the progress of our organization as he has witnessed it over a long period of years.

Next, Supreme Secretary Bell in a most eloquent manner brought out what transpired at the last two National Conventions in which he served as Vice Chairman; he also spoke of the activities of the Supreme Lodge.

And finally esteemed Supreme Vice President Thevos, in one of the most interesting and forceful Ahepa talks ever heard by any Ahepan, stressed the past, present and future of the Ahepa. His talk was so impressive that the members of the Chapter have unanimously decided to have Bro. Thevos once again address the Ahepans of the entire District in Boston on Sunday, April 25, 1948.—*James Kakridas.*

District Conventions

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.—The Santa Barbara Chapter No. 243 is ready to give the 20th District the best convention of all times. Preparations are now being made to accommodate all who attend on July 8-9-10-11. Make plans now.—*Arthur Pertsulakes.*

Elected Mayor

CHARLES TOWN, W. VA.—Nick Carson, who left his native Greece at the age of 5 and shined shoes in various American cities to earn his bread, today became Mayor of this historic town of 3,000 persons. Unopposed for election, he will direct its affairs for two years.

"Nick," who came to Charles Town sixteen years ago from Winchester, Va., is part owner of the town's largest restaurant, frequented by tourists here to absorb some of the place's historical background. The court house in Charles Town was the scene of the trial of John Brown of Pottawatomie fame. Near by is Winchester, made famous by Sheridan's ride. Besides, there are claims that numerous houses sheltered George Washington for a night.

Mayor Carson, who has an American-born wife and five children, all boys, served with the Rainbow Division in World War I. He is now 47 years old.

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Banquet Honors Past Presidents of Saginaw

SAGINAW, MICH.—In an epochal gathering, Saginaw Chapter No. 216 honored its past presidents last April. Chief speaker for the evening, Supreme Vice President John Thevos, keyed the occasion with words which will be long remembered by everyone present.

With other honored guests, the following past presidents graced the speakers table: James W. Welliouis, William Welliouis, the first president of our chapter; James Stomas of Bay City; Theodore Kantas, Bay City; Gus Rentzos, Bay City; Thomas Kanonas, Saginaw; Ted Vlassis, Saginaw; Gus Barris, Saginaw; Nick Barris, our present pres.; Bill Vlassis and John Demetreou of Saginaw.

A prediction that the philosophies developed in ancient Greece, operating through a powerful United States democracy, can within the next century accomplish humanity's dream of eternal peace, was made by Supreme Vice-President Thevos of Paterson, N. J.

Asserting that the philosophy of modern democracy—the recognition of the dignity of the human individual—had its origin centuries ago in ancient Greece, Thevos declared that the Greek nation for years has been a martyr to that cause. Speaking of the immortality of ancient Greece, he said:

"America is going to be even more immortal in spreading the doctrine of human rights. With its farthest borders today in Greece in the conflict against communism, the United States must carry the torch of human freedom. It may take 100 years of United States leadership in fighting for these rights, but at the end of that time we can accomplish the dream of eternal peace."

Thevos pointed out that the Ahepa in 25 years has made America's Greek immigrants into Americans—a task which has required three generations with other racial groups. He urged the members to continue to practice the democratic ways of Hellenism in the working democracy of America.

"Two million dollars is being spent by Americans of Greek descent for those in Greece who have fought side-by-side with America in the last two wars and who will always be on the side of America and the freedom-loving nations of the world," he declared.

Thevos was accompanied to Saginaw by District Governor Socrates Sekles of Pontiac. The program was opened by Nick Barris, president of the Chapter. The invocation was given by Rev. James Rossarias of Flint and Rev. George Stathis of Saginaw. Gust Barris was toastmaster. Guests were present from Bay City, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Alma,

Flint, Pontiac and Detroit.—Nick G. Barris.

REMIT YOUR 1948 DUES TO
YOUR CHAPTER SECRETARY

Our 25th Anniversary

AKRON, O.—Members of Akron's Greek community celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of Akron's chapter of the Order of Ahepa—American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

By unusual coincidence, a number of Akronites of Greek origin or descent were forming their own "Good Friendship Association" in 1923 at the same time an Atlanta, Ga., group were organizing Ahepa. A year later, when the supreme president of Ahepa came to Akron to form a chapter, he found a well organized unit embodying practically the same aims as those of Ahepa. Merging the Akron association into the national order was easily accomplished by its president, John Petrou and its secretary, Nick Economou.

Ahepa has been an important asset to Akron, not only of benefit to the Greek community but to the entire city. The chapter's wartime record of achievement in war bond campaigns, U.S.O., blood bank, Red Cross and all other patriotic activities is a most enviable one.

The *Beacon Journal* speaks for all Akronites in extending good wishes to all members of Ahepa upon this anniversary. But Akron is to be congratulated, too, for having such good neighbors and citizens living here with us.—*An Editorial, April 3, 1948.*

The Silver Anniversary program was held in the club's new headquarters. In the morning, a requiem mass was sung for the deceased members at the Greek Orthodox church. Rev. John D. Kapenekas, officiating.

Principal speaker at the evening program was a South Bend, Indiana attorney, Leo J. Lamberson. He is past supreme governor and counselor.

Additional talks were given by George N. George, president of the chapter; Miss Pauline Pafilas, president of *Themis* Chapter, No. 23, Daughters of Penelope; and Jeffrey Economou, president of the young men's auxiliary, *Delian League*, Sons of Pericles.

The list of honored guests included the two district governors, Mrs. Helen Lambrou of Massillon and Peter Kourmoules of Canton.

Toastmaster of the evening was John D. Petrou.

Active charter members who were honored included:

Soter Adams, John Beris, John Bouras, James Chakalos, George Chirbas, George Economou, James Economou, Nicholas Economou, Gust Herouvis, Savas Karavasilis, Demetrios Karkoulis, James Katsavos, Theodore Konstantinopoulos, Theodore Lappas, Anthony Lizardy, John Lizardy, James Platis, John D. Petrou, Charles Samartzis, Spiros Nurches, Steve Pafilas, George Pappas, Peter Stephanopoulos, Gust Terzis, Moshos Varverakis, and Casmiros Werthalaty.

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Ahepans-Daughters Installed

ROCKFORD, ILL.—Last January, a colorful joint open installation of *Rockford* Chapter No. 325 and *Daughters Paris* Chapter No. 101 was held. We were honored by having for installing officers Zack T. Ritsos, *Supreme Counselor*, Van A. Nomikos, *past Supreme President*, and Paul Kostoulas, *President of North Shore* Chapter No. 94.

The newly installed officers are headed by President Ted Momaly.

Dorothy Moucoulis, past president of the *Paris* Chapter installed newly elected *Daughters* headed by President Nora Goomas.

At the close of the installation refreshments were served by the *Daughters*, and an enjoyable time was had by all Ahepans, *Daughters*, their families, and guests. There was a record attendance with many out-of-town guests from Chicago, Freeport, Beloit, and other neighboring towns.

As I gazed around our Roosevelt Hall noticing the laughing mingling crowd, I found myself reflecting back over the eight and one half years our chapter has been active.

It all began back in 1939. Many of our Ahepans belonged to the Beloit Chapter, but realizing the potentialities of a prosperous and active chapter of their own, they began the task of setting up their organization. On July 23, 1939 the event took place. Zack T. Ritsos, Harry Reckas, and Van A. Nomikos instituted our Chapter with 22 chartered members. We now have 125 active members.

Two years later on May 17, 1941, *Paris* Chapter of the *Daughters* was instituted, in time to assist in the district convention of July, 1941, which elected Zack T. Ritsos as District Governor. It seems Brother Ritsos has been involved in many activities in our city since our creation. We have consequently taken him to our hearts.—*Ted Momaly.*

Supreme President Helis Honored

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—The magnificent Gold Ball Room of *Palace Hotel* was the scene of a highlight in Western Ahepa when five hundred Hellenes partook in the Grand Banquet given in honor of Supreme President William Helis and Mrs. Poppy Mitchell, Grand President of the Daughters last February.

In his concise and informative address President Helis formulated the aims of the Order as being that of cooperation, organization and above all Americanism! He also reported on the activity that is under way for the increase of the immigration quota from Greece. In addition, the Supreme President expressed the hope that by next July the Wing of the Evangelismos Hospital of Athens, Greece, will be complete with 300 new beds to which the people from the Provinces of Greece will have priority over the residents of Athens. Also twelve Ahepa health centers in various remote rural districts will be completed at the same time, while in conjunction with the University of Salonika an Ahepa hospital will be erected in the same city.

Sister Poppy Mitchell was next to deliver an inspiring message, stressing the necessity of close cooperation and coordination between the Daughters of Penelope and the Order of Ahepa. George Christopher Supervisor of the City and County of San Francisco was personal representative of the Mayor of San Francisco, welcoming the honored guests. Other distinguished speakers were Demetri Sophianos, Consul General of Greece, and Supreme Governor George Bezaitis.

Master of Ceremonies Peter Boudouris, Regional Director of the Greek War Relief Association, related some of the accomplishments marked in his recent trip to Greece with Supreme President Helis, commending on the excellent cooperation the Greek Government accorded to them.

Entertainment was rendered by the accomplished pianist Mary Barbis and the orchestra of John Afendras.

Congratulations to John Panagocatos, President of *Golden Gate* Chapter, for the huge success of the banquet. He was in charge of everything as chairman of the engagement committee. — *Ahepa Traveler*.

Charter Members Honored

NEW CASTLE, PA.—The Charter members of *New Castle* Chapter No. 37 were fittingly honored last March in a testimonial dinner held in the Castleton Hotel by their fellow members.

Many of the original members were present as well as guests from other cities.

Dr. Peter Poulos, president of the *Pittsburgh* chapter and past lieutenant governor of the district was the principal speaker. He reviewed the history of the Ahepa since the first chapter was organized in 1922 and commended the local chapter for its work in the 22 years it has been in existence.

Dr. Poulos urged that the younger men get interested in the work of Ahepa. He reminded the crowd that Sunday was the day set aside to commemorate the Greek Independence of 1821. He said that the ideals of the early Greek heroes could be applied to the ideals of Americanism today and said that Ahepa stood for a finer Americanism.

Miss Mary Vasilakis of Pittsburgh, District Governor of the Maids of Athens, spoke of the possibilities of service for her organization. Steps are

being taken to organize a chapter of the Maids here, and also a chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

Captain Alec Georgeadis of Pittsburgh, a former member of the U. S. Army Intelligence Corps in Greece, was presented and spoke briefly. The newly elected chapter president, Speer Aslanes, predicted a future for the local chapter that would add to the achievements of the past. David Pappas, the retiring president, was introduced as were a number of visitors.

Speer Marousis, the secretary of the local chapter, was the general chairman of the evening. Opening the dinner the crowd sang one verse of "America" and one verse of the Greek National Anthem.

As a mark of recognition, President Aslanes presented to the charter members present gold membership buttons.

Following the dinner social activities were in order until midnight.—*The New Castle Times*.

An Impressive Installation Ceremony



The 1948 officers of *Heart of America* Chapter No. 73

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Last January a large audience witnessed the installation of the officers of *Heart of America* Chapter No. 73. Presided over by Thomas G. Kapsemalis, it proved to be the most colorful and outstanding Ahepa event in recent years. The predominance of youthful officers reflected the trend of the Order. Youth tempered by experience seems to be the keynote of the Ahepa throughout the nation.

Past President William M. Konomos was presented a solid gold Ahepa pin, in sincere appreciation for his splendid work, during 1947. President Emil J. Stevens gave an inspiring address, in which he lauded the Order for its leadership to help the Greek people, and at the same time strengthen international good will.

Louis Kapnistos, a loyal member for

many years, gave a short speech about the Ahepa. His honest sincerity visibly impressed the audience. Many compliments were received and the Ahepa in general gained in prestige.

(From left to right) seated: Peter Harakas, Sec.; William M. Konomos, Thos. G. Kapsemalis, E. J. Stevens, Thomas Mantice, Vice-President and Nick Giokaris, Treas.

Standing: William Bacakos, Capt. Guard; George Kallas, Sentinel; Peter Karos, Gov.; William C. Vleisides, Gov.; D. S. Catechis, Gov.; Gus Buzas, Gov.; Dan Kolas, Warden; Louis Kapnistos, Chaplain.

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District Conference Proves A Great Success

By AMELIA LEARAKOS, District Governor

CHICAGO, ILL.—A District Conference of the 13th District of the Daughters of Penelope was called by the District Governor on February 21st & 22nd at the Morrison Hotel. Officers and members of 14 out of 15 active chapters in the District were present. Approximately 200 Daughters attended. All District Lodge Officers as well as Grand Governor Sophie Shane of Milwaukee were present.



Amelia Learakos

The aims and purposes of the conference were to get the Chapter Officers and Members together and exchange ideas as to how best they can promote the growth and progress of their respective chapters; to develop a stronger feeling and consciousness of belonging to a District; to increase their membership; to iron out any misunderstandings and to answer questions as to any problems they might have; to provide for uniform instructions in regard to their ritualistic work and interpretation of their constitution; to hear reports of chapter activities; and most important of all, to promote good fellowship and cooperation and harmonious relationship within their District.

The Governor emphasized that the success in any organization is found in the unity and cooperation of its members and the desire of each individual to fulfill their obligation to their organization. The 13th District is the *Blue Ribbon* District, the leading district throughout the entire Daughters of Penelope domain, having 15 active chapters and one of them, *Homer* Chapter No. 93, won the Chapter award for having the most paid up members, in the form of a beautiful Plaque accepted by Chapter President Virginia Rantis. On the other hand, the District Plaque received by the Governor from the Grand Lodge was also shown to all members present. The Daughters, individually and collectively, intend not only to maintain their title as the leading District throughout the country but to exceed it by far.

The Conference started with a Tea, the purpose of which was to get everybody

better acquainted. Following the tea, a ritualistic meeting took place with the District Lodge Officers officiating, at which time 20 candidates were initiated from various chapters in the District. It was concluded by a regular order of business, covering the aims and purposes of the District Meeting.

Grand Governor Sophie Shane addressed the members. She was presented with a beautiful corsage on behalf of the 13th District. The District Governor was presented with the past District Governor's Pin by Lt. Governor Andronika Chaconas of Milwaukee and a beautiful corsage by District Secretary Zoe Rummel.

The District Bowling Tournament is scheduled to take place on May 16, 1948, in Milwaukee. The District Convention will be held on July 17, 18 and 19 in St. Louis.

The Business Session of the Conference was followed in the evening by a dance, which proved most successful.

Next Sunday Morning, Church Services with *Artoklasia* were held at the *Assumption* Church on the West Side of Chicago. They were followed by a dinner at the Athens Restaurant, thus ending a most interesting and enjoyable conference.

The Governor extends her heartiest thanks and appreciation on behalf of herself and her District Lodge Officers to all members who attended the Conference.

Twelve Years Ago . . .

CANTON, O.—The Daughters *Chloris* Chapter No. 40 celebrated their 12th Anniversary on February 22, 1948, at the Ahepa Hall with great success. Andy Andreadis and his orchestra played for dancing.

During intermission, several of the members dressed in colonial costumes danced the Minuet. The innovation went over big with the crowd. Refreshments were also served.

As Committee Chairman served; for tickets, Mrs. Sam Kallison; for refreshments, Mrs. Anthony Ramphos, and for the program, Mrs. Christ Diamant and Mrs. Anthony Manos.—*Betty Georgiadis*.

A Hollywood gossip was telling Ilka Chase of the knock-down and drag-out affairs of a newly arrived couple next door. "Everyone is talking. Some are taking her part and some his," purred the informer.

"And," replied Ilka acidly, "I suppose a few eccentric individuals are minding their own business."

Empire State No. 6 Daughters of Penelope



Mrs. Stella Sarris

We present Stella Sarris, District Governor of *Empire State* No. 6. She succeeded in office Evelyn J. Mickles, who resigned last November. Stella joined the Daughters in 1942 and served her

chapter, *Athena*, No. 39, of Binghamton, as president in 1944. Since then she has been serving on the District Lodge in various capacities. Stella has also been active in Greek War Relief drives, American Red Cross campaigns and Women's Professional Club activities.—*A. Anagnos*.

Big Crowd at Installation

SEATTLE, WASH.—In an outstanding ceremony, four member organizations of the Order of Ahepa installed their officers at the Olympic Hotel last January before a record throng.

Officers of *Juan de Fuca* Chapter No. 177, Order of Ahepa; *Alcidex* Chapter No. 160, Daughters of Penelope; *Alethea* Chapter No. 2, Maids of Athens; and *Aristotle* Chapter No. 43, Sons of Pericles were all installed during the same ceremony.

District Governor Nick Carras installed the senior Ahepans; Mrs. Jennie Hrestu, of Portland, District Governor of the Daughters, installed the Ladies Auxilliary; Miss Joy George, past president of *Alethea* installed the Maids and Gust Rakus, Lieut. Governor, installed the Sons.

Thos. D. Lentgis, past supreme and District Governor, was chairman for the installation, and William Phillips was master of ceremonies.

David Soter, a young and talented Bremerton violinist, made a tremendous hit with his outstanding performance. Mrs. Irene Mandas rendered piano selections.

Dancing was enjoyed by the huge crowd present, including a large delegation from Portland and other parts of the Northwest, until a late hour.—*The Ahepa Mentor*.

"Why haven't you mended the holes in these socks?" he demanded.

"You didn't buy that fur coat I wanted," replied his wife. "So I figured if you didn't give a wran, I didn't give a darn."
—*Pyramid Bulletin*.

Milk for Hungry Children of Greece



Daughters' Grand President Mitchell, California's Governor Warren and others.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Mrs. X. (Poppy) W. Mitchell, Grand President of the Daughters, was named chairman for the Hellenic Societies division by publicity head of the relief drive, Charles P. Skouras, in the recent campaign to raise funds to buy milk for the children of Greece, France and Italy. Mrs. Mitchell, together with Grand Secretary, Mrs. Geo. (Kay) Brotsis, and other members of the fraternity along the coast here, was instrumental in raising upwards of \$3,100 in the two-week drive.

In receiving large contributions from various Hellenic organizations throughout the area the most encouraging amount, however, was raised at a public AHEPA installation in San Diego. In less than one hour's time, more than \$700 was contributed by the Ahepa family from the floor following the ceremonies.

The Daughters of Penelope Chapters actively assisting the Grand Lodge officers, Sister Mitchell, and Sister Kay Brotsis, Grand Secretary, were *Alkandre* of Los Angeles, *Melita* of Hollywood, *San Diego*, and *San Bernardino* as well as all Hellenic Societies, *Philoptohos*, the sponsoring Ahepa Chapter and the

Greek Community, headed by Brother Tom Filos, President.

The 7,000 ton SS *Golden Bear*, California's Good Will Milk Ship, was more than half-filled with canned milk as she docked at Long Beach Harbor for the goodwill send-off. Planes circled overhead, fire boats sent out long streams of water, the San Pedro fishing fleet acted as an escort, freighters of many nations sounded fog horns and a large crowd on the deck cheered lustily.

Participating in the ceremonies were Governor Earl Warren, Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles, screen stars Margaret O'Brien, Joan Leslie and Gale Robbins, Warner Brothers actress who sang "The Star Spangled Banner." Thousands of harbor area school children also took part.

The SS *Golden Bear* sailed for San Diego on the last lap of her mercy mission before heading for the Mediterranean.

When the milk is unloaded at European ports, each case will bear a label reading: "To the children of Greece, France and Italy from the people of California, U. S. A."—*N. G. Rekas.*

I am sure that the determination of the free countries of Europe to protect themselves will be matched by an equal determination on our part to help them to protect themselves.—President Truman.

About Children of 1397!

Small children be soft of flesh, lithe and pliant of body, quick and light to move, and witty to learn. And they lead their lives without thought or care. They set their hearts only on fun, and are afraid of nothing but being beaten with a rod; and they love an apple better than gold. Whether they be praised, or ashamed, or blamed, they care little. . . . They are soon angered, and soon pleased, and easily forgive. . . . Since all children be spotted with bad manners and think of the present and not of the future, they love plays, games, and vanity and care nothing for profit. . . . They want things that are bad for them, and care more about a doll than a person, and they weep more for the loss of an apple than for the loss of their heritage. . . . They want everything they see, and beg for it with voice and hand. . . . When they be washed they are soon dirty again. When their mother washes and combs them, they kick and sprawl, and put out their feet and hands, and resist with all their might. They are always wanting a drink; they are no sooner out of bed, before they are crying for something to eat.—*Chaucer's World.*

DAUGHTERS! Report your activities to our Editor, Dr. Kimon A. Doukas, regularly, briefly, on time.

Installation Followed by Dance

HOUSTON, TEX.—Over 500 persons were present at the Joint Public Installation of Officers held by *Alexander the Great* Chapter No. 29 and *Achaia* Chapter No. 54 of the Daughters last February at the Rice Hotel Ballroom. District Treasurer Gus DeClaris of Houston was the installing Officer at this colorful ceremony where all members wore their fezes. Dance followed.

Guests attending were past Supreme President George Phillies of Buffalo, N. Y. and District Governor Mike Collias of Waco, Texas. The former spoke eloquently on the accomplishments of the order during the past 25 years.—*J. G. Petheriotes.*

Banquet-Ball Follows Installation

DAYTON, O.—Last January marked the Second Annual Installation Ball for *Polydama* Chapter No. 111 of the Daughters jointly with Ahepa's *Dayton* Chapter No. 113. Also installed were the officers of the Ahepan local chapters of Middletown, Springfield and Cincinnati, Ohio, *enmasse.* Supreme Vice-President John Thevos was the installing officer.

Newly installed presidents were Mary Preonas, John Kalkas, Catherine Seros, Effie Revelos, Mrs. Andrew Katsanis, Denny Tsugranes, George Poolitsan and George Mushuros.

Past president's pins were presented to T. V. Karas and Ethel Tepelides of the Daughters. Jewels were presented to Ahepa's local past presidents, Gregory C. Karas, Steve Stoycos, Nate Vradelis, Gus Michael, James Leakas, Louis Preonas and John Theros. Dancing followed the installation rituals. Approximately 600 guests attended. A banquet was given prior to the Ball as an opening to the New Membership Drive.—*T. V. Karras.*

New Chapters of Daughters

Three more chapters have been established by the Ladies Auxiliary:

Jason Chapter No. 161, Little Rock, Arkansas, on October 19, 1947, with 24 charter members, under the sponsorship of *Little Rock* Chapter No. 355. The installation was presided over by *Pepitsa* Arnos, Governor of District No. 16.

The other two, *Panope* No. 162 of Las Vegas, Nevada, and *Trenton* No. 163 of Trenton, New Jersey, were reported in our previous issue.

In the old days, the man who saved money was a miser; nowadays he's a wonder.—*Sunshine Magazine.*

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Cleveland Sons Reactivated

CLEVELAND, O.—The desire of the Cleveland Ahepans was crystallized last April when the Sons of Pericles *Demosthenes* Chapter No. 28 was reactivated by a combined initiation-installation program at the Ahepa Hall.

The impressive secret candlelight initiation ceremony was ably performed by the Sons of Pericles degree team of *Delian* Chapter of Akron. Following the initiation, election of chapter officers took place: President Mike Vasilakes, Vice-Pres. Mike Captain, Secretary Louis Theodosian and Treasurer Milton Pappas. Other officers were appointed: Master of Ceremonies George Sidoris, Asst. Secretary Christy Kosmetos, High Priest James Apotsos, High Guardian Kosma Rukule and Inner Guard Thomas Pappas.

They were installed by Supreme President of the Sons Nicholas J. Melas, of Chicago, also the main speaker of the afternoon. He touched upon the highlights of the Order of Ahepa and its Junior Order and announced that "Sons" conclaves would be held at the forthcoming Buckeye District Convention in Akron and at the National Convention in Detroit. A National Sons of Pericles Softball Tournament will be one of the main features of the National Convention.

Words of encouragement were contributed by Nick Economou of Akron, past Supreme Governor; John Kras, Buckeye District Secretary; George N. George, President of *Akron Ahepa* Chapter, and George Pontikos, President of *Cleveland Ahepa* Chapter No. 36.

Louis Tripodes, chairman of Entertainment Committee was assisted by Maids and Daughters in serving food and refreshments.

A Series of Activities

TOLEDO, O.—The Maids of *Delphi* Chapter No. 21 started the new year off with a bang. In January, there was a joint installation. Officers of the *Canton* Chapter were guests and presided at the installation of our officers headed by President Katherine County. Dinner was served and dancing followed.

In February we were host to the Muncie basketball team who played our team. In spite of our moral support, we lost by 42 to 38.

On Palm Sunday, we entertained a group of orphans from the Miami Children's Home. An Easter theme prevailed, refreshments were served, and gifts were distributed.

In April, the Ahepa and its auxiliaries held a joint dance at the Hotel Secor. A Greek orchestra provided music for dancing and refreshments were served. It proved to be an outstanding affair.

Plans for the near future include initiation of new members, and a fashion show and tea.—*Pauline Goutras.*

MAIDS and SONS! Report your activities briefly and on time. Your daddies want to know. Editor Doukas wants to know. Send in your reports NOW!

An Active District Advisor



Harry J. Anderson

BALTIMORE, MD.—Harry J. Anderson graduated from the University of Baltimore in 1941 with degrees in Law and Business Administration. For 4½ years in the Army, he served as Special Agent in Counter Intelligence in Austria, Italy and Germany. Past President of our local Chapter of Sons of Pericles, he is now chairman of Veterans Committee of *Worthington* Chapter No. 30 and District Advisor to the Junior Auxiliaries. He is associated in the general practice of law with Judge Joseph Kolodny of the Traffic Court.

As District Advisor, Harry organized the Basketball Tournament of District No. 3, held in Baltimore last December.

The Sons of *Pythagoras* Chapter No. 9 of Washington won the Tournament.

At a special affair held in the Nation's Capital, in conjunction with a combined Officers Installation, District Advisor Anderson awarded the District Cup to the winning team and special prizes to outstanding players.—*A. H. L.*

Installation - Valentine Dance

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Last January, The Maids' *Thermopylae* Chapter No. 77 installed its new officers and advisors for 1948, with District Secretary Roddy Melonas officiating.

Those installed were: *Worthy Maid*-Zena Dimitri, *Loyal Maid*-Violet Brethes, *Secretary*-Helen Kanellos and *Treasurer*-Louis Nichols. The members of

the Advisory Board are: Mrs. Ernest Karnazes, Chairman; Mrs. James Brethes and Mrs. Chris Athans, members.

The officers in 1947 were: *Worthy Maid*-Helen Kanellos; *Loyal Maid*-Joan Nichols; *Secretary*-Roddy Melonas and *Treasurer*-Pauline Doukas.

On February 14th, a Valentine Dance was held at the Church Hall. Many attended from the surrounding cities, helping to make the party a success.

They Win Bay State Title

WOBURN, MASS.—At the annual basketball tournament held here last March, the *Worcester* Sons defeated the *Brockton* Sons quintette in the finals to cop the *Bay State* District No. 8 Championship. The victors will receive a trophy at the District Convention to be held in Lowell, Mass. in June.

In the first game, *Brockton* defeated the *Woburn* aggregation and in the second game *Lowell* won over the *Boston* team. *Brockton* then drew a bye and *Lowell* played *Worcester* for the right to meet *Brockton* in the finals. *Worcester* won out in a very close game and went on to defeat *Brockton* in the final game.

In a non-tournament game, the newly organized *Lynn* Sons defeated the *Boston* Sons in a preliminary game to the championship game.—*S. B. Milonas.*

First Combined Ball

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Last May the Metropolitan Chapters of the Maids of Athens gave their first combined Ball and Entertainment at the Hotel Pennsylvania. The participating Chapters were: *Aphrodite* No. 7 of Brooklyn; *Castalia* No. 19 of New York; *Victory* No. 76 of Hempstead; *Clio* No. 94 of Bronx and *Dorian* No. 96 of Westchester. The General Committee was under the chairmanship of Lt. Governor Helen I. Angelus.

In spite of bad weather, the spacious ballroom was crowded with young people eager to make friends and to spend a few hours of enjoyment. From a financial point of view, the affair was a success.

New Sons Chapter

LYNN, MASS.—District Governor Stergios Milonas of *Bay State* District No. 8 presided at an initiation last March. He was assisted by Lt. Governor Andrew Christopoulos, members of *Xenophon* Chapter of Woburn, Mass., District Advisor Basil S. Milonas, and Officers of the local Ahepa Chapter. Nineteen boys were initiated.

The newly elected officers were President Hippocrates Kyros; Vice-president Louis Tsiropoulos; Secretary Harry Brown and Treasurer Byron Menicles.—*Ted Peepas.*

They Help Local Church

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Last January, the Daughters of *Ktimene* Chapter No. 70 presented the Greek Church Building Fund Committee with a check of \$3,000.00. It represented the efforts of the chapter toward one thing—to raise money so that a church may be built in Greensboro. This check brought the amount that the Daughters have raised in 1947 to \$4,000.00.

Last February, there was an open installation for the newly elected officers, conducted at the Legion Hall by Constance Johnson, District Marshall of the Third District. Also present were: District Secretary Helen Pappas, District Treasurer Florence Melts. The newly installed officers are: Page Gregor, *President*; Katherine Sacrinty, *Vice-President*; Betty Criticos, *Secretary*, and Mary Kithas, *Treasurer*. Refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed by everyone.

Daughters and Maids Installed

LYNN, MASS.—Joint installations were held by the Daughters of *Alcestis* Chapter No. 127 and the Maids of *Elpis* Chapter No. 11 last January at the Ahepa Home.

Installing Officer for the Daughters, District Governor Tina Lefthes, assisted by District Secretary Meroecoulia and District Marshall Skeadas, performed the Candlelight Ceremony.

Past District Governor of the Daughters, Despina Dadasis of Salem, was the installing officer for the Maids.

Installed officers of the Daughters are headed by President Ismene Caracostas; those of the Maids by Worthy Maid Stella Strongylos. After the installations, the past President's Pin was presented by President Caracostas to past President Calliope Skambas.

Refreshments and entertainment were given under the direction of Demetra Jenis and Anne Sotiris.

Apokriatiko Glenti

ATLANTA, GA.—The Greek Church Hall was the scene of the "Apokriatiko Glenti" given by the Daughters of *Menelaos* Chapter No. 53. It was a Fancy Dress Ball to celebrate our newly redecorated Church Hall. The Daughters donated beautiful wine damask drapes for the Hall on this occasion.

Most of the guests attended in Fancy Dress and several handsome prizes were awarded. Mrs. George Sparks was awarded first prize; also Sophia Macris, Shirley Pappas, Georgia Alexander, James Pappas, Aristides Poulos, and little Anastasia Poulos received prizes.—*Chryse Demetry*.

Mid-Western Activities

DENVER, COLO.—The Daughters of *Athena* Chapter No. 10 held their first meeting for 1948 in January at the Ahepa Temple to celebrate the installation of the new officers and an initiation of new members. In charge of the installation was District Lt. Governor Murel Gatscos; who installed the new officers headed by attractive and youthful President Mary Demos, mother of two sons and wife of Theodore Demos.

Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting in the Temple's spacious and attractive dining room.

In February, they gave their annual Valentine Dance—a formal dance, with American and Greek dancing. This they followed with a children's Easter party at the Ahepa Temple on March 23, 1948.—*Helen D. Smith*.

Maids and Sons Valentine

BRONX, N. Y.—Last February the Zoodohos Peghe Church Hall was the scene of a tremendously successful dance given by *Mercedes* of the Sons and *Clio* of the Maids.

Over 300 people crowded into the ballroom and had a wonderful time dancing to the Greek and American music of George Kravas and his merry tunesmiths. Recorded music was provided during intermissions so that there would be continuous dancing throughout the entire evening.

The charming atmosphere of the ballroom was further heightened by the attractive Valentine decorations which were prepared by the Maids. With so many unattached young men and women present, it seemed inevitable that the cupid and heart decorations would serve as an inspiration for a few romances, but so far nothing has been reported!

Numerous Ahepa dignitaries from far and wide attended the dance such as National Advisor Theodore Zolotas, District Advisor Gus Nicholas, "Pop" Loris, Lieut. Governor of the Maids Helen Angelus, and many others. Also coming out in full force with their families and friends were many notables from *Bronx* Chapter, including Charles Sarantos, Tom Tsolos, Gus Ballas, Christ Cliadakis, Louis Dukas, Peter Zourdos, John Panos, et al.

An unexpected but pleasant surprise resulted when George Pipentacos, Gus Yavis and Christ Vovouras, all from *Phocion* Chapter of the Sons in Albany, took the long trip down to attend the dance. Their presence added a great deal to the festivities and the local Sons deeply appreciated this truly fine gesture of friendship exhibited by the visitors.

The evenings' fun was climaxed by a

rousing Xasapiko in which the Sons from the *Mercedes* and *Phocion* Chapters joined hands and whirled around with a zing and a zest that would have made their ancestors proud.—*The Pericles*.

A Benefit Dinner-Dance

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Last January, the Daughters of *Jason* Chapter No. 161 and the Agape Club gave a Dinner-Dance for the benefit of St. Basil Academy of the Greek Arch diocese. Our guests were very generous in making donations toward financing the event.

The Dinner-Dance was held in the Church Hall, beautifully decorated to resemble an exclusive night club. A raffle was raffled during the evening. This was an occasion, successful socially and financially, that all who were present undoubtedly will long remember.—*Helen J. Nichols*.

Sons Give Dance

ALBANY, N. Y.—Last March the *Saint Sophia* Greek Church was the scene of the Tenth Annual Dance given by *Phocion* Chapter No. 44 of the Sons.

With approximately 250 people crowded into the church hall, our dance was a tremendous success. American music was supplied by a well known teen-aged local band while recorded Greek music was also provided during intermissions so that there would be continuous dancing throughout the entire evening and also designed to please everyone present. In addition, the Sons brightened up the evening by presenting a little entertainment.

Among the dignitaries present were Lt. Governor of the Sons for *Empire* District George J. Pipentacos, member of our chapter; President of the *Albany* Chapter No. 140 Brother Thomas; past President Polydouris; and past District Governor John Perdaris.

With a major portion of the profit being turned over to our Church Building Fund, we have donated to this worthy project \$150.00.

At 12:30 A.M. the music finally ceased and as everybody made ready to leave, we carried away the pleasant memories of an evening well spent.—*Constantinos Docous*.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Our 1948 officers were installed last January by District Governor Versis of Washington, D. C. They are headed by President Mary Cockinos.—*Vickie Maydanis*.

We have a large number of returns from the Post Office because members fail to notify the Headquarters of their new address.

The Veterans' Administration now has completed contracts with 23 State Medical Associations in VA's home-town medical care program for veterans.

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Eastern Activities

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The Daughters of *Pallas Athena* Chapter No. 30 have been quite active since the beginning of the year.

President Toni Lazarou has been "on her toes," trying to get all members keenly interested in the activities of the Chapter. She is planning an extensive membership drive.

Our first social event was a grand dinner-theater party in honor of retiring Pres. Anne Mastoris, to whom our president presented her past President's Pin and a lovely gardenia, small tokens of gratitude and appreciation for the big job she did. The second event was a social meeting held in the lovely home of Sister Effie Vezo last March, she provided a pleasant evening. Delicious Greek delicacies were served and recorded Greek music was provided for the Daughters' dancing pleasure.

At the present time, we are planning our annual dance which should top all other Daughters' dances of the past, as this one will be a combined affair. Our most progressive Maids of Athens will collaborate to make it "the affair of the season," under Dance Committee Chairmen, Jean Zokas of the Daughters' and Rae Lazarou of the Maids.

With all these chapter interests one would think we have no time for personal interests. On the contrary, Ann Patinos, Mary George, Pauline Andromidas, and Toni Lazarou have all had their engagements announced and will be middle-aisling in the near future. Also Hope Vallas and Kae Macris have blessed-vented! Congratulations.—*Pauline Andromidas.*

Chapter Reactivated

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Recently, the Daughters of *Icarus* Chapter No. 43, sponsored by *Hudson* Chapter No. 108 reorganized their Chapter. They elected the following as: President, Mrs. J. Tsucalas; Vice-President, Mrs. Janulis; Secretary, Miss M. Marcopul, and Treasurer, Mrs. T. Antos.

They also elected a Board of Governors, and appointed the other officers.—*Mary Marcopul.*

District Conference No. 20

TUCSON, ARIZ.—Last January, a District Conference of *El Comono Real* District No. 20 was held in the Santa Rita Hotel, with officers and delegates from various chapters attending. The business sessions of the Conference were conducted by District Governor Conie Paiois, District Secretary Joana Kallas, and District Marshall Elaine Kitros.

There was a double installation of officers from Tucson and Phoenix; Tucson *Phoebus* Chapter No. 146 headed

by Diana Panos, President, and Phoenix *Hellespont* Chapter No. 150 by Ethia Poulos, President. The members of *Phebus* Chapter No. 146, served as hostesses. A special train from Los Angeles was greeted by the *Wild Vigilantes of Tucson Old Pueblo* and Veterans of Foreign Wars Band. The program included a breakfast at the Paulos Cafe, luncheon at the Santa Rita Hotel, Greek fiesta (*Panygyri*) followed by a dance at the Shrine Club, and a tour of OLD MEXICO with a luncheon at the famous Cavern Cafe as a climax.

Attending the conference were Grand President Mitchell, Grand Secretary Brotsis and past District Governors Lena Simitzi from Ventura, Calif., and Clara Cappony from Gary, Indiana. More than 500 Ahepans, Daughters and their families attended.—*Carolina Seimenis.*

Recital of Talented Pianist



Miss Maria H. Tomaras

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—Not so long ago the Birmingham Conservatory of Music presented in a piano recital Miss Maria Tomaras, talented pianist and composer. She is the daughter of Harry Tomaras of Birmingham Chapter No. 3 and Anna Tomaras, President of the local *Philoptohos*.

Miss Tomaras' sensitive interpretation of Bach's Prelude and Fugue in A minor displayed control and fine musicianship. The Second Hungarian Rhapsody of Franz Liszt was played with brilliance and virility. The Chopin group was as Chopin himself would have played it. Her beauty of tone, assurance of technique, her sparkling personality and appearance were factors which contributed to a wholly satisfying performance.

Miss Tomaras received with high honors her Master of Music degree. She is a member of the Birmingham Music

Club, a member and annual visitor and performer at the Interlachen National Music Camp of the University of Michigan, a piano teacher, music chairman of Ahepa district No. 1 conventions and former choir director of the "Holy Cross" Greek Church of Birmingham.—*Rev. D. W. Sakellarides.*

Combined Installation

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—A combined installation of officers of *Bridgeport* Chapter No. 62 and Daughters' *Hermes* Chapter No. 41 was held last January at the Ahepa Hall.

The impressive ceremony was attended by more than two hundred members and guests. The local community was headed by Rev. Kallinikos Hatzilambrou, pastor of our Church.

Nomikos Thomas, who for the second consecutive year was elected president, opened the meeting, welcomed the attendance and introduced the Chairman of the evening Steven Kremastiotis. The installing officer was District Governor Constatine Verinis, of the Yankee District No. 7.

Many spoke on the occasion and praised the work of the Chapter and of the Order in general. Following the Installation, a dance and a reception were held. The total membership consists of 175 members in good standing.

The Chapter inaugurated for the first time a New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance under the chairmanship of James Zabetas and Don Bullion, well known active members. The affair brought all our families with their friends together and was a big success.—*James Constas.*

They Initiate New Members

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Last April the Daughters of *Alandre* Chapter initiated ten neophytes into our Order. We congratulate them and welcome them as our new sisters. During the meeting we had the pleasure of listening to our Grand President Poppy Mitchell, who had the good fortune of attending the Ahepa National Banquet—*E. Peterson.*

An Impressive Ceremony

NEWARK, N. J.—Last April, at the Ahepa Lodge Rooms of *Eureka* Chapter No. 52 the officers of *Amphitryon* Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope were duly initiated and installed by newly organized *Cadmus* Chapter (Paterson) and *Areti* Chapter (Trenton).

District Governor Millas presided; there were about 100 Ahepans present.

After the ceremony, which included 20 candidates taking their oath and making their pledge, elections of officers were held and then all elected and appointed officers were installed. Refreshments were served.—*Constance Michalos.*

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.

Voluntary Agencies in Greece

American Organizations Praised for the Quality of Aid They Render

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

During the months that I have been serving in Greece as director of the United States Information Service, I have had ample opportunity to observe at close range the work of the American voluntary agencies. Watching them at work I have often asked myself why they occupy such a unique place in the affection and confidence of the Greek people.

There are, I believe, many reasons, but chief among them are these: During the many years that they have been established in the country they have in the best sense become an integral part of the nation's life. They understand its peculiar problems. As a result of years of experience in helping the Greeks to help themselves, they have developed an understanding and sympathy, and in return they have received a loyalty that cannot be otherwise duplicated. The methods and techniques which they have developed over the years have become a part of standard Greek practice. Our own American Mission for Aid to Greece is the most recent beneficiary of their experience.

At the same time we, at the Embassy, have felt, together with the agencies, an increasing concern about the diminishing funds coming from America for their work. This fact has also concerned the chief of the American Mission for Aid to Greece, so much so that, when it was brought to his attention, Mr. Griswold not only gave his full endorsement to the programs carried out by these agencies, but urged the need for greater continued support to them. I quote from a special statement given by Mr. Griswold to the American correspondents in Greece on March 20:

American Agencies Must Stay

"Let me state very clearly that there is no substitute for the work of private American educational and philanthropic agencies in Greece. The mission's program was designed primarily to meet only emergency security and reconstruction requirements.

"Now, more than ever before, Greece needs the help of these established American institutions which are doing such fine work. Their programs are of fundamental importance to the American mission and are contributing in large measure, materially and morally, to the volume of American aid.

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They have earned the continuing support of the American people."

The road to recovery in Greece will be a long and difficult one. Its needs are not only for those things which money can buy but even more for the skilled personalized services which many of these agencies have rendered for a quarter of a century. Giving in this sense is as old as our Republic. To continue to give would certainly be to uphold one of our proudest traditions.

The organizations to which I make reference are the following:

- American Farm School.
- American Joint Distribution Committee.
- American Near East Foundation.
- American School of Classical Studies and Gennadius Library.
- Anatolia College.
- Athens College.
- Congregational Christian Service Committee.
- C.A.R.E. (Cooperation for American Remittances to Europe).
- Council of Jewish Women.
- Greek War Relief Association.
- Pierce College.
- Rockefeller Foundation.
- Save the Children Federation.
- Young Men's Christian Association.
- Young Women's Christian Association.
- World Student Service Fund.

GEORGE W. EDMAN,
First Secretary of Embassy.

Athens, Greece, May 19, 1948.

He Deplores Lack of Ads

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

I have just received my first copy of THE AHEPAN. I think it is fine. The local Greeks made me a member last March. My travels in Greece and, I guess, my relationship to Daniel Webster make me a profound lover of Greece and her people.

I think our magazine could be better possibly if it carried more advertisements. I for one would like to know where I could buy Greek music and what records are available. I would like to buy Greek wines, Chios sweets, Turkish delight, Greek coffee, and I would love to buy my wife Greek peasant

clothes and embroideries. I was very pleased to send for the Greek cook book. Isn't there some place in America that one could buy Madame Nelly's exquisite pictures?

These are just a few ideas. I wish I could help sometime with drawings, etc. I am an artist (see latest *Who's Who*). My big ambition is a return to Greece to paint the temples in their native setting.

HUTTON WEBSTER, JR.
La Galeria Webster.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We, too, deplore this lack of ads on the part of firms specializing in products of Greece or Greek origin. Here they have a potential market of 30,000 families but fail to take advantage of it.)

Information Requested

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

You will allow me to address through these columns an inquiry as to the whereabouts of D. G. Michalopoulos, formerly of the Chicago Bar and past Supreme Vice-President and Supreme Counsellor. His family have long since lost any trace of him and are worried whether or not he is still alive.

Any information regarding said D. G. Michalopoulos will be greatly appreciated.

GEORGE A. POLOS,
Member of Mother Lodge.

Brooklyn, May 2, 1948
9281 Shore Road

A Plea for Greek Children

Admittance Here Is Urged to Prevent Their Abduction by Communists

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

Following the maxim that "extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures," Congress has begun to hear appeals from the American people, particularly from Americans of Greek descent, for the taking of special steps to meet with one of the gravest problems that has ever confronted a civilized nation—the problem of the potential loss of its national existence and birthright because of the theft of its children.

The facts have been obvious before the eyes of the world for many months now. Under the direction of General Markos and his Communist terrorists, the Red Balkan bloc of Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia has aided and abetted the abduction of some 15,000 Greek youngsters from the Greek homeland, and have made intensive plans for

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the stealing of 25,000 more. The consequences of these deeds of horror have been apparent too, by terror that has struck the hearts of every Greek parent, who has hastily sent his children, in so far as possible, away from Communist-raided areas into the already overcrowded cities of the ravaged Greek peninsula.

This forced mass migration of children has served to aggravate the problems of overcrowding, disease, malnutrition which have so much complicated the actions of the Greek people in trying to meet the Red menace. The United Nations must smash this Soviet sabotage within its ranks and take action against what has been characterized as genocide—steps calculated to destroy an entire people through robbing a people of its children.

Amend Senate 2242 Bill

On the doorstep of Congress itself lies the main solution of the problem. Amending the Displaced Persons Bill, S 2242, now pending on the Senate calendar, is one means of action. Under this bill a total of only 100,000 displaced persons and orphans would be allowed to immigrate to the United States within the next two years, with special privileges given to farmers and citizens from the Baltic countries. This would leave little hope for Greek immigration over and above present highly oversubscribed quota.

Such amendment as is proposed would permit the immigration, if only on a temporary basis, of as many Greek children as may be necessary under present circumstances, until the present Communist menace has been dealt with. These children could come into the homes of Americans of Greek parentage as well as into other American homes or be placed in special boarding schools until the danger is removed.

The scheme devised by the Communists of the north boundaries of Greece can only be nullified by the removal of the Greek children to the United States.

SOTTROS NICHOLSON,

Past Supreme Counsellor.

Washington, April 12, 1948.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was caused by the theft of Greek children by Communist-inspired guerrillas in Greece as described in a cable by the Athens Correspondent of The New York Times.)

Daughters' Work Vital

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

I wish to extend greetings to our Daughters of Penelope.

It was a sincere privilege and pleasure to have been the installing officer for the newly elected officers of our Eastern Chapters.

I find that each Chapter has been making wonderful progress this past year and this is a source of great satisfaction to all of us. This progress has been achieved through mutual coopera-

tion of each and every member. However we cannot afford to slow up now.

Our aim is to make the Daughters of Penelope better known throughout the country and to gain recognition as an organization that is vital to the life and progress of our respective communities.

There is much to do, so let us all work diligently for a larger and more active order of Daughters of Penelope.

Wishing you all continued success.

CATHERINE GIFTAKIS,

Grand Governor.

New York, February 8, 1948.

New Chapter Organized

PATERSON, N. J.—*Euterpi* Chapter No. 165 of the Daughters of Penelope was formed on the night of February 27th, 1948. Initiation was held at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel, presided over by Mrs. James Millas, President of the Trenton Chapter of the Daughters. Assisting her were Mrs. Jack Jahos and Mrs. Limberakis also of Trenton. Present to witness the ceremony were District Governor James Millas and District Advisor George Bravakis of Newark, N. J.

The following fifteen members were initiated and became charter members of the Chapter:

Mary Fassoulis, Mary Fotinis, Jane Rogers, Pauline Cording, Angie Pippins, Sophie Taylor, Helen Vasios, Carmine Makris, Kathryn Thevos, Irene Veras, Poppy Malasando, Felisia George, Christine Kandanes, Katherine Retalis, Emily Aros.

Following the initiation the Chapter was organized and the following officers elected: Mary Fassoulis, *President*; Kathryn Thevos, *Vice-President*; Mary Fotinis, *Secretary*; Irene Veras, *Treasurer*; Jane Rogers, *Chairman of the Board of Trustees*.

The Chapter adjourned in high spirits with twelve applications for membership pending.

A joint meeting with *Alexander Hamilton* Chapter No. 54 of the *Ahepa* is planned for the near future, as well as an extensive educational program. At the meeting of *Alexander Hamilton* Chapter on March 9th, 1948, the Chapter formally sponsored the *Euterpi* Chapter of the Daughters.—*The Ahepa Voice*.

Western Activities

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—More than 100 Daughters of *Melita* Chapter No. 119 turned out at their first regular meeting last February to hear Grand President Poppy Mitchell speak on accomplishments, problems and future plans of our Senior Ladies Auxiliary. She complimented newly elected officers on the performance of their ritualistic work, the first meeting since their installation.

President Myra Tellegan then intro-

duced Grand Secretary Kay Brotsis and past Grand Governor Isabelle Masters, who briefly addressed the gathering.

Vice-President Angie Michael presented Grand President Mitchell with a beautiful compact as a gift from the members of *Melita* Chapter.

A musical program followed, Flora Strike, an accomplished concert pianist, rendering two selections, and Marie Bayz, popular operatic soprano, singing "Signomi Sou Zeto." Refreshments were served.

By prearrangement, a group of members met at the home of past President Margaret Cardos where they prepared several hundred pounds of clothing which they sent to Greek War Relief.

At another time, we honored three of our members, who were pre-Lenten brides, with a miscellaneous housewares shower. Sixty-five guests greeted past Treasurer Pat Tavoularis, Treasurer Muriel Pappas, and past Marshall Vera Souris. This was the first social meeting of the year 1948.—*Diana K. Athans*.

Dinner, Dance and a Raffle

ST. PAUL, MINN.—"An all around evening of entertainment for young and old" is an appropriate definition for the Smorgasbord and Dance, which was given by the Daughters of *Eurydice* Chapter No. 21 last May. The Community's lovely hall was the setting, and the menu consisted of American and Greek hot dishes, cold dishes, and colorful spring vegetables which made the food table looking appetising all evening.

Greek dancing took place and also several American records were played for American dancing. For an ending to climax the affair, a raffle was held.—*Jennie Georgantones*.



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OUR MAGAZINE AT THE CROSSROADS

At the Supreme Lodge meeting of January 4, 1948, held in Washington, it was moved and passed that in the month of May a circular be sent out by the National Headquarters to all Chapters giving a full and complete analysis of the finances of this magazine.

Considering that the 50 per cent per capita tax allocated to the magazine has been inadequate to meet its operating and publishing costs, the Supreme Lodge felt that there was only one alternative, namely, either to increase the 50 cent share diverted to the magazine from the \$4 per member remittances of the Chapters or to suspend publication.

The 1947 Year Book gave out the following figures pertaining to this question:

INCOME FROM:	
Member p.c. share	\$12,220.50
Ads—Greek War Relief	10,000.00
Ads—Sundry	965.44
Special subscription drive	1,098.46
Total Income	\$24,284.40
EXPENSES TO:	
Publishing costs	\$18,597.91
Circulation costs	1,809.25
Administrative costs	5,730.40*
Depreciation	480.76
Total Expenses	\$26,618.32

NET DEFICIT
for the year \$2,333.92
(*Of which: Editor's Compensation \$2,850.00; Headquarters Payroll \$2,185.65, and Sundry \$694.75.)

Considering that current publishing costs are higher than last year's, and that the \$10,000 contribution by the Greek War Relief to pay for many pages of advertising and other material inserted toward the 1947 Greek War Relief campaign was not

deduplicated this year, it can easily be surmised that the deficit for this year, in spite of many economies, may be as much as \$10,000.

The Supreme Lodge was early in the fall faced with this problem of higher costs against lower income, but was unable to find other sources of revenue. It decided against suspension of publication, feeling that the matter deserved to be brought before the National Convention solely competent to decide one way or another.

We are now approaching Detroit time. The Chapters must definitely instruct their delegates how they feel in the matter. If they wish to continue this publication, they must authorize an increase in the per capita tax or approve a subscription charge of at least one dollar per year per member. If not, they must accept the inevitable, namely, that lacking the means and the authority, the next Supreme Lodge will discontinue publication of our only national magazine. There is no other solution worth discussing.

OUR HOSPITAL DRIVE—IN RETROSPECT

Pursuant to a resolution passed by the 1945 Conference of Supreme Lodge Officers, past Supreme Presidents and District Governors, a huge campaign was mounted throughout this land to raise a \$2 million fund for an Ahepa 1000-bed hospital in Athens, Greece.

This was an admirable project. Steeped in patriotism, it evoked universal applause. The response from large and small pocketbooks was wonderful. Yet, it is submitted, this beautiful dream lacked realism. Had it been pursued to its original dimensions, it would have failed dismally.

Briefly stated, the plan omitted taking into account seriously the existing and potential ability of the little nation to which we proposed to donate this hospital to care for it

and keep it going after it was built.

This conclusion is borne out by reports being released every day by American Hospitals. If they do not show a large deficit, they nevertheless point to curtailment of this or that service because of lack of adequate funds, and give danger signals for the future.

The public of New York was recently confronted with one more stark instance of the present financial plight of hospitals through the annual report of Roosevelt Hospital, a 411-bed institution. In one way or another serving the theatre zone, some industrial territory and both luxury and tenement residential areas, this institution had an operating deficit last year of \$296,000.

This unsatisfactory state of affairs admittedly exists in the richest city of the richest country of the world. Can any one doubt what would have happened to a mammoth—for Greece—1000-bed hospital situated in a city—Athens—hard hit by long years of war and oppression, overcrowded by refugees and indigent tenement communities and still fighting against poverty and civil strife in a country for years now keeping above water thanks to outside financial and other help? The sad conclusion is inescapable.

We must express admiration to past Supreme President Booras and his able colleagues and collaborators who stumped the country in quest of donations for this project. But we believe it is time that we also acknowledge the magnitude of the problem and confess that subsequent wiser heads have saved this Order and undoubtedly the people of Greece we wished to help from a cancerous drain—a drain that might have been the undoing of everything we stand for.

Kimion A. Doukas
Editor

THE AHEPAN

Skirted Evezones of Greek Palace Guard Maintain Discipline Despite Hard Times

By JOHN W. MOWINCKEL
Staff Correspondent, World Report

ATHENS. — The "new look" hasn't come to Greece yet. The Evezones, the skirted "he-men" of the palace guard, go on wearing their *foustanellas* at the same length and in the same manner that they have for generations.

While Greece is swept by sporadic fighting, particularly along the Northern frontier, the Evezones (more formally designated the Royal Guard Battalion), have no difficulty maintaining peace and order around King Paul's palace.

Evezone is the ancient Greek word for "good-waisted." Physical qualifications for the Royal Guard are strict. Everyone of the 180 men are specially selected because they are excellent physical specimens, each not only is "good-waisted" but stands exactly 5 feet, 10 inches tall.

Officers keep an eye on men taking basic training for the Army and make tentative selections for the Evezones. Selections are based on the candidates' discipline, ambitions, ideals and political views. None are chosen for the Evezones until they have finished their basic training and hung up a good record.

The Evezones have a reputation for smartness. Once the new men are chosen, they are put through two months of intensive training. That includes learning how to don the picturesque dress that has greatly helped in making them one of the world's distinctive military units.

The full-length stockings with their harness; the skirt; the heavy, black jacket of hand-woven wool with white embroidery; the *foustanella* and the various and assorted tassels; the garters and belts—all have their prescribed position and angle. Woe to the Evezone who appears with even so much as a tassel askew.

Putting on the uniform requires a special technique and can be done in 20 minutes if the guard is fast. The trick apparently is in knowing what to put on first, and what follows in the proper order.

New recruits jumping out of bed at reveille are a constant source of amusement to the old soldiers. They either get themselves hopelessly tangled up or dress

in record time, only to find that they have omitted some vital piece that should have been put on first.

Evezone Uniforms Are Costly

The Evezone uniform costs nearly \$300, including \$140 for the jacket and \$60 for the skirt. All are made by Constantine Georgoulos, an 85-year-old tailor who first went to work for King George I in 1909. He and his son, Evangelos, are carrying on the work their ancestors started for Othon, first King of Greece, nearly 100 years ago.

The elder Georgoulos is a distinguished-looking gentleman who considers the making of the Evezone uniform an art. He works at it from 5 a.m. until 6 p.m. every day. He calculates that, by rushing, he and his son can turn out a full uniform in 20 days. The work is painstakingly fine, with every little stitch done by hand.

Every Evezone must take a bath at least once a week. Enforcing this regulation is not as easy as it might seem. Many sturdy youngsters from the isolated mountain regions of Greece frown on the suggestion. One man was caught bone dry while trying to fool everyone by letting the bath water run and making gasping sounds.

Major Demetrios Cartonias, the Evezones' commander, now has a special secret service of his own that keeps him informed on the bath situation.

The husky guards eat simply but heartily. An average lunch consists of seven substantial meatballs per man, vegetables, coffee, cake three times a week, and wine on Sunday. I ate one of the meatballs and satisfied my appetite for the rest of the day.

Greeks are wine drinkers. The Evezones would like a return to the good old days when they had wine with every meal. Battalion finances no longer can stand the expense. In fact, the lack of funds in these evil days in Greece is so severe that some of the Evezones' uniforms are beginning to look a little shabby and cannot be replaced. To save them as much as possible, all members of the guard now wear regular Army uniforms while off duty.

Major Cartonias is proud of his skirted guard. He claims that they are so well trained and armed that each could stand off 10 men if any trouble started around the palace. They are armed with



rifles, tommy guns, machine guns and grenades. Each is a crack shot and sleeps with his arms and equipment beside him.

Evezones Are Mountaineers

Most of the men come from the mountain regions, especially around Sparta. The dialects they speak are often so different from the Greek language that Athens knows that their officers sometimes do not understand them.

Evezones are not permitted to drink in public places. This rule is strictly enforced. To be caught drunk is an offense punishable by dishonorable discharge. The men say that is the worst punishment possible. They feel that, if such a thing ever happened to them, they could never show their faces in their home villages.

From chats I've had with a number of them, it's plain that the mountain lads are not impressed with what they see in Athens, a gay capital despite Greece's woes. Several confessed that they were shocked by the amount of drinking, gambling and high living here. Nothing like that goes on back in their mountain villages.

The big moment for most Evezones comes at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Then the streets of Athens echo to the swish of *foustanellas*, marching feet and martial music. The Royal Guard Battalion is on parade. The guards march through the city, backs straight and heads high, tassels flying and pompons bobbing.

Winding up at the Monument of the Unknown Soldier, they solemnly salute while the band plays the National Anthem prior to the changing of the guard. Athenians in any cafe within hearing distance stand up in salute—as much to the Evezones as to the National Anthem, one being the symbol of the other.

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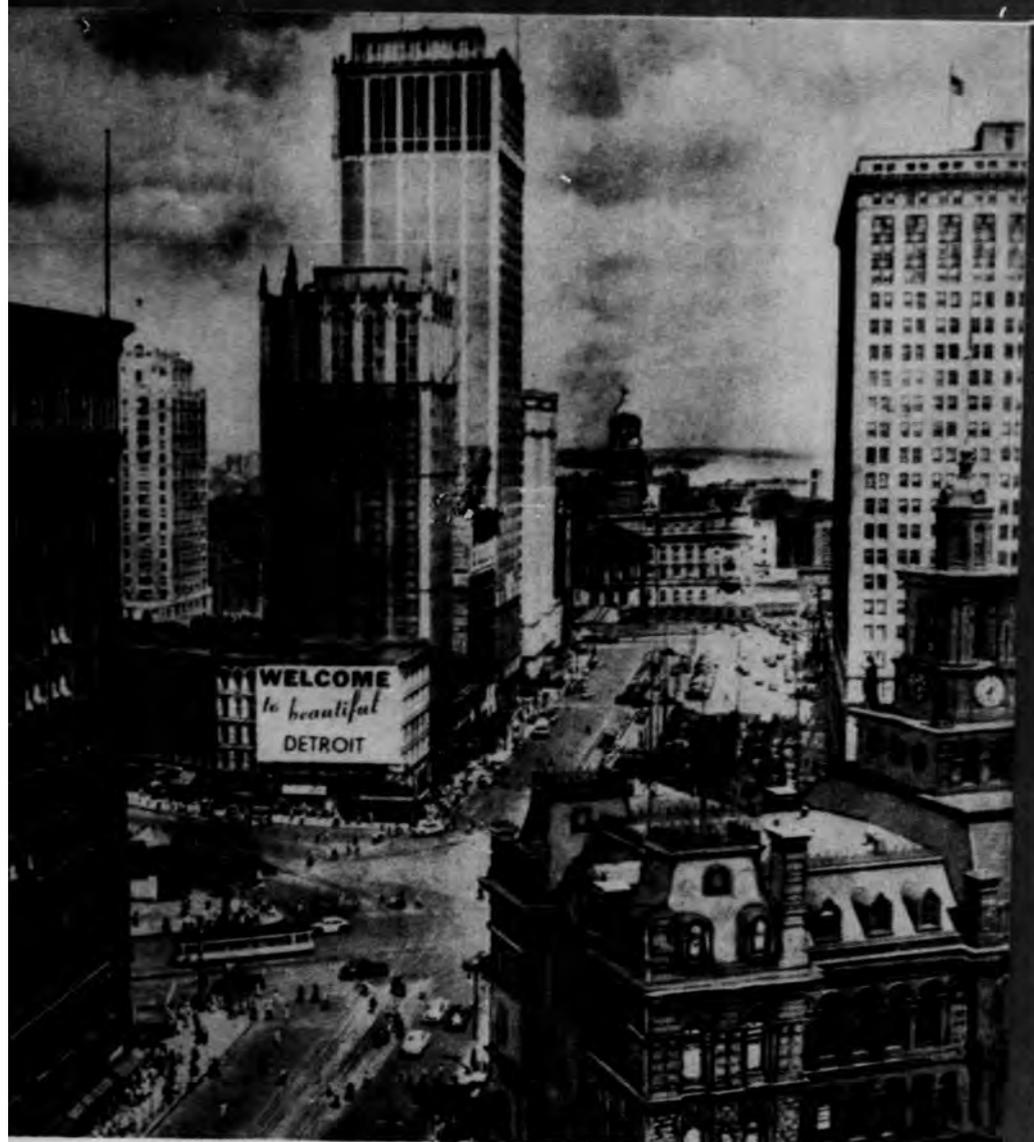
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ATHENS. — The glory that was Greece is living again in the hearts of her people a different glory. No more for them the Golden Age of a Pericles; no more for them the imperial might of an Alexander or the undying words of a Homer, a Plato or a Socrates. Their deeds, their fame of our times is penned with the sword; their history written with their blood! No more for them the ageless and immortal few to shine forever brilliant in the Heavens but now little sparks of greatness flickering in the dark sky that is closing down on Europe.

Eftychia Kaliva is a part of the Greek history. For by the lives of a people so shall you know a nation; and by the life of this child so shall you recognize the spirit of an indomitable race. And she shall be kept warm and loved in the hearts of her fellowmen and walk side by side down the stretches of the years with Antigone and Electra. This is her story.

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She was an orphan, never knowing the magic delight of a normal childhood, for her father fought and died with the famous *Evzone* mountain light infantry; her mother eking out the precious bread supply died of starvation during the German occupation. And the years which followed brought no happiness and security into the lives of a suffering humanity for Communism was rife in the land. *Eftychia* at this time was 16 years old and lived with her two little brothers, aged 11 and 8, in the tiny village of *Kalesmano*, hidden in the



Eurytania mountains, a few hours journey from Athens.

A poor but happy little village it was before war had touched it and justly proud of their fig production. More terror and famine succeeded the war years; only bloodshed seemed to answer the villager's prayer. By January, 1948, the rebel hoards had advanced closer and closer upon them and each day was counted as a miracle of survival. Fear with its insidious fingers crept among them. The brigands were now kidnapping children of 5 to 16 years of age. These they deported over the northern frontiers of Greece and placed in camps to be initiated into Communism so that in a few years they too might rise and conquer the country of their youth. It was boasted by "General" Markos that 30,000 children would be their estimate for this incredible plan; already many thousands had disappeared.

The Brigands Come and Destroy

One bitter night in February, this fear became a stark reality. The brigands swept down among them perpetrating their usual atrocities, taking women and children, burning, looting and killing, until the valley was filled with screams of anguish, moans of terror, and the helpless tears of mothers and above all, the sharp whine of bullets. *Eftychia*, living at the far end of the village, quickly awakened her brothers and covering them with whatever lay on hand ran out with them into the dark fear-ridden night.

The only place of safety was a small military post high on the mountains. The road was blocked by the enemy. With no time to think she hastily turned to a little goat path and began the perilous ascent. Up and up she climbed where the snow lay chest high with the little boys clinging on to her skirts behind. She forced her way through every obstacle making a narrow path through which they could follow. With no thought of personal safety, for she could have saved herself easily enough, she fought her way on, struggling every inch of the trail, battling with the enemy snow until every breath was a burning torture, her young flesh pierced and bleeding from the innumerable contacts with thorns and wild unrelenting branches.



Up and up she went, until the snow was red with her blood! Numb with cold, fear and terror throbbing in her gallant and exhausted little heart, on and on the little woman went in her struggle to save the only inheritance of an *Evzone*. By now her scratches were wounds; thicker and thicker grew the trail of red on the blanket of white. The boys now safe in the Red Cross Station of Karpenisi recall no murmurs of pain from their sister; only hard rasping breaths and hoarse whispers of encouragement.

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That night seemed composed of all eternity. Gradually the dark sky folded back from the earth and the stilly dawn broke calmly upon the tragedy beneath. With the revealing light, the three children saw their hope before them. The first military outpost had been reached. The sentries leaping to their guns were amazed to hear the faint wail of a girl, "Don't shoot, the children, the children." Just that and no more, for *Eftychia* fell dying at their feet.

Tenderly she was gathered into their rough arms and gently laid on the floor of a little hut. With tears in their eyes, they saw her half naked body gaping with wounds. But pain and suffering were hers no more. No future heritage of pain and misery. Never again would the warm sun of Greece shine on her or the soft summer winds play with her dark hair. For she had gone from the land, gone to a rest undreamed of. Folded on the soft wings of dawn, she passed on to a peace she never knew. God bless her soul! Eternal be her memory!

The pleasures of the senses pass quickly; those of the heart become sorrows; but those of the mind are with us even to the end of our journey.

—Spanish proverb

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THE FRONT COVER:

This year, our National Convention is being held in the beautiful city of Detroit. Centrally located, it can easily be reached from all parts of our Continent. Information has it that this year's annual Ahepa pilgrimage will gather the largest delegation of Ahepdom. We are happy to present a bird's eye view of what is awaiting our Ahepa representatives and their guests.

THE SOUL OF A NATION:

On page 2, we are privileged to include a story that is true and tragic—the sacrifice of the young sister for her two little brothers. It is written by a young English woman at present visiting Greece. It gives an idea of what is going on in that unhappy land. And it reveals the soul of a nation!

THE SPIRIT OF AHEPA:

What is Ahepa? What does it stand for? Where are we going from here? What is our goal? These and other questions are simply and briefly answered by five contributions from true and loyal Ahepans on page 4. Read them carefully, and you will admit that they will make you a better Ahepan.

AHEPA'S HEALTH PROGRAM:

What Supreme President Helis reports on page 5 is part of his annual report being submitted to our Convention in Detroit this year. It deals exclusively with Ahepa's effort, in conjunction with the Greek War Relief Association, to build adequate facilities throughout Greece for serving and safeguarding the health of the Greek people. As he writes, the effort should make all of us proud for what we have accomplished and eager to push forward for greater deeds for the common good.

OUR 22ND NATIONAL CONVENTION:

We are finally able to circulate the complete program of our current National Convention in Detroit. On page 9, one will find that serious business has been interspersed with such a diversified program of events and doings that every visitor will depart from Detroit with lasting memories.

SUPREME GOVERNOR BEZAITIS:

In the issue of March-April, we included two ads solicited by our Supreme Governor Bezaitis from among his friends. He again came through with two more ads in this issue. We publicly express our thanks and appreciation for his noble efforts.

CALLING ALL DISTRICT GOVERNORS:

We call upon all District Governors, newly elected or re-elected by the 1948 District Conventions, to forward our Editor, Dr. Doukas, as soon as possible a brief outline of their Ahepa career, along with a small photograph. This request applies to all District Governors of the three Auxiliaries: Daughters, Maids and Sons. Please hurry.

COMING FEATURES:

Our next issue will report fully the doings of the National Convention at Detroit; it will present our District Governors; it will have excerpts from the reports of our Supreme Lodge officers to the Convention; and it will include as many writeups on District Conventions as space permits.

Because of so much copy anticipated, we have reduced the format of this issue from 32 to 20 pages so as to reserve the 12 pages omitted for the September-October issue—provided, of course, the Convention authorizes the increase of the magazine share from the per capita tax from 50 cents to at least one dollar and a half.

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From The— EDITOR'S DESK

Mutual Aid, Our Goal

The words "Brotherhood" and "Fraternalism" are used so often and are so broad that they could very easily become abstract and meaningless. Yet a mere effort in the application will make our Order stronger and will create a happier atmosphere.

When one speaks of applying brotherhood he should mean practical application. The most effective way practiced on a large scale by most American fraternal organizations is mutual patronage and promotion of business. True enough, it is a principle of the Order that commercial differences will not enter into the Lodge, but mutual business patronage is entirely the antithesis of commercial differences.

This phase of business aid is taken so seriously by most American fraternal lodges that they have special committees and officers and publish special circulars and directories for this purpose.

Now, more than ever, younger brothers and Hellenes at large are undertaking new enterprises and have entered into just about every type of business conceivable, contrary to the condition that prevailed till recently where generally there were about two or three types of businesses in which most Hellenes participated. Therefore, now one finds that for every one of his needs there exists a Hellenic enterprise which can serve him.

In patronizing an Hellenic enterprise, however, one must do it in the spirit that the enterprise should profit from his patronage rather than with the expectancy of "getting something for nothing." Again in return, the businessman must not take the trade of his fellow Hellenes for granted but should give them the service he gives to every one of his customers.

Let us elaborate more along these lines, for if we consider ourselves thoroughly Americanized, then we must realize that ball-playing is truly an American characteristic. Let us give our Fraternal Ideals a practical value for we live in a land which, although one of lofty ideals, yet consists not of frugal and idle philosophers but of builders and salesmen.

—Contributed by George A. Calimeris,
Editor, *The Ahepa Traveler*.

A Credo

Ahepa is a great fraternity. It is a fraternity that has been built through hard work. It is a fraternity whose past history is glorious. It is a fraternity whose future is filled with far greater and far more important tasks. It is a fraternity that belongs to no one man. It is a fraternity that belongs to you, the rank and file of Ahepa, for without you there would be no Ahepa. It is your Ahepa.

—Contributed by District Governor
A. T. Tsoumas of District No. 13.

The Watch

Did you ever think how much the set-up of our Order resembles a watch? A very homely comparison indeed, but very true. The three outstandingly important parts of a watch are: *The Case, the Stem and the Works*.

The *Case* does the first important job. It holds together the working mechanism, it protects the parts, it keeps out anything that might harm the works. So it is with our Supreme Lodge. By their guidance, by the Laws and Rules that they formulate, they guard our Order against these things that might be harmful; they keep in it the things that are essential to its success; they keep out of it those things that might ultimately destroy its usefulness.

Now consider the *Stem* of the watch. At regular times you wind your watch, using the stem for that purpose, and thus, furnishing the energy to keep it running. That stem can be likened to our District Lodge—that body of men who direct and guide us, who encourage us in many ways and thus energize the Chapters to plan and work for continued increases and improvements in our Order.

And now consider the *Works* of your watch. It is composed of wheels, cogs, pinions, jewels, springs, many, many pieces all fitted together, all working together, to make your watch keep time and accomplish the purpose for which it was built. Let one part of the works go bad, any part, and what happens? The watch stops, and for the time at least, becomes useless. It won't run with parts out of order. Of course you can still wear it—it still is an ornament, but it's just make-believe, all show, no accomplishment.

That part of the watch can be likened to your Chapter. When your members are working, then your Chapter is operating and doing the job it should do. When one part of your Chapter program stops, it puts the brakes on your activities, and your Chapter becomes like a watch with a part out of order—just a static organization, still existing, but not doing the job it is supposed to do. And just like a watch, you can't keep your Chapter going if just the President or several of the Officers, or only a small group of members are functioning. It takes them all—every one of them.

That is why a President alone cannot run a Chapter. Let him emulate the balance wheel of the watch, but let the rest of the parts work, too. Give the members of your Chapter a chance to work—they WILL. Place your new members on committees as fast as they join. Most of them are really "on the ball"—keep them going.

A busy chapter is a good chapter, and a good chapter will not lose many members. You will have a live Chapter—your members will keep it that way—so to summar-

ize—your chapter can only be as active as are all of your members, because all of your members ARE the Chapter.

—Contributed by District Governor
Peter Kourmoules of District No. 11.

AHEPA

AHEPA has consistently led the way in the past twenty-five years to raise the banner of Hellenism in these United States. We will continue to do so. Many of us can recall the abuse and intimidations we suffered in the past; it has not been so long ago. Today we have an enviable reputation in our communities and we are proud to say we are Greeks. We secured coveted positions in politics, industry, big business, universities and professions. How did this all come about? AHEPA? No. Each one of you has worked hard to attain his goal. Through your own ability and shrewdness you are successful today. As a people you have an enviable record.

AHEPA is the great organ by which we have presented our virtues and abilities to the people. Under one united fraternity the combined good we have been doing has been made known to all; the politician, industrialist, the public and to you. It has given us pride for our heritage and the courage to strive for higher goals. It has made us conscious of the things we can attain as we have been shown the way.

The strength, resources and know-how of the AHEPA has done a splendid job of telling the public that we have come to this country and have made our mark. Those fathers of AHEPA with illuminating understanding paved the way for our present social and financial success. No peoples from other lands with our population have achieved such fine recognition and esteem as we enjoy here today.

—Contributed by Van D. Mericou
of Alpha Chapter No. 40 of Detroit.

The "E" In Ahepa

Few persons actually know that the name AHEPA is a word composed of the first letter of several words — *American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association*.

Although each of these words is significant, yet the most important is the word *Educational*. "E" for *Education*. If the efforts of this great Fraternity were not extended to achievements of any other nature than education, it would still have accomplished a great goal. Education is important for it is the basis of *Truth and Right*.

Along these lines, various programs have been pursued by the Order of AHEPA and especially by *St. Louis Chapter No. 53*. No program, however, has ever been as truly effective as a new program soon to be inaugurated. Its provisions outshine all previous progressive efforts on behalf of education.

The *St. Louis Chapter* acknowledges the importance of Education and has charged its Scholarship and Education Committee, headed by capable Brother Harry Stathis, past President of the *St. Louis Chapter*, to prepare a program worthy of the importance of its subject—EDUCATION.—*The May Festival Committee Journal*.

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Report of the Supreme President On Ahepa—GWRA Health Program

TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF AHEPA,
GREETINGS:

During the past six months, I have through various media kept the fraternity informed of the status and progress of the AHEPA hospital projects in Greece. Our members will recall that I spent the period between November 1, 1947 and December 18, 1947 on a trip to Greece, during which I concluded the contracts for the construction of the major part of the AHEPA health program. Since my return a substantial portion of my time has been devoted to the daily problems which have arisen in connection with AHEPA projects which constitute the largest private building program in Greece today.

At the moment, the work involves seven separate operations reaching from the Island of Crete to the heart of the Peloponnes, to Thessaly and to the northeastern corner of Macedonia. Many of you are familiar with the problems of construction in America today. You know the difficulties of procuring materials and of transportation and labor. If you multiply these difficulties one hundred-fold, you will have a fair notion of the Herculean task confronting any organization engaged in a large-scale construction program in Greece today.

The greatest difficulty, of course, arises from the internal security situation. Let me cite two examples which will illustrate this point:

Kalavryta Plundered by Guerrillas

Our contract for the Type "A" Kalavryta Health center was signed on October 11th and construction was actually started on October 24th. Materials were moved down by rail and truck from our central storehouses in Athens and by April 10th, the job was moving according to schedule and 20 per cent completed. The next morning the guerrillas came down from the hills and for twenty-four hours the village was plundered and sacked. The GWRA resident doctor was wounded, its engineer beaten and the building contractor's staff scattered. Work, of course, was temporarily abandoned. Our Athens office then cabled for instructions, informing us that each day the villagers made a pilgrimage to the site of the health center, inquiring if

work was to be carried on or whether it was to be abandoned.

We decided that in spite of all difficulties, and despite the fact that materials could only be brought in under armed convoy, the work must be continued. The completion of this health center had become a symbol in the eyes of the Greek people. For them it meant that no catastrophe could deter the AHEPA and the GWRA from aiding them in their hour of greatest need. Work was resumed on May 15th, 1948, and as of July 15th, the building was exactly 50 per cent completed.

Filiatra of Messinia Isolated

The second example of difficulties resulting from the internal security conditions illustrates also the problem of increasing internal costs, due to a situation over which management, no matter how prudent, can have any control. During the construction of the Filiatra Health Center in the Province of Messinia, it was necessary to send from Athens a shipment of electrical equipment and an electric generator. The materials were sent by truck as far as Tripolis at which point our drivers were informed that because of guerrilla activity, the roads leading to Filiatra were cut off and would not be usable



Supreme President Helis

for a considerable period of time. The equipment was then rerouted to Patras for shipment by water. Again, because of military operations, water shipment was impossible. Because the authorities had commandeered all warehouse space, it was necessary to transport the goods back to Tripolis. After several weeks of military operations, the road to Filiatra was opened and the supplies reached the job site six weeks behind schedule.

The incidents which I have described indicate in some measure the enormous difficulty of keeping a construction program going in Greece. They illustrate, too, the greatly increased cost of operation in Greece at the present time, due to abnormal conditions which, at times, paralyze transportation and all methods of communication, and cause delays and additional expense which must be absorbed by the GWRA. The only other alternative is to stop completely the construction program. To do this would be, to



The Ahepa Wing of Evangelismos Hospital as of July, 1948.

my mind, a betrayal of the Greek people in their hour of greatest need!

With this background material I should like to present to our members the status of the construction program as of July 15th, 1948:

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1. *Ahepa Wing of the Evangelismos Hospital*

This structure is 75 per cent completed. Located in the heart of Athens, it will, when completed on or about September 15th, provide 385 additional hospital beds. Pursuant to the agreement which we signed with the trustees of the Hospital, priority is to be given to patients coming from the provinces and the various provinces will have a pro rata share of the charity beds, to be provided by the institution.

The cost of maintaining the institution will be borne by the Board of Trustees of the Evangelismos Hospital who, by contract, have agreed that a special representative of the Order of AHEPA shall have the right to check on all matters relating to the AHEPA Wing of the Hospital and to see that all contractual obligations are kept.

Under the terms of the contract, \$635,000 was provided for the completion of this building which is eight stories high and over one block long.

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2. *Health Centers*

Chrysoupolis

The first AHEPA health center to be constructed in Greece, located at *Chrysoupolis*, was opened March 14th, 1948, and is now serving over 100,000 people in northeastern Greece. Since it was opened 3,461 treatments and vaccinations have been given; 1,597 showers and treatments were given to children and adults suffering from skin diseases.

The Senior Medical Officer of the American Mission, Dr. H. O. Hedley, and the Senior Health Officer of the World Health Organization in Greece, Dr. E. T. Vine, were present at the dedication ceremonies which were attended by over 10,000 people. They have described the institution as "the finest structure of its kind on the Continent."

Ierapetra, (Crete)

Construction was begun on November 28, 1947. As of July 15th, 1948, the building was 85 per cent completed with the completion date set for on or before August 15th. This building will provide complete medical facilities for preventive as well as remedial medicine for the entire eastern end of the Island of Crete.

Kalavryta

As of July 15th, 1948, this building was 50 per cent completed. Work on

the structure was suspended as a result of the raid on April 11th, and resumed on May 15th. Because of the internal security situation and transportation difficulties, it is now estimated that the building will be completed on or about October 15th, 1948.

Meligala

Construction was started on December 27, 1947. As of July 15th, 1948, the structure was 60 per cent completed. One of the major factors delaying the scheduled completion on this project is the internal security situation which has required rerouting of practically all materials at substantially increased costs, both in time and in money.

Thebes

Construction commenced December 27, 1947. Because of its proximity to Athens and the improvement of the highways, due to the American road-building program, progress on this job has been almost on schedule. The building is 85 per cent completed and it is expected that the structure will be finished before September 1st, 1948.

Filiatra

Construction started December 27, 1947. The job is 68 per cent completed. Contract completion date, July 1st, 1948. Estimated completion date, September 1st, 1948. The major factor in the delay is transportation difficulties from Tripolis to the job site. Because of internal security conditions all materials are being rerouted and sent by way of Patras instead of by road through Tripolis.

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3. *Salonika General Hospital*

Since reaching the agreement with the Rector and officials of the University, with respect to the erection of a 100-bed hospital and nurses' training school, it has been impossible to proceed further on this project because of the following specific complications:

In our discussions last December, the officials of the University requested that we erect the Hospital on the site previously agreed upon by past Supreme President Booras and the University officials and upon which, you will recall, a "symbolic cornerstone" had been laid during his visit to Salonika last year. In February and March topographical and other basic surveys were being made in connection with the design and orientation of the Hospital to the site. During the same period, title to the property was examined and it developed that there was serious question as to the title of a substantial part of the land upon which the building was to be erected. Investigation disclosed that part of the land



Women and children, fleeing the guerrillas, are fed at a Government relief camp.

was the site of one of the oldest cemeteries in Greece. The local community, as well as certain American organizations, had requested that the ground be turned back and restored as a cemetery. The legal question has been under examination for the past four months and a decision is expected within the next few weeks.

I have personally conferred with the senior officials of the American Mission regarding this problem and they agree that until the question of title is settled, it is impossible to proceed with the implementation of the architectural plans which have already been prepared. I sincerely hope that all these problems will be cleared in the next two months and that work can then go forward on this much needed improvement.

Plans for a General Hospital

The preliminary plans of the Hospital, as I have stated, have already been prepared. It calls for a structure with a capacity of 100 beds, arranged in six-bed wards with approximately 10 per cent of the total bed space reserved for isolation and other special cases. The institution will be a general hospital with emphasis placed on surgical treatment. Special provision has been made for obstetrical and emergency cases. There will be an outpatient wing, adjusted to the needs of the area and the capacity of the institution. Provision will be made for x-ray diagnoses.

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laboratory and other facilities. The entire structure has been planned to allow for expansion to a 200-bed hospital. Work on the additional building could go forward without in any way disturbing the use of the existing structure. The building will be two stories in height with kitchen, dining rooms, laundry, storage space, workshops, etc., being housed on the basement level. A specially designed third floor of the structure will be devoted entirely to an operating amphitheatre for the instruction of medical students at the University.

We Must Be Proud of Program

I am certain that every member of our great fraternity will have the same feeling of pride and accomplishment that I have in reviewing the results of

the AHEPA hospital program for the first eight months of 1948. Before the first of October there will be a new, modern and scientifically equipped AHEPA Hospital in the City of Athens. In addition, six AHEPA Health Center Hospitals will bring free medical service to another 500,000 Greek people over an area reaching from Macedonia to Crete.

This is only part of the story. It is my sincere wish that the ground for the AHEPA Hospital in Salonika will be broken and construction started before the end of this year. In addition, if internal security conditions permit, new AHEPA health centers will arise at *Farsala, Lidorikion, Molai* and another site to be designated by the Ministry of Health and the hospital at *Filiates* will be rehabilitated. If the

Canadian Jurisdiction of the Order of AHEPA is able to secure the transfer of Canadian funds which it has in its treasury into American dollars, another health center will be erected which will bear the title, "Canadian-AHEPA Health Center."

No project is closer to my heart than the completion of the AHEPA health program. These institutions of hope, mercy and healing will remain forever as a symbol to the Greek nation of the love, affection and devotion of all Americans of Greek descent for their motherland. They will serve as a reminder to the Greek people of the friendship and interest of all Americans for heroic Greece.

WILLIAM HELIS,
Supreme President.

Washington, July 15, 1948.



The *Ahepa Hospital* to be erected in Salonika by the Greek War Relief Assn. and financed jointly by Ahepa and the Association is intended to fulfill imperative needs of Northern Greece and its metropolis. The present hospital bed facilities of this part of Greece are deplorable inadequate.

The *Ahepa Hospital* will be for general medical treatment with the emphasis placed on surgery. It will provide beds for 100 patients, and facilities for future expansion to double or even triple this number.

Due to the present limited size of the hospital, the diversity of specialized treatment will of necessity be limited. There will be mainly two basic divisions: Surgical and Pathological. In addition, there will be complete out-

patient department with an emergency suite and a full compliment of laboratories and x-ray installation for diagnosis. The out-patient department will be relied upon to render wide and effective medical service for the people. In addition to the care it will offer for minor ailments, it will serve as a screening station for serious ones that need further treatment either at this hospital or elsewhere.

The remaining part of the hospital will provide modern auxiliary services which will increase the efficiency and will maintain a high standard of medical service comparable to similar institutions in the United States. Such services are mainly: administration; mechanized kitchen and refrigeration; mechanized laundry; storage facilities;

autopsy; employees dining rooms; locker rooms and toilets; medical library; sleeping quarters for nurses and internes.

The architects are John Kokkins and Aristides Lyras of New York, both members of our Order. Guided by modern American standards of hospital design and bearing in mind conditions in Greece, they are endeavoring to produce a hospital which will offer modern medical service adapted to Greek conditions in regard to climate, social standards, maintenance and operations, and durability.

A new feature our architects are introducing in this hospital is the use of ramps. This means of circulation will make it possible to omit elevators entirely.

From the 127th Celebration of the Greek War of Independence



In native garb from the Northern Provinces

We Present Akron, Ohio



The Degree Team of *Delian League* Chapter No. 18, *Sons of Pericles*

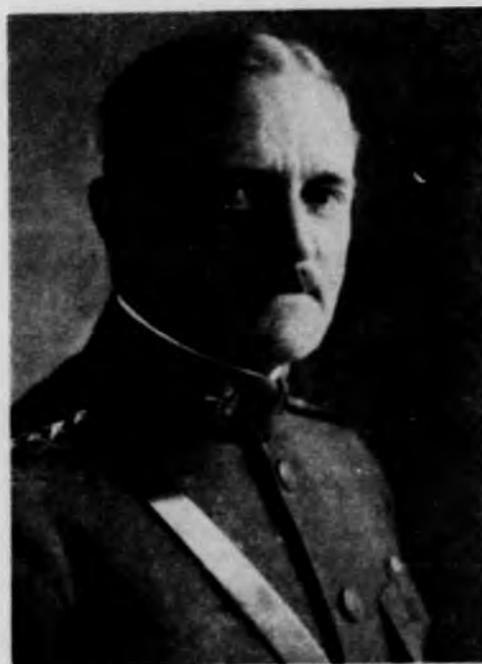


The newly decorated Ahepa Home of *Goodfriendship* Chapter No. 63



Erzones parading up Constitution Square in Athens

An American Hero Passes Away



The late John J. Pershing
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ALL ROADS NOW LEAD TO DETROIT

A Message

from the 22nd National Convention Committee

TO ALL DELEGATES AND MEMBERS OF AHEPA, GREETINGS:

You will enjoy visiting Detroit no matter from what part of the United States, or from what country, you may come.

Travelers from all parts of the world place Detroit on their visiting list, because of its leadership in industrial production and the well known attractions of its natural environment.

DETROIT—a city of beauty as well as industry, was founded in July, 1701, by Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac. Detroit has been under three flags, two of them twice, French, British, and finally United States of America.

A half century ago Detroit became known as the automobile center, producing as high as 96 percent of the nation's cars. With its pharmaceutical output and limitless mechanical products of world-wide usage, it is today the fourth city in the Nation, with a population of 1,875,000.

This year you will have the opportunity to join all your Ahepa friends in the beautiful city of Detroit, for a week's fun and entertainment, as only the Ahepans can have! The Detroit Ahepans, under the leadership of General Convention Chairman, George P. Grutis, and Executive Chairman of Auxiliaries, Minerva Chalapis, have arranged a sensational program of activities and entertainment for the 18,000 visitors that are expected.

Your host chapters are *Alpha No. 40* and *Phidias No. 13*, Sons of Pericles; the hostess chapters are *Myrina No. 123*, Daughters of Penelope, and *Mu Omicron No. 46*, Maids of Athens. These four groups of the Ahepa have joined forces to make this 22nd Annual National Conclave the very best in the history of the Order!

The Complete Program

A gala program has been planned for the delegates, members, and visitors. Following is a brief outline:

Sunday—August 15:

Church Services; Open House in "Greek Town"; Initiations of Ahepa and Daughters; Reception for Delegates, and Festival.

Monday—August 15: Official Opening of Convention; Luncheon honoring Supreme and Grand Lodges; Business Meetings; Grand Banquet and Welcome Dance sponsored by Maids and Sons.

Tuesday—August 17: Business Meetings; Luncheon for visitors; Olympiad; Cocktail Party and Grand Ball.

Wednesday—August 18: Business Sessions; Tours of Greenfield Village and Ford's Factory; Coffee Hour and Greek Panagyri.

Thursday—August 19: Business Sessions; Picnic-Breakfast for visitors; Tours repeated; Tea and Fashion Show for the Ladies; Visit Cranbrook Academy and Carillon Concert; Presentation of *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles in the beautiful Cranbrook Greek Theatre and Moonlight Boat Cruise on Lake St. Clair.

Friday—August 20: Business Sessions; Luncheon for Daughters' Delegates and Cranbrook events repeated.

Saturday—August 21: Business Sessions; Installation of new Daughters' Grand Lodge; Cocktail Party and Farewell Dance.

This is a brief summary of the events scheduled during the Ahepa Convention week! You won't want to miss any of it!

Special Events

A few more words about the special events which will highlight this great affair.

CHURCH SERVICES: His Eminence Athenagoras, Archbishop of North and

South America and Apostolic Delegate of the Ecumenical Throne, will officiate at an elaborate ceremony celebrating the Holy Day of the Assumption and the opening of the Ahepa Convention Week. Services will be held at the beautiful outdoor Shell of the Detroit Fair Grounds, which seats 10,000 people. All the Detroit and surrounding area Greek Orthodox churches will meet in this one combined mass. The Archbishop will be assisted by many visiting and local clergy. One grand choir, comprising all local choirs, will participate.

GRAND BANQUET: Outstanding guests and speakers will be present at this traditional dinner, which will be held in the ballrooms of the Hotel Book-Cadillac.

WELCOME DANCE: The Maids and Sons are preparing an informal evening get-together, which promises to be super-fun for all those who will not be going to the Banquet. This dance will be going on at the beautiful air-conditioned ballrooms of the Hotel Stadler.

GRAND BALL: This formal traditional dance will take place in the spacious Agricultural Building (dance floor, which holds 8,000) of the Detroit Fair Grounds. A big-name band will be featured.

GREEK PANAGYRI: Again the Fair Grounds' building will be the location of this gay fiesta. As always, Greek night will offer an all-Greek program — food, folk dances, entertainment!

A Splendid Innovation

CLASSICAL DRAMA: This is definitely an innovation in Ahepa Convention programs. The presentation of the Sophoclean tragedy will be something you will never forget. Set in the gorgeous amphitheatre of Cranbrook Academy, *Oedipus Rex* will be a beautiful production (in English) of the famous classic. Only 1,000 people will be able to see this magnificent show as the theatre capacity is limited. Come early and



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get your tickets!

MOONLIGHT CRUISE: Lake St. Clair with a big silver moon shining over it . . . soft lights and mellow music on deck! Limited capacity again.

FAREWELL DANCE: The Ahepa delegations will receive a big send-off by the Daughters-sponsored shin-dig! You'll want to bid your old and new friends adios at the lovely Grand Ballroom and Roof Gardens of the Masonic Temple.

These are only a few of the many and varied events the Detroit Ahepans have arranged for our Delegates, Alternates and many visitors. Other interesting activities are: A Dawn Breakfast following one of the dances; Ahepa Day at Briggs Stadium to see the Tigers' baseball game and others.

Many of the events will require limited attendance because of the capacity problem. Therefore, a limited number of tickets will be sold for those affairs. Plan to buy your tickets in advance if you especially desire to attend any particular affair. A word to the wise is sufficient!

Note Other Particulars

ABOUT REGISTRATION: Starting Friday, August 13, 1948, delegates and visitors arriving early will be able to register at the Hotel Book-Cadillac, where the official headquarters is located. All delegates and visitors of the Auxiliaries will also register there.

HEADQUARTERS: The Ahepa HQ will be at the Hotel Book-Cadillac; the Daughters of Penelope HQ will be located at the Hotel Statler (just across the boulevard); however, registration for the Daughters will be at the Book-Cadillac.

HOUSING: Again, officers and delegates will be housed at the Book; Daughters' delegates and members at the Statler;



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Maids, Sons and other visitors at the Tuller Hotel. Overflow will be housed at the Fort Shelby and Detroit-Leland Hotels.

Ahepans working feverishly for the success of this convention are: Peter T. Jameson, President of the Alpha Chapter; Mrs. Athena Hanzakos, President of Myrina Chapter; Mary Boudouris, President of Mu Omicron Alpha Chapter; and Lambros Milonas, President of Phidias Chapter; Harvey A. Spilos, Secretary of the Convention Committee; and Charles Cummings, Nicholas Stergiotis, Dr. Van D. Merica, John Gianaris, Nicholas P. Sachos, John Lekas

and Charles N. Diamond, members.

Chairmen of the various committees are: *Housing* — Penelope Chiavaras, Helen Johnides, and George Raptieu; *Entertainment* — Helen Vaptisma and Nicholas Bacharas; *Registration* — Angeline Demos and George Panagos; *Athletics* — Robert Drakos; *Invitations* — Philip Christi and Constance Lekas; *Decorations* — Kay Boudouris and Charles DeMoes; *Yearbook* — Demetra Vergos, Paul Manz, and James Kalemis; *Photography* — Byron Tsangadas; *Counsel* — C. A. Tsangadas; *Personnel* — George D. Zegolis; *Publicity* — Pauline Stevens; *Information* — Georgia Monolidis and *Hospitality* — Mrs. Helen Masters.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all. COME TO DETROIT FOR THE AHEPA CONVENTION. YOU'LL NEVER FORGET IT! August 15th through 22nd will be a memorable week! Join the grand festivities planned for those days. MEET YOUR FRIENDS IN DYNAMIC DETROIT!

GEORGE P. GRUTSIS,

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Detroit, July 15, 1948

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Supreme President Helis Honored by 13 Metropolitan Chapters

NEW YORK, N. Y.—On June 4th last an event took place in New York City that must remain bright in the annals of Metropolitan Ahepdom. Thirteen Chapters comprising the entire Metropolitan District of New York got together and held a combined initiation of neophytes. Their able presidents occupied the various stations as installing officers. They showed a wonderful spirit of cooperation and put over a magnificent ritual at the St. Moritz Hotel. It was attended by almost 400 members who came from all parts of our great Metropolitan District to witness the event.

The meeting was an occasion for honoring our Supreme President Helis, who was the main speaker of the evening. Other Supreme Lodge officers who spoke briefly were: Treasurer Georgiades, Alfange concluded the meeting with an address, echoing the words of Supreme President Helis, who earlier counseled cooperation and unity for a greater and better Ahepa.

In his remarks, prefaced by the stirring statement, "We are going places!" the Supreme President again emphasized the importance of the National Banquet at which President Truman spoke. Helis declared that no amount of money could have bought the publicity the Ahepa received that night. He added that Ahepans are leaders in all church, philanthropic and community projects and evinced pleasure in such leadership.

The Supreme President, who is also President of the Greek War Relief, reminded his listeners that aid is still needed by Greece and urged loyalty to the country of our origin, adding that the trouble in Greece is caused by external elements rather than internal causes.

The conclusion of the remarks of the Supreme President bore the statement, "I will spend and pledge the rest of my days to the service of the Ahepa. We've got a job to do! Let's stick together! God bless you all!"

What also impressed the gathering was the Degree Team composed of Jack Zarcadoolas as Captain of the Guard and Peter Goudis, Nick Georges, Geo. Zessi, Th. Stekas, Mario Anthony and Toni Filou, all former GI's and members of that renown and active *Estia* Chapter. They went through their paces in military fashion that pleased every one present, adding greatly to the success of the meeting. They had donned the old uniforms of *Delphi*, that venerable chapter of New York Ahepa, and revived once again the glory and eclat of days gone by.

We should have oftener such combined meetings. An impressive initiation must first be carefully rehearsed and then correctly executed. It impresses new members with the seriousness of our goal: Obedience, Secrecy, Brotherhood; it makes better Ahepans of old members.

The following Chapter Presidents were responsible for this memorable event: Richard Sherry of *Pindus* No. 354, James Efstation of *Staten Island* No. 349, Jack Zarcadoolas of *Estia* No. 326, Nicholas Stevason of *Coney Island* No. 200, Nick Mousmoules of *Hermes* No. 186, Louis Dukas of *Bronx* No. 175, George Tsairis of *Theodore Roosevelt* No. 170, George Rodis of *Queensboro* No. 97, John Bezantacos of *Long Island* No. 86, Spiros Panos of *Yankees* No. 51, Anthony Orphanides of *Upper Manhattan* No. 42, Theodore Zolotas of *Brooklyn* No. 41 and Kimon A. Doukas of *Delphi* No. 25.

Judge Stewart Joins Us

CINCINNATI, O.—The members of *Liberty* Chapter No. 127 had the extreme fortune, privilege and honor to initiate into the mysteries of Ahepa one of the most outstanding native sons of the State of Ohio, Honorable James Garfield Stewart, Judge of the Supreme Court, State of Ohio. Other candidates at the same time were Steve Kalfas, Thomas A. Kappas, Emanuel Alexander, Wm. P. Chaltekas, Peter J. Panos, James Kereiakes, Harry Calles, Bill Hartocollis, Alen W. Pashalis. The initiation took place in May, with Leo Lamberson, past Supreme Counselor and Secretary, as presiding officer.

The initiation was followed by a testimonial dinner in honor of Judge Stewart, former Mayor of Cincinnati for many years and a true Philhellene whose knowledge in Greek History is marvelous. Judge Stewart was one of the main speakers and a true orator for the evening. Other guests were the Honorable Albert D. Cash, Mayor of Cincinnati, the Honorable Judges Stanley Mathews and Simon Ross, of the Court of Appeals, George Kearns, of the Common Pleas, and Clarence Spraul, of the Municipal Court. Other guests of honor were Mr. Hobart Wehking, County Commissioner; Mr. Charles Weber, candidate for the Common Pleas Court, and Mrs. Weber, and the popular and Combaros of the American-Hellenes of Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Hunsicker, Clerk of Courts, Hamilton County, and Miss Mae Stapleton, Secretary to Judge Stewart.

Leo Lamperson was the main speaker of the evening. Reverend P. S. Sevastades, pastor of the Hellenic-Orthodox church of Cincinnati, pronounced the invocation and Judge Stewart pronounced the benediction.

The committee was headed by John D. Cretan with Peter C. Malas, Andrew Katsanis, Peter J. Kappas, and George Sfarnas. They deserve many thanks for a job well done.

This was another outstanding performance by our Chapter which, under the able leadership of George Mushuros, is one of the leading Chapters in our District.—George Sfarnas.

New Officers Installed

MONROE, LA.—One of the newer Chapters, the *Huey P. Long* Chapter No. 347, elected the following officers: Dena G. Kokinos, President; Gus Terzolas, Vice-President; Angelos Kanelos, Secretary; James Gatzoulas, Treasurer.

Also at this meeting, the Chapter initiated three new members into the Order of Ahepa. Several of the *Shreveport* brothers were present as guests.

The following members were elected and attended the District Convention in Hot Springs, Ark., as delegates: Gus D. Kokinos, Tom Johnson, James Gatzoulas, and Nick G. Kokinos.

—D. G. Kokinos.



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They Staged a Boxing Show

CHICAGO.—Last June, the enterprising members of *Victory* Chapter No. 334 presented at the Midway Arena an amateur boxing and wrestling show which is believed to be the first event of this type ever to be presented by an Ahepa chapter in the 13th District. Several hundred persons attended, including many leading Ahepans of the District: District Governor A. T. Tsoumas; past Supreme Secretary Nicholas C. Giovan; Peter Batsakis, president of the *Oak Park* Chapter, who also served as ring announcer; George Pappas of *Beverly Hills* Chapter; members and families of *Englewood Chapter* and also many other Ahepans too numerous to enumerate.

The great deal of work involved in presenting this affair was handled very capably and efficiently by the chairmen and their committees. Tom Brown, Athletic Director of *Victory* Chapter, was the general chairman; he was rendered invaluable assistance by Co-Chairman George C. Varney and Deputy District Governor Wm. C. Bouramas. Also prominent in planning and working for the presentation of the show were past President Stephen K. Gladis, G. A. Prochromos, John and James Moloitis, Louis Assuras, Thomas Katsulis, Will Thompson and *Victory* Chapter President Andrew G. Nickas. George Calamus of *Oak Park* Chapter put forth a great deal of time and effort as matchmaker and in securing the services of the participating boxers.

Participating in the boxing and wrestling bouts were several American-Hellenic youths who served to heighten the interest and enjoyment of the evening by the preponderantly Hellenic crowd. *Victory* Chapter had undertaken to stage this event in the interest of furthering and widening the scope of athletic activities within the Order. In view of the chapter's relatively moderate size it is seen that this chapter has courageously taken a leading role in attempting to provide the incentive and opportunity to the Hellenic community, particularly the youth, for greater progress in the athletic field.

It is the sincere desire of *Victory* Chapter that this initial step will help in paving the path for more numerous athletic shows of this type in the future by other chapters in the district and the fraternity at large.—*Ahepa Herald*

Past Presidents Honored

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. — A noble and commendable gesture was accomplished by *Pacific* Chapter No. 235 last May, when a banquet honoring all past presidents of the Chapter was held in the banquet hall of Maison Paul. This

inspiring event was under the chairmanship of Dan Salis, while toastmaster of the evening was Peter Tamaras, District Treasurer.

It was very touching to see all past presidents present and in good health with the exception of the late Mike Kourusis, in whose memory a moment of silence was observed. Each and everyone of them was asked to say a few words and in modesty and sincerity they all did, starting from Brother Theodore Andronicos who served as the first president of the Chapter in the years 1931-1932. He was followed by Peter Boudouris, 1933, Dr. P. Angel, 1934, J. D. Velis, 1935, Gus Daldas, 1936, George Trigones, 1938, Mike Maratsos, 1939, Dan Salis, 1940, Bill Korinthias, 1941, Spero Lavdiotis, 1942-1945, Dr. S. Sarihallis, 1946-1947 and incumbent president Stathes Lavdiotis.

The brief and inspiring speeches were interrupted twice for entertainment offered by Nick Kerhoulis on the piano and Frank Agnost on the violin.

In addition to the past presidents, honored guests were Supreme Governor George Bezaitis, the entire District Lodge as well as the presidents of *Golden Gate* and *Oakland* Chapters. — *The Ahepa Traveler*.

They Crowned a Queen of Love and Beauty

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Miss Diana Avouris was crowned Queen of Love and Beauty before a crowd of 1,500 persons at the *20th May Festival Coronation and Grand Ball* presented on May 18th in the Gold Room of the Hotel Jefferson by the *St. Louis* Chapter No. 53 of the Order of Ahepa. Four other young ladies were presented as Maids of Honor to her Majesty's Court in an impressive ceremony witnessed by many local and fraternal dignitaries headed by the Mayor, Aloys P. Kaufmann, and District Governor A. T. Tsoumas of the 13th *Blue Ribbon* District.

The Maids of the Royal Court consisted of Miss Catherine Trakas, Miss Antoinette Dimpapas, Miss Sophia George and Miss Helen Coroniotis.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas P. Avouris of Richmond Heights, Diana has taken part in previous May Festival presentations as a train bearer to the 1930 Queen and as a Maid of Honor to the 1942 Queen, and now wears the coveted crown of royalty denoting her supremacy in the Court of Love and Beauty.

She attended Southwest High School, Washington and St. Louis Universities and is at present employed in the Radiology Department of the Washington

Director of Transportation

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Arthur G. Syran, member and past President of *Delphi* Chapter No. 25, was recently appointed Director of Transportation for the Economic Cooperation Administration. A former Army colonel, he has just returned from Japan, where he was chief of the Water Transportation Division at the headquarters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Arthur has served as assistant to the president of the American Federation of Shipping and special assistant to the chairman of the United States Maritime Commission. In World War II he was chief of ocean traffic for the War Department. He is a graduate of Fordham University and did post-graduate work at Columbia University.

Arthur Syran, whose record as an Army transport expediter in the war attracted the attention of private shipping interests, returned from Japan, at the request of the Government. He headed a group of American shipping executives as a representative of the National Federation of American Shipping on loan to General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters to set up a program of Japanese maritime rehabilitation.

University School of Medicine.

Miss Mary Frangoulis, daughter of Mrs. Frangoulis and the late Mr. John Frangoulis, retired as reigning 1947 May Festival Queen together with her Royal Court of Maids which included the Misses Harriet Boudoures, Mary Lou Fandos, Cleo Michaelas, and Mrs. Nelson Hower, the former Miss Alexandra Abatgis.

Mr. Francis Jones, concertmaster of the Muni Opera Orchestra and assistant concertmaster of the St. Louis Symphony, appeared as guest artist, along with Miss Katherine Englezou. Miss Englezou has studied voice in Greece and is now taking further studies in music and opera at Webster College. She presented several vocal selections.

Other visitors who attended the Festival included: District Secretary Edward Theodorow, District Athletic Director Gust G. Christake, past District Governor Christ Anton and Mrs. Anton, past District Governor and past Supreme Secretary Nicholas Giovan, and President J. Argires of *Chicago* Chapter No. 46.

Members of the May Festival Committee and their guests were honored at a banquet given on the evening before the May Festival presentation at the Washington Restaurant.

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A Fine Record of Activities



The Officers of Helen of Troy Chapter No. 19, Daughters of Penelope.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—The Helen of Troy Chapter No. 19 of Albuquerque was organized in 1934 and through the war years has continued to be very active. Its members have served on Greek War Relief Drives and other good causes that deserved their assistance.

The Chapter is carrying on many fine activities. A program book was set up by the members and in February a Silver Tea was held. It was quite successful and many dignitaries of the city attended. The Tea was held at the lovely home of past Grand Vice-President Mrs. George May.

In March the Daughters' date book indicated that they had a combined meeting with Brother Ahepans of Chapter No. 174. Mr. James A. Bird (Poulakis), who is an assistant professor of Oriental History at the University of New Mexico, spoke to the assembly on "Should Hawaii Be Granted Statehood," and an interesting discussion followed.

A new Church is being built in Albuquerque and in May a Bingo Party was held for the community and for the purpose of raising money to donate a gift to the Church. The Bingo Party was well planned and was more than successful.

A luncheon was held at the Alvarado Hotel for the graduates, the Misses Christine and Helen Tufares on June 10.

On June 15 a combined meeting was held and this time Ahepans were hosts to Daughters. District Governor Dikeou honored the gathering by being present and giving an inspiring talk.

State and National Notes

Mrs. Thomas J. Mabry, wife of the Governor of New Mexico, has applied to become member of the Daughters of Penelope, and preparations are being made to initiate her into the Order in September.

President and Mrs. Truman and Daughter Margaret stopped in Albuquerque on their cross-country tour and the Ahepans and Daughters presented them with flowers. Margaret Truman publicly thanked the Daughters for the beautiful orchid and the Albuquerque Journal paid tribute to the Daughters for their thoughtfulness. The write-up appeared on the first page together with a picture of Miss Truman wearing the orchid.

A scholarship is being given by the chapter through the University of New Mexico to a girl who will prepare herself for a teaching career. This is the first time the Daughters have attempted a project like this and the ladies are enthused over it. If the winner proves herself worthy, the Daughters intend to see her through and help the girl with her education.

The Daughters of Chapter No. 19 of Albuquerque have a well-rounded program of activity planned for the year under the fine leadership of District Governor Olga Pouls and President Helen Morris.

Pictured above are the officers of the Daughters Helen of Troy Chapter No. 19. In the front row (left to right): Miss Helen Tufares, *Warden*; Mrs. Miller Pavlides, *Vice President*; Mrs. James H. Morris, *President*; Mrs. Wm. L. Columbus, *Secretary*; Mrs. Paul Kappison, *Treasurer*, and Mrs. Anna Laskar, *Priestess*. In the back row: Mrs. Charles Pouls, *District Governor*; Mrs. Wm. Assimakis, *Past President*; Mmes. Mike Hontas, Steve Sponduris, and Gust Ellis, *Board of Governors*; Miss Jackie May, *Marshall*, and Miss Anna Psaltis, *Sentinel*. Mrs. Alex Provas, member of the Board of Governors, was unable to attend.—Helen Columbus.

DAUGHTERS! Report your activities to our Editor, Dr. Kimon A. Doukas, regularly, briefly, on time.

Business and Pleasure

CANTON, O.—Last March, the Daughters of Chlorian Chapter No. 40 met at the Ahepa Hall to initiate 10 new members.

The Governors Degree Team performed, District Governor Lambrou presiding. Members from neighboring cities attended. After the meeting, a social took place with Ahepans and maids of Athens. A buffet supper was served. Dancing followed.—Betty Georgiadis.

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Grand Treasurer Poulos Outlines Daughters' Activities

PORTLAND, ORE. — Troy Chapter No. 32 of the Daughters of Penelope heard Grand Treasurer Elfie Poulos outline the year's program of the order and describe the educational and recreational activities planned for the Junior Order, the Maids of Athens. She also initiated a class of neophytes during her visit to Troy Chapter.

Besides serving as Grand Treasurer, Miss Poulos, whose home is Manteca, Cal., supervises organizational work in northern California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and Western Canada.

District Governor Mrs. Andrew Hrestu of Portland left with Miss Poulos to visit and organize other chapters in the northwest.

The Daughters, as the Senior Ladies Auxiliary of the Order of Ahepa, further the ideals of their adopted country and take an active part in civic and national affairs.—Mrs. M. A. Pelay.

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Initiation and Installation

EVERETT, WASH.—Last March, the officers and a large number of members of *Alcides* Chapter No. 160 of Seattle, Washington, met in Everett for the purpose of initiating 16 charter members and installing the officers-elect into the solemn and secret rites of the Daughters of Penelope, 22nd District.

The following sisters were elected to carry on the great work in this new chapter: Mary Kerenson, President; Georgia Calouzis, Vice President; Iris Nichols, Secretary; Vivian Becklezos, Treasurer, and Constance Raptis, Chairman, Board of Governors.

President Angeline Girias of *Alcides* Chapter presided at the initiation and installation ceremonies. Vice President Lola Soares, acting as Installing Officer, together with Marshall Nitsa Gumas, gave a lasting impression with the dignity of beautiful floor work throughout the entire ceremony.

The presence of Lt. Governor Gus Rackus of the 22nd District added more elegance to the occasion. Also, Alex Karenson, President of Everett's *Cascade* Chapter, spoke proudly of the Everett Daughters.—Lola Soares.

A New York teacher, annoyed with his clock-watching students, covered the clock with cardboard on which he lettered: "Time Will Pass. Will you?"

—Contributed by A. J. Rinaldi

CUTS MUST BE PAID FOR

Because of increasing publishing costs and a limited income of *The Ahepan*, 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 Ahepan* for \$7.50, small size, \$10, larger.

Again, because of limited space, the Supreme Lodge have directed that no pictures be published unless accompanied with a write-up about some distinct fraternal activity of local, district or national interest.

District Activities

REGINA, SASK.—The annual convention of *Royal Canadian* District No. 24 was held in the city of Banff on June 23-25, with delegates and visitors attending from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The Daughters of Penelope also held their district convention.

All transactions and deliberations were climaxed with a banquet given at the Banff Cafe and attended by 300 guests. Also, a picnic was held at Johnson's Canyon.

The newly-elected officers for the district are: District Governor, Const. Vlasie, Winnipeg; Lieut.-Dist. Governor, James Anton, Edmonton; Dist. Secretary-Treasurer, James Belteck of Regina, who was re-elected for a second term, and District Marshal, Wm. Girgulis, Regina.

The District awarded this year three university scholarships of \$50.00 each, as follows:

Betty Jane McKenty of the University of Manitoba, Basil Robert Bater of the University of Saskatchewan, and Emily Marie Spence of the University of Alberta. Also, three high school scholarships of \$25.00 each were awarded. These scholarships are awarded annually.

In addition, \$25.00 were donated to the Banff Community Chest, and \$25.00 to the Sunshine Flower Girls Club of Banff, a benevolent organization.—James Baltekos.

MAIDS and SONS! Report your activities briefly and on time. Your daddies want to know. Editor Doukas wants to know. Send in your reports NOW!

They Challenge One And All

CAMDEN, N. J.—*Demetra* Chapter No. 33 challenges any sister chapters brave enough to meet them on the field of softball. We feel that this is a fine way to develop friendship with other members and also trim figures to fill in the chic gowns for the grand ball of the New

Jersey District Convention to be held here in June.

With Christine Matsios who somersaults into bases, the coaching from the Sons, and the batting of "Sluggo" Kathy Valas, the team is raring to go! All chapters interested please contact us.

Looking a bit more glamorous, the girls welcomed quite a number of out-of-towners to their *Bunny Hop* last April. New York, Trenton, New Brunswick, Wilmington, Chester, and Philadelphia accents resounding throughout the evening made the affair quite gay and successful.—Maria Mavronikola.

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Maids Reactivated

ALBANY, N. Y.—Last April another chapter joined the family of the Empire District of the Maids of Athens when *Sophia* Chapter No. 48 was reactivated amid dignitaries of Upstate and Metropolitan Area.

The success of the formation of this chapter is due to the combined efforts and energies of Mrs. Stricos, President of *Alope* Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope of Albany; Mr. Hippocrates Thomas, President of *Albany* Chapter No. 140; and District Advisor Gus Nicholas.

Installing officers were District Governor Sophie Georgoules of Rochester, Lt. Governor Helen I. Angelus of New York, District Secretary Georgia Kanelis of Syracuse, Worthy Maid Lee Aletras of *Aphrodite* Chapter, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Helen I. Angelus.

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Elmira Contest

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Our state Convention was held in Elmira, June 27-30, at the Mark Twain Hotel. We had an overflowing crowd of Ahepans and their families. Each of the auxiliaries also held its own State Convention, but all eyes were focused on the doings of our own Ahepa State Convention.

The following were elected to the District Lodge: George Kastrinos of Queensboro, District Governor; Leon Marketos of Utica, Lieut. Governor; Jack Zarcadoolas of Estia, District Secretary; Peter Zourdos of Bronx, District Marshal; Gus Nicholas of Brooklyn, District Advisor to Maids and Sons.

Many resolutions were passed by the Convention, but the one that would interest many is a recommendation by the District Convention to the National Convention, that any single girl has the right to join either the Maids of Athens or the Daughters of Penelope, regardless of whether she is under or over 21, and could remain indefinitely in the Maids of Athens if single, but upon marriage must transfer to the Daughters of Penelope. Another recommendation was passed, that a Brother must serve at least one term on the District Lodge before becoming eligible to be elected District Governor. Also, no Brother can remain more than two consecutive years on the District Lodge.

The big business of the District Convention was politics. As a student of the social sciences, it was interesting to study the vacillating personalities of candidates for District Lodge officers and the so-called "big guns" sponsoring their respective candidates. It can be truthfully said that the Republicans and Democrats can learn plenty if they could see our boys in action in either District

or National Conventions. Approximately 75 per cent of the time was spent on party caucuses, fixing tickets, changing tickets, or finally tearing up the ticket and starting all over again. However, it was great fun, and regardless of party affiliations, all the boys stand 100 per cent behind our elected District Lodge Officers. We wish them the best of luck in doing the job that the Order of Ahepa expects of them, so they can render a good report at our next District Convention at Rochester, N. Y.—Harry Papps.

NOTE! All Newly Elected District Governors—Mail us your picture and writeup about your Ahepa career.

Some Figures of Our Growth

Figures just released by National Headquarters show that our paid-up membership as of June 30, 1948 stood at 26,235, as against 25,663 in 1947—an increase of 572 members.

Receipts from per capita tax payments this year exceeded those of last year by \$16,599.

The Death Benefit Fund earned from pro rata shares this year \$61,469. It paid out for 273 cases the grand sum of \$45,932.19 and had operating expenses of \$4,194.43. The net balance of \$11,342.38 was added to the balance as of June 30, 1947 of \$46,946.32, thus showing a grand balance of \$58,288.70. Pending claims amounted to \$5,529.86.

Ahepa — The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association — was founded in Atlanta more than 25 years ago to blend Hellenism with Americanism.

First Combined Ball

BOSTON.—In the beautiful and spacious Louis XIV Ballroom of the Hotel Somerset last April, the first combined Ball in its history was held by Bay State District 8. All four District Lodges of Ahepans, Daughters, Maids and Sons united their efforts under the leadership of Basil S. Milonas, Advisor to the Auxiliaries, to make this a memorable occasion. Proceeds from this sumptuous affair were divided between the Ahepans for their scholarship fund and to the auxiliaries for their own treasuries, thus aiding them in furthering and advancing the auxiliary chapters throughout our District.

Ahepan Brad Kent's scintillating South American rhythm furnished music for the entertainment and pleasure of the entire Ahepa family and their friends. Amidst the gaiety and splendor of this dance, the Queen of the Ball, Mrs. Georgia Karinakes of Goffstown, New Hampshire, was crowned by Advisor Milonas and presented with a beautiful trophy.

The financial and social success of the Ball was due to the efforts of the individual Chapters and the District Lodges headed by Governors Andrew Dedopoulos of Ahepa; Tina Lefthos of the Daughters; Stergios Milonas of the Sons, and Marie Rodopoulos of the Maids, as well as Auxiliaries Advisor Basil S. Milonas.—S. B. Milonas.

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People generally quarrel because they cannot argue.

—G. K. Chesterton

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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.

Pleads for Greek Children Problems and Needs Arising from Depredations Pointed Out

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

Mrs. Alexandra Melas, for many years interested and participating in all the activities of Near East Foundation in Greece, is in the United States in the interest of a new child-welfare organization in Greece led by Queen Frederika.

The statement which follows, given here in slightly abridged form, was delivered at a luncheon in New York on June 9 in her honor. It not only outlines the present conditions in the country but is a striking illustration of the way in which the Greek people themselves are making every possible effort to meet the social welfare needs of the people.

"I am a very old friend of the Near East Foundation, and for many years I have had the joy and the honor to collaborate with its staff in Greece. For this reason, I am very happy that today I have the opportunity to be in close contact with you and to express my country's heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the efficient help our organization offered to Greece during peace, war and difficult moments.

Achievements of Foundation

"I suppose it is needless to say what great regard our people have always had for your organization which managed during the hard years of occupation to help give food, medical attention, shelter and summer camps to 8,000 children through my private organization.

"Financial difficulties, I understand, have obliged you to curtail your welfare program in Greece for the present. This is most unfortunate because this moment is a very critical one for my country from every point of view, but more so because of the acute need of welfare activity. It is very sad that nobody abroad seems to have full understanding of the needs of our country at this time. Permit me to give you, with just a few figures a rough outline of the situation there which is caused by handit warfare:

"In Greece 1,000 villages razed to the ground; 600,000 refugees, nearly 10 per cent of the population, crowded in safety areas under incredible conditions; 60,000 orphans. Regular sabotage of all means of communication: roads mined, bridges blown up, trains shelled. In addition to all that misery is the widespread belief throughout the

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world, cleverly contrived by enemy propaganda, that the Greek people will not do anything for themselves, that they are only fighting a political struggle, that they expect all help to come from abroad, that they will not work.

"This is not true. I can tell you in truth that in whatever part of the land, where security permits, you can hear the hum of the factory machines producing an average of 80 per cent of their pre-war production, the peasants plough their land, even if they do not know whether their crops will be harvested, roads, bridges and railways are continually being rebuilt or repaired.

Queen's Fund

"The Government is obliged to provide shelter and food for all those thousands of refugees. This constitutes a very heavy burden on its budget and therefore has to curtail other welfare activities. To make up for this loss, the Queen instituted an organization for the welfare of all the handit-stricken populations. It is based on volunteer contributions and volunteer work. Up to April, 1948, the Queen's fund had collected 23,000,000,000 drachmas — a very large sum for a poor country which has been through war and occupation.

"The organization is running thirty-six hostels which take care of 14,000 children. It has distributed 26,000 parcels of complete clothing for children, 38,000 woolen blankets, 45,000 overcoats, 485 tons of food supplies. It is running fourteen soup kitchens. It has organized first-aid units which give emergency medical aid and food wherever needed, with the cooperation of the Greek Red Cross.

"Her Majesty the Queen is not only the honorary president of the organization but is actually the soul of it. She is the real organizer, and follows the work to its slightest detail, setting the example of untiring and continuous effort. She knows no fear and will overcome any obstacle when she undertakes welfare work.

"In this way she managed to save thousands of children from abduction and the horrors of war in northern Greece. The

Queen thinks now that she must concentrate her efforts on child welfare, and hopes that she will find others willing to help financially or by sending meat supplies which are so scarce in Greece."

MARTHA FINLEY

New York, June 9, 1948

Let Us Work Harder for Ahepa

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AHEPAN:

March 29th may well be recorded as the day of Ahepa's greatest achievement. For this was the day when the goal set out by the founders of our fraternity was reached and celebrated in the Capital of our great country, Washington, D. C., with the blessings of the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman.

We have all the more reason to rejoice and be justly proud, for the President was present, not by telegram greetings which is commonly the case, but in person. With him were 2 Justices of the Supreme Court, 36 U. S. Senators and 266 Congressmen who mingled with Ahepans and other Hellenic people in the Dining-Ball room of the Statler Hotel.

We have the indisputable right to claim for ourselves this victory. No greater compensation could have justified our hard and faithful years of Ahepa work than the acknowledgment of the chosen representatives of our country, by their personal participation in our celebration.

No one can deny that we had a hard struggle to sell the idea of Ahepa to our compatriots. But despite the obstacles we had to overcome during the first 25 years of our Order, the will and sacrifice of the loyal Ahepans prevailed. Year after year one good Ahepan leader succeeded another until finally today we have William Hellis for Supreme President. He is known and admired by a great many prominent people throughout this land and abroad, including the President of the U. S., for his outstanding ability as an enterprising and creative builder. Ahepans throughout the country are proud for having elected him to the highest office of their Order.

While we gloat on our success and compliment ourselves on our accomplishments in Ahepa work, we cannot help but feel a deep sense of heavy responsibility. We have been congratulated and blessed by the leaders of our country, but at the same time we have also been challenged by them to ac-

comply even more, while serving the purpose and principles of our fraternal and patriotic organization. We can well accept this noble challenge. We are no longer in the trial stage; we have the endorsement of the whole nation, the press, the radio and the respect and recognition of the public.

It behooves every Ahepan to re-dedicate himself to the Oath he has taken when he entered the ranks of Ahepa, to be an apostle of the fraternity. Helping Ahepa grow by increasing the membership is the sincerest sign of believing in the aims of our Or-

der. Sign up a worthy candidate. You can do it!

Let us all salute our Supreme President who has devoted and consecrated himself to the aims of Ahepa and let us show him our appreciation by emulating his example. Let us work equally as hard for an ever-increasing membership, for greater achievements which will help you and every American Hellenic. Every Hellenic needs Ahepa!

GEORGE BEZAITIS,
Supreme Governor.

Oakland, June 25, 1948.

Olympic Torch, Lighted in Greece, Starts on 2,000-Mile Trip to Games in London

By A. C. SEDGWICK

Correspondent of The New York Times

OLYMPIA, Greece—At noon on July 17, in these one-time sacred precincts an olive wood brand was lighted from the sun's rays. The flame was transferred to an ancient lamp and then to a torch placed in the hand of a young Greek athlete who started off on the first stretch of a 2,000-mile journey to London.

The flame will remain alight from July 29 to August 14, in Wembley Stadium while the representatives of sixty-two nations strive for honors of athletic prowess in the Olympic Games.

This was continued a tradition which was first chronicled in 776 B. C. and lasted unbroken over 2,000 years.

In the past, during the period of the games held at four-year intervals, the ancients enjoyed a respite from war. On this very site, among the olives and pines, goodwill found its expression in feats of strength and skill.

However, today people who flocked to see the inaugural rites had read in the Athens papers stories of the state of their own world and it was noted that Russia alone of the great powers was disinclined to take part in the symbolic games.

It was also noted that the King, who would normally have been present, was off at the firing line and that a distance of about 500 miles over which the Greek runners were to have carried the torch had been cut down to fifty for security reasons. Soldiers and gendarmes were on guard along the road leading to Pyrgos and the near-by seaport of Katakolon. Recently marauding guerrillas and saboteurs had been active in this region.

Rebels Threaten Torchbearer

A guerrilla radio broadcast intercepted here gave as orders that the

rebels must do everything to prevent the Olympic flame from reaching London. On the roads and in the hills surrounding Olympia, a thousand Greek soldiers, some in armored cars, stood alert against a possible guerrilla attack.

Reconnaissance planes and Spitfire fighters hovered in the bright blue sky above Olympia during the ceremony in the old Olympia Stadium, where the first games were held in 776 B. C.

The last time the fire was taken here from the sun and similar ceremonies were held among the ruins of temples and shattered columns the world was gliding into the greatest war of history. That was in 1936 and Berlin had been chosen as the site of the unarmed and sporting struggle.

Scholars pointed out today that in ancient times none entertained hopes of lasting peace and looked only to transitory truce. At the same time the ideal of peace was dramatized, although perhaps not convincingly.

Torch Lighted in Greece at War

The Olympic torch was lighted by 19-year-old Maria Angelopoulou of Pyrgos. For the first time in Greek history, the torch was illuminated with Greece in a state of war.

The Greek athlete who carried the torch on the first leg of the journey before passing it on to others, was a soldier, actually a commando.

He was 23-year-old Constantine Dimitretis, who reverently approached the flame in uniform and with his rifle. Before accepting the sacred burden he laid down his rifle and doffed his martial garb. Now for the time being no longer a member of any nation's armed forces but an athlete and dressed as a runner the world over, he proceeded towards the international gathering.

The destroyer *Hastings* will carry the flame to Corfu, where another Greek athlete will take it to the British frigate *Whitesand Bay* which will go to Bari where the flame will be handed to an Italian. A package of Olympia earth will be sent to London's Lord Mayor to be scattered on the Wembley track.

Sons Celebrate Anniversary

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—The members of *Hollywood Chapter No. 318* and the *Daughters of Melita Chapter No. 119* were given a surprise party by the *Hollywood Chapter of the Sons of Pericles* last May 3. The occasion was in celebration of the first anniversary of the forming of the *Hollywood Chapter of the Sons of Pericles*.

President John Cardos of *Hollywood Chapter* and Tom Phillos, President of the *Greek Community of Los Angeles*, as well as others, made a few enlightening remarks.

President Gus Aronis of the *Hollywood Chapter of the Sons*, introduced the officers of his chapter while Miss Teddy Kleftis, President of *Venus Chapter No. 99 of the Maids of Athens*, introduced the officers of her chapter. After the ceremonies, Gus Aronis proudly cut the first slice of the *Birthday Cake*.

Stanley Mustakas, accompanied on the piano by Miss Ruth Eustacia Aronis, entertained the guests with a vocal solo. *Happy Birthday* was sung by everyone, with Dan Lattos leading on the trumpet. There was Greek and American dancing, and food and refreshments galore served by the *Maids of Athens*.

—A. G. Ekonomu.

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OUR 22ND NATIONAL CONVENTION

By the time this issue reaches our members, delegates from over 350 Ahepa Chapters, not counting those of our three Auxiliaries and their guests, will be assembling in Detroit to participate in the mightiest fraternal convention that has ever been created by our people throughout the ages. They will deliberate on the problems facing our Order and will choose a new Supreme Lodge.

Many are the problems that confront each year this fraternity, and many are the local and district leaders, "tested and true," who deserve national recognition and an opportunity to demonstrate what they can do in a larger scale than heretofore.

The eyes of all Ahepans are upon Detroit and the duly accredited delegates to the 22nd National Convention of the Order of Ahepa. May they think and act wisely for the good of this great Order!

LET US HOLD TO OUR IDEALS

It has been said that "Youth is ever in search of change," while "Age is in anxious quest of security." Young people are impulsive, impatient, daring; they rush where angels fear to tread; change for them is at once a lark and a goal. On the other hand, old people have experience, are conservative, think twice before they leap; what was good for them yesterday is good enough for tomorrow.

Let us remember these eternal truths when we convene at Detroit and those of us who are young listen to the voice of experience, while those of us who are getting on in years share some of the spirit of the young. And let us ever recall that our Order was formed "to stimulate the spirit of good fellowship and cooperation" among young and old American citizens of Hellenic descent. For we shall only thus know the dawn of tomorrow in freedom and happiness for

ourselves and our loved ones.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

It is prescribed in our Constitution that each and every one of our 24 Districts shall hold during the month of May, June or July a District Convention, comprising duly elected Chapter delegates, in order (a) to adopt legislation for the welfare of the District, and (b) to elect six officers who collectively shall constitute the District Lodge.

It is in pursuance of this mandate that delegates have been gathering in conventions throughout the land to pass needed legislation and to elevate new men into the highest offices of the District. These Conventions are cap-suled courses in Democracy where leadership is rewarded and a forward march in the progress of Ahepa is publicly registered.

It is here where the opportunity is afforded to our people to invite prominent fellow men in the government of our Nation, of our States and of our Cities to see us in action and to address us in public.

We salute our new District Governors and their able colleagues and wish them success in their new offices.

THE MAIDS AGE LIMIT

One problem likely to affect the future growth and direction of our Junior Ladies Auxiliary is their so-called age-limit. According to the ruling of Supreme Counselor Ritsos, a Maid "must graduate to the Senior Order of the Daughters of Penelope when she attains her 23rd birthday."

This provision or limitation has provoked endless discussion among the Maids themselves and their friends. Its pros and cons must now be taken up by our national delegates and disposed of in a just and equitable manner.

It has been suggested that any age limit is inappropriate, to say the least, and therefore, unmarried girls should

be allowed to join the Maids, even thought over 21 years of age, and remain in the Maids as long as they wish, unless of course they marry, when they must graduate into the Daughters irrespective of age.

We believe that a decision along these lines appears to be acceptable to both Maids and Daughters and should be given a trial until the ideal provision concerning the graduation of the Maids into the Senior Ladies can be formulated.

THE MAGAZINE PER CAPITA TAX

Article XXVIII, Section 2, of our Constitution provides that every Chapter shall remit to the Supreme Lodge a per capita tax of \$4 per year for each member. Of this per capita tax, 50 cents are applied to the magazine. This has been decided in a resolution which is not incorporated in the Constitution.

And so it is that the editing, printing and publishing of our magazine cost to each member, figuratively speaking, the sum of 50 cents per year. With prices, however, soaring high every day, it has been found impossible to operate a magazine on a 50 cents budget. Even district and local Ahepa publications with lesser expenses are compelled to charge more than that.

Our National Convention will be called upon to review this provision and to provide a larger source of income, if the publication of our magazine is to continue. Either the per capita tax must be increased to \$5 per year, of which the extra dollar must be made available to the magazine, or a special subscription of one dollar per member annually must be authorized.

Kimion A. Doukas
Editor.

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The Little Man Who Got Mad

How a broken water pipe started a reform wave that washed the town clean

By KARL DETZER, The Kiwanis Magazine

One Sunday morning in February 1942 a frozen water pipe burst in the home of Albert A. Arditti at Long Beach, Long Island, and began to flood the cellar. Arditti, a well-to-do importer and manufacturer, was out of town. His wife tried frantically to get a plumber, but all five local shops explained that they did not work on Sunday.

The distracted housewife telephoned to the city water department. Yes, it would be glad to send out a man to turn off the water—early Monday morning.

With the flood rising rapidly in her cellar, Mrs. Arditti desperately phoned the fire department and the police. Both explained rather sharply that broken pipes weren't in their province.

So Mrs. Arditti, despairing of municipal aid, asked her neighbors for help. One of them managed to shut off the water.

That evening Arditti got home and heard the story. Arditti is an energetic man of 51, born in Argentina of Italian parents. He is proud of his American citizenship. His English is excellent—except when he gets mad.

That Sunday night he got mad, and he gets mad all over again whenever he is reminded of the incident. "When I hear how they treat my wife when she has trouble, I explode! I make up my mind—Arditti, you do something!"

First, he tried to talk to the city officials about their lack of cooperation. All he got was a brush-off. It was pointed out to him that he was only "a sleeper"—a man whose business was in New York City and who rode the commuter train home at night. "Sleepers," he was told, "don't have anything to do with running the town."

"This made me mad again all over," he says. "I am fury!"

Perseverance Wins in the End

So he buttonholed commuters on the train, asked his fellow townsmen why they didn't get together and elect some new officials who would have more responsibility toward Long Beach's 10,000 residents.

"You can't bust up the city hall gang," the neighbors said. "They've got a stranglehold on the town."

Arditti persisted. After three months a score of townsmen agreed to sit down and discuss the situation. Arditti called a meeting in his home one Sunday afternoon.

The politicians heard about it and stationed a man in front of Arditti's house with note book and pencil. As

each citizen approached, the watcher ostentatiously wrote down his name. Only ten men who had promised to attend the meeting had the courage to turn in at the gate.

Arditti retold the story of the broken water pipe and suggested that the people elect officials with the interest of the community at heart. "I don't know how we'll do it," he said, "but I intend to find out."

The ten men wrote out checks to start the campaign. Two others, who did not attend the meeting, also contributed. Next morning Arditti went to the New York office of the National Municipal League. Alfred Willoughby, executive secretary, was startled to see an excited little man rush in with a fistful of checks, demanding: "I've got to have advice about how to get rid of town bosses that refuse to turn off a broken water pipe. I've got \$1300 here. How much advice will that buy?"

Willoughby refused the money but went out to Long Beach to look things over. He found a creaking municipal structure, evidence everywhere of inefficiency and favoritism.

"What you need," he told Arditti, "is a survey by a firm of municipal consultants. They can dig into city records, find what's wrong, show you how to get efficient government."

Efficient Government Installed

Arditti raised more money, recruited several hundred dissatisfied citizens into his organization. They hired an Albany, N. Y., group of consultants. After several months of dredging for facts, the experts submitted a startling report. They found "suspicious practices" in bookkeeping and city business (for one thing, the city's books showed not a single entry for the preceding six months), widespread duplication of effort, favoritism in the awarding of contracts, complete breakdown of civil service.

The local newspapers refused to publish the report. So the committee had it printed and distributed by hand, along with the experts' opinion that what Long Beach needed was a new city charter to permit a nonpartisan council-manager form of government. Enough voters were convinced by the report to institute a referendum on the consultants' suggestions. The proposition was placed on the ballot in November 1943, but only after a long battle in the courts. Long Beach voters, after a hectic campaign, voted to try the council-manager plan.

War is not the choice of those who wish passionately for peace; it is the choice of those who are willing to resort to violence for political advantage.—George C. Marshall.

The angry politicians, seeking to discredit the little man who had led the fight against them, put detectives to work checking his personal life and his records. That got them nothing but a nice clean Horatio Alger story. Then they charged Arditti with wanting to become the town "czar." But he refused even to run for a place on the council.

Next the politicians submitted to the voters their counterproposition: a "strong mayor" government. It took a year for the citizens' committee to defeat that plan, a year enlivened with wild charges, innuendo and occasional fist fights.

But now the old gang is out. An audit of the books disclosed a shortage that over the years might have amounted to \$100,000. A former official was convicted on consequent charges, and placed on probation. Long Beach today is getting good government. It will take years, however, to wipe out completely the effects of decades of mismanagement. So the old gang continually points to the fact that city expenditures have not decreased. The new regime has inherited a big debt. Pavements, water system, sewage disposal plant and garbage plant were ready to go to pieces, and a lot of money had to be spent to recondition them.

Vigilance the Price of Democracy

But Arditti is still in there fighting; he keeps Long Beach voters advised how money is being spent. For details anyone can walk into the city hall and examine the books, which show every penny spent up to yesterday.

Long Beach has centralized purchasing now, and the police and the garbage collectors drive city-owned vehicles instead of renting them at high cost. Frequency of garbage collection has been doubled. These things are not spectacular, but good municipal government is the sum of a hundred such changes. In Long Beach they have been worked out by an efficient and experienced city manager.

His crowning achievement is a new spirit in the city hall. The men and women behind the windows are anxious to please; the cop on the street is cheerful and polite; the Long Beach citizen doesn't have to "know somebody" to get service.

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We salute our twenty-four District Governors and wish them God-speed!

A Noble Deed to Follow

When Mrs. Josephine A. Schwed died last July in New York City she left an estate, in round figures, of one million dollars. Eighty years old, long retired from a career as merchandise manager and buyer at Oppenheim Collins, her closest kin were a niece and seven grand-nephews and grandnieces. Her activities and interests we do not know; certainly she was unknown to the general public. But in death Mrs. Schwed has revealed herself as a person of remarkable spirit and intellectual quality. By her will, she gives the million dollars, her entire residuary estate, to New York University as a student loan fund. Worthy students will be required only to pledge repayment, without interest, beginning five years after leaving school.

This is indeed a gift that sets imagination soaring by its simple humanity and practical worth. It is a self-perpetuating investment in youth and the truth of knowledge. Mrs. Schwed's million dollars, yielding \$20,000 or better each year, will go on compounding an incalculable amount of good in the progress of N. Y. U. generations. In her youth Mrs. Schwed was too poor to go to college, an omission that she seems to have regretted through life. With a million dollars at her disposal, she was determined to be true to herself and help others across a particular rough spot in an extremely simple and direct manner. Mrs. Schwed, we are happy to say, gives us a warming reassurance that there is still considerable goodness in mankind.

Soc—News

LYNN, MASS.—The Sons of Pericles of Socrates Chapter No. 6 have recently begun mimeographing their own monthly bulletin, appropriately called the *Soc-News*.

They seem to be very pleased with their new undertaking, and despite the fact that a lot of time and work goes into it, they report to derive a great deal of fun and enjoyment from it. The *Soc-News* covers the activities of the previous month and announces those that will follow.

"With a desire for success and a hope for progress," the Sons are headed by President H. James Kyros, sophomore at M. I. T., majoring in architecture; Vice-President Louis Tsiropoulos, senior at E. H. S., where he captains the basketball team; Secretary Harry Brown, manager of the *St. George* quintet; Treasurer Byron Menides, president of his senior class at E. H. S., and Editor Gabriel Stillian, junior at M. I. T., majoring in Chem. Engineering and Business Administration.

This is an array of talent and performance. Watch the Lynn Sons going places!

SALUTATION TO THE DAWN

Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course
Lie all the varieties and realities of your existence:

The bliss of growth
The glory of action
The splendor of beauty,
For yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision,
But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness

And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day!
Such is the salutation to the dawn.

KALIDASA

Charilaos Economidy

GALVESTON, TEX.—On April 13, 1948, a great heart stopped beating, a brilliant mind ceased to function: Charilaos Economidy passed away. Born on the Island of Icaria in 1883, and educated in Smyrna and London, he came to the United States in 1904.

His first occupation was journalism. He worked on the *Atlantis*, the *Pan-Hellenic Union*, and *Nike*. Subsequently, he went "West," like many young men, where he held various executive positions, eventually becoming chief insurance examiner for the State of Texas, from which position he resigned in 1935 to join a private concern. He was held in high esteem, not only by the Board of Insurance Commissioners of Texas, but by all persons with whom he came in contact.

The Board of Insurance Commissioners reluctantly accepted his resignation. In expressing their respect for him, the chairman of the Board wrote: "I wish to express to you my great appreciation for the splendid work that you have done during the time that I have been your Supervisor. Your conduct has been such as to merit and maintain the confidence of everyone connected with the Department, as well as the confidence and respect of all those company officials with whom you have come in contact. It is a decided loss to this Department to have you quit us. However, we hope that you may be happy in your new relations and that you may be successful in your undertakings."

Charilaos Economidy joined the ranks of the Ahepa, and devoted himself to the objectives of the organization with his characteristic zeal. He was a distinguished figure in many District and National Conventions, where his membership, his seasoned judgment, and his gifted expressions made him a most influential participant.

The decedent was married to an equally talented spouse, the well-known Maria Economidy, who survives him, along with his son, Byron Economidy, an attorney in Galveston.

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THE FRONT COVER:

August fifteenth is observed throughout Orthodoxy as the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin*. On the morning of that day this year over 5,000 Ahepans and their families gathered in open air at the Concert Hall, in Detroit's Fair Grounds, and celebrated High Mass under the spiritual guidance of their beloved leader, His Eminence Archbishop Athenagoras of North and South America. He was assisted by the Right Reverend Bishop Jeronim, of Detroit's Russian Church, other Greek priests from nearby parishes in colorful vestments, and a large choir. It was the opening of our 22nd National Convention. Fittingly, we began our deliberations with a fervent plea for divine guidance. Supreme President Helis, leading over 500 delegates of Ahepa Chapters, Daughters, Maids and Sons, bowed in reverence to receive the blessings of our church. It was an impressive ceremony never to be forgotten.

AMAG:

The *American Mission for Aid to Greece* issued last June a report of its varied work in Greece. A factual summary, it presents the political, military and economic situation of that "little country that gave so much to so many" from an internal as well as an external point of view. In this issue at page 4 we begin the reproduction of that report and as space permits we will continue it in subsequent issues. It should be read carefully by all thoughtful persons who wish to know the extent of aid and assistance given by our adopted country to our native land.

OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION:

We repeat the practice inaugurated last year of giving verbatim a stenographic summary of the work done at Detroit for all to see and digest the many accomplishments of our delegates. From all points of view, it is an admirable record—in strengthening our constitution, in initiating farsighted and practical educational projects, in straightening out the confused status of the Sanatorium and the Florida property, and finally in electing a new Supreme Lodge to lead us to greater accomplishments. We regret that for lack of space a number of events were left out.

OUR NEW SUPREME LODGE:

We take extreme pleasure and honor in presenting at page 18 our new Supreme officers again led by that great administrator and philanthropist, William Helis. The election battles are over. The people have spoken in unmistakable majorities. Let us again get behind our leaders, who are true and tried and have only the best interests of the Order at heart. As we said in the past, without a forthright, honest, aggressive leadership we cannot progress; without a sympathetic, sincere, purposeful cooperation our leaders cannot succeed. Let us ever bear in mind that *Unity means Strength*.

OUR MAGAZINE:

At last the Convention decided to increase the per capita tax from \$4. to \$5. and assign 50c to the magazine as of January 1, 1949, when the new provision goes into effect. While this increase will tend eventually to meet the mounting costs of printing and publishing this our only National magazine, the income will remain the same for many months to come until we pay the outstanding printer's bill of about \$15,000 of the 1947 Anniversary issue.

OUR HEALTH PROGRAM IN GREECE:

The Convention adopted a final report on our health program in Greece and the Order is now assured of a speedy and an efficient completion of all Ahepa hospitals and health centers undeviated in Greece jointly by the Order of Ahepa and the Greek War Relief Association. We hope to find space in the next issue to include an authoritative review of the status of this much delayed program.

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AMAG Chief Dwight P. Griswold

A FACTUAL SUMMARY:



Greece is an extremely poor country. War, enemy occupation and civil warfare had by 1947 brought the people to the rim of an abyss. January of that year, the U. S. Porter Mission came to Greece to study conditions. It was followed in July by the U. S. Griswold Mission. We reprint below the first installment of the Mission's Report released in June, 1948. Other parts of this report will appear in subsequent issues.

A year ago, Greece faced a dismal future fearfully. Armed bands, led by communist minority aided and supported from abroad, killed and ravaged almost at will. In large areas of the country people lived under the constant threat of guerrilla attack. Farmers were afraid to plant crops that might be plundered. Businessmen were afraid to invest money in plants and equipment that might be destroyed. The nation's expenditures for the armed forces and care of the guerrilla stricken refugees had reduced the government to bankruptcy. At the same time, Greece was confronted with economic paralysis and inflation. The combined shooting war and "cold" war threatened to destroy her existence as an independent nation.

The primary objective of the *American Mission for Aid to Greece* was to help the country preserve its independence against these dangers. That objective has so far been accomplished.

A General Appraisal

Greece today still has institutions which, although far from perfect, offer its people a degree of freedom and democracy unknown to other Balkan countries. The basic individualism of the people which has survived since ancient times can best be appreciated in the numerous small villages throughout the country which furnish the backbone of the nation's citizenship.

American relief shipments and the mere presence of an *American Mission* might have been enough to save Greece from communist domination. But AMAG's program has gone beyond this first major goal; it is a positive program of reconstruction and rehabilitation that now is beginning to pay dividends in increased production, stability, and confidence. Its long-range goal is a more self-sufficient economy and a revitalized Greek democracy.

Some of the fear and adverse conditions of a year ago have been overcome. The Greek Army, with American equipment and American tactical advice, is making excellent progress against the guerrilla bands. Each Army success means more land can safely be cultivated; more schools, homes, and businesses can be restored. The Army's victories have given the Greek people a measure of badly-needed confidence in the future of their country.

Economic recovery is also under way. Inflationary influences have been brought under control. Good progress is being made in the reconstruction of Greece's war damaged ports, highways, and railroads. Economic programs and re-

forms have been undertaken which will afford the bases for increased agricultural and industrial production and greater financial stability. With American help, the Greek government is moving to improve its organization and increase its efficiency, demoralized by 10 years of dictatorship and occupation. These things take time, but progress is being made.

I think it is definitely established now that Greece is going to remain a free and independent nation. She has been saved from Communist domination through the efforts of the United States.—Dwight Griswold, Chief, American Mission for Aid to Greece.

MILITARY AID:

Since 1946 the communists have carried on a systematic effort to gain control of Greece. The subversive activities of this minority have resulted in the growth of guerrilla bands to a strength which was estimated at some 25,000 men before the recent successes of the Greek National Army. The terrain of Greece is well suited to guerrilla warfare. Use of mechanized equipment is impossible in the mountainous areas. For two years these bands, by skillful use of hit-and-run tactics, have been able to wage cruel and destructive warfare throughout the country. Their efforts have received both material and moral support from communists elsewhere in Europe, especially from Albania, Bulgaria, and Yugoslavia.

The *American Mission* is now feeding and equipping Greek armed forces totaling 229,000 men (including National Defense Corps battalions of 50,000 men and Greek Navy forces of 13,500 men). In addition, the *Mission* is furnishing full rations for every member of the gendarmerie and every town policeman in Greece, totaling 34,000 men. The grand total is 263,000 men.

The original cost of the Army and Navy supplies is very substantially in excess of the cost at which they are transferred. Supplies with a transfer value of approximately \$110,000,000 ordered by the U. S. Army Group of the *Mission* had arrived in Greece by June 1. Receipts of naval equipment and supplies ordered by the U. S. Navy Group for the Royal Hellenic Navy as of June 1 represented a total of more than \$2,000,000. The *Mission* has turned over to the Royal Hellenic Navy six completely equipped gunboats; the Greek crews for these boats were trained in the United States.

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Mission Advises the Army

At the request of the Greek Government, the U. S. agreed last December to furnish planning and operational advice as well as supplies and equipment to the Greek forces. The first officers for this program began to arrive in Greece in December and were promptly attached to Greek Army corps and divisional headquarters to advise the corps and divisional commanders. A Joint U. S. Military Advisory and Planning Group was established, including personnel of the U. S. Army, Navy, and Air Forces, and the Group soon began working closely with the Greek General Staff on the over-all strategic and tactical operational planning.

During the first months of the Mission's program the tactics of the Greek National Army were almost entirely defensive in character. During this period the number of refugees from guerrilla terrorism increased alarmingly. In recent months there have been brilliant offensive actions by the Greek armed forces which have inflicted serious losses on the guerrillas and promise an early restoration of security in the greater part of Greece by the end of the year.

At present there are 165 officers and 196 enlisted men on the staff of the Mission's U. S. Army Group in Greece. There are 41 officers and enlisted men in the Mission's U. S. Navy Group.

In addition to furnishing the Greek armed forces with modern equipment, the Mission is devoting considerable time to the training of Greek personnel in the operation of the equipment. This is particularly true of training in the use of modern signal equipment. Over 4,000 Greek officers and soldiers have received signal training either by American experts or by Greek instructors trained by the Americans. As part of the air training program, 50 Greek Air Force cadets have been sent to the U. S. for flight training.

SUPPLIES FOR THE GREEK PEOPLE:

Austerity conditions prevail generally in Greece; food consumption is abnormally low, judged by American standards. There is no starvation, however, and living standards are above a mere subsistence level—the direct result of the importation by the Mission of supplies needed by the Greek people.

In the period immediately following the war most of the supplies imported into Greece were brought in by UNRRA and then distributed by the Government or were imported directly by the Government. While it is still necessary, under existing conditions, for certain imports to be handled by the Government, trade is being restored to commercial channels as rapidly as possible. Approximately three-fourths of the Greek expenditures for imports in the first quarter of 1948, or the equivalent of about \$30 million out of a \$42 million total, were made by private importers.

In the period from the beginning of the aid program, through the end of May 1948, 160 ships arrived in Greek ports with 200,000 tons of food and other needed supplies and equipment, brought in under Mission auspices. These supplies are in addition to the imports of military equipment and supplies, petroleum products, and the construction equipment and materials brought in by the American contractors. Foodstuffs account for more than three-fourths of the total tonnage, as indicated by the following breakdown, a total of 580,700 tons:

	Long tons
Foodstuffs	449,000
Coal	36,000
Agricultural supplies and equipment	35,000
Iron and steel	8,000
Medical and Sanitation supplies	2,600
Other supplies and equipment	100

Relief Supplies of \$38 Million

Supplies imported into Greece by the Mission under the U. S. foreign relief program account for approximately 260,000 tons of the total shown above. These supplies represented a total cost to the U. S. of about \$38 million, broken down as follows (in millions of dollars):

Wheat	22.4	Dried beans	1.3
Wheat flour	5.4	Evaporated milk	4.5
Soya flour	0.4	Dry skim milk	1.5
Fish	0.8	DDT	0.1
Macaroni	0.3	Medical supplies	0.3

All of these relief supplies were furnished by the U. S. to the Greek Government without charge. Many of the supplies, such as medicines, milk for children, and foods for expectant and nursing mothers, were distributed free by Greek welfare agencies. Other supplies were sold by the Greek Government; the proceeds from such sales were deposited in a special Relief Drachma Fund which was used to help provide for the more than 600,000 refugees who have been driven from their homes by the guerrillas. The total of deposits in this fund, from the sale of relief supplies, will reach a total of approximately 204 billion drachmas.

The other 320,000 tons of supplies imported under the Mission program, including part of the foodstuffs and all the coal, agricultural supplies, steel, and industrial equipment, were paid for from the U. S. Funds provided under the Greek Aid Program. Proceeds from the sale of these goods by the Greek Government are placed in a special Drachma Reconstruction and Agricultural Rehabilitation Fund. The drachma costs of the Mission's reconstruction and agriculture programs (for Greek labor, materials, and services procured within the country) were paid from this fund. Deposits made in the fund through May 31 totaled 393 billion drachmas. It is expected that future deposits will bring the total to 907 billion. Of this total, 74 billion will come from the sale of agricultural rehabilitation supplies and 3 billion from medical supplies.

Foreign Trade Encouraged

The Foreign Trade Administration, which was established by the Greek Government on the recommendation of the Mission, has played an important part in Greece's foreign trade. This Administration, headed by an American, and the Mission have given help to the Greek Government and to commercial importers in programming imports so that the supplies most needed would be imported, the available foreign exchange used to the best advantage, and goods procured at the most advantageous prices. Help has also been given in locating materials in scarce world supply.

Large quantities of supplies needed in the Greek economy which had been imported by UNRRA or brought under U. S. war surplus credits had accumulated in Greek warehouses. It was estimated that such warehouse stocks on October 15, 1947, totaled \$75,000,000. The Mission cooperated actively with the interested Greek agencies in inventorying and classifying the stocks and in getting them distributed. By the end of May stocks of food, clothing, machinery, and other supplies amounting to \$56,500,000 had been moved into channels of trade and consumption in all parts of Greece. Additional quantities were continuing to move, in a steady stream.

Importation of supplies into Greece has been expedited by the restoration of the Greek merchant fleet and improvement of port facilities. The Mission has aided the Government in acquiring a fleet of Liberty ships and seven large tankers. Reorganization of port facilities has facilitated the unloading of vessels and has speeded up shipment to the outports.

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TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION

Order of Ahepa

Detroit, Michigan

August 16th to August 21st, 1948

Monday, August 16—Morning Session

The Twenty-second National Convention of the Order of Ahepa was called to order at eleven forty-five o'clock in the Ballroom, Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. President Peter T. Jameson of Alpha Chapter No. 40, presiding.

Following the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the Greek National Anthem, His Eminence, Most Reverend Archbishop Athenagoras, presided over the invocation ceremonies.

Brief addresses of welcome were delivered on behalf of the Host Chapter by President Jameson and C. T. Tsangadas, Peter G. Meyers, and Charles N. Diamond.

Acting Mayor George Edwards of the City of Detroit extended greetings and welcome to the delegates and visitors to the Convention on behalf of the Host City.

His Eminence, Most Reverend Archbishop Athenagoras, addressed the Convention in the Greek language.

District Governor of District No. 10, Socrates V. Sekles wel-

comed the Convention to the City of Detroit.

Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles Nicholas J. Melas addressed words of welcome and introduced the members of his Grand Lodge.

Grand President Poppy X. Mitchell of the Daughters of Penelope recited the achievements of the Daughters during the past year, welcomed both delegates and visitors and introduced her Grand Lodge.

Supreme President Helis Welcomes Ahepans to Detroit Convention

Supreme President William Helis welcomed both delegates and visitors to the Convention, briefly reviewed the history and achievements of the Order, and introduced the members of the Mother Lodge present at the Convention, his fellow Supreme Lodge Officers, the Past Supreme Presidents present, and the District Governors present.

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It is my privilege to extend to you my sincere greetings to this 22nd National Convention of our great and beloved Order of Ahepa. Twenty years ago we convened in this city and in this hotel. Our membership since that convention of 1928 has tripled. We had no auxiliary organizations. In fact, it was just 20 years ago when the Sons of Pericles were formally recognized and accepted as the Junior Order of Ahepa. Today, we have three powerful auxiliaries which complete our family. The Sons were followed by the Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athens.

We are a mature fraternity and we have won the support and confidence of our people in the United States. The principles and ideals upon which our Order has been based are responsible for our success. We are Americans all, first and always. AHEPA has taught and made better Americans out of those of us who are first generation Americans. The more proud we are of Ahepa, the more useful we are to our country, the greatest in the World. Our Order is also devoted to charity and humanity.

We are today carrying out the mandate of all the people of the world who have looked with sympathy and deep emotion on the tragic ruins to the Greek Nation and the suffering of the Greek people. Never before in the history of Greece has there been such a single vast program of public works put into actual construction in such a short time. Even the Golden Age of ancient Greece which produced the Parthenon can not compare because we are building temples of mercy and health dedicated to saving people's lives. With these words I welcome you to Detroit.

Supreme President of the Pan Epirotic Society of America Athanasios Kotsis addressed the Convention in the Greek language.

The clergymen participating in the invocation ceremonies were introduced to the Convention by General Chairman George Grutsis of the Convention Executive Committee.

Afternoon Session

The first business session convened at three o'clock, Supreme Vice President John Thevos presiding.

Sam Hanna of Pittsburgh, and Constantine Pelias of New Orleans, were appointed Marshals, and the taking of the pass-word was waived by unanimous consent.

The invocation was pronounced by George T. Poolitson.

Co-chairman of the Credentials Committee George Matzoros presented the report of the Committee. The total strength of the Convention was announced as 211½ votes.

Tellers for the balloting for Convention officers and rules of procedure were announced by Supreme Vice President Thevos, who declared the floor open for nominations for the office of Convention Chairman. The following nominations were made: *Leo L. Lamberson* was nominated by Stephen A. Scopas and seconded by William Belroy. *George A. Polos* was nominated by V. I. Chebithes and seconded by Dean Alfange. *James A. Veras* was nominated by George E. Loucas and seconded by Alexander Varkas.

In the balloting for Convention Chairman, 121 full votes and 233 half votes were cast, a total of 237½ votes. The result of the balloting was: Polos, 112½; Lamberson, 31½; and Veras, 43½. None of the candidates having received a required majority of the votes cast, Supreme Vice President Thevos ruled that Veras, with the lowest number of votes, was eliminated, and declared the necessity for a second ballot.

The session adjourned at seven o'clock.

Tuesday, August 17—Morning Session

The session convened ten thirty-five o'clock, Supreme Vice President Thevos presiding.

In the second balloting for Convention Chairman, 123 full

votes and 243 half votes were cast, making a total of 249½ votes. The result of the balloting was: Polos, 148½, and Lamberson, 102. Whereupon, Polos was declared duly elected Convention Chairman.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Convention approved combining the balloting for Convention Vice Chairman and Convention Secretary. Whereupon, the Supreme Vice President declared the floor open for nominations for the office of Convention Vice Chairman, and the following nominations were made: *Constantin G. Economou* was nominated by A. A. Pantelis and seconded by Charles D. Kotsilibas. *Constantine P. Verinis* was nominated by James Mazarakos and seconded by James Veras.

Nominations for Convention Vice Chairman were closed and the Supreme Vice President declared the floor open for nominations for the office of Convention Secretary, which follow: *Peter Peterson* was nominated by Peter Boudoures and seconded by Van Nomikos. *Andrew D. Vozelas* was nominated by V. A. Vasiliou and seconded by Speros A. Versis. Nominations for Convention Secretary were closed.

The dispute with respect to the seating of delegates from Chapter No. 63, Akron, Ohio, presented to the Convention by Chairman of the Credentials Committee Matzoros, was resolved by a ruling of the Chair that Gust Herouvis be entitled to a half vote in the balloting for Convention Vice Chairman and Secretary, with further action to be taken thereafter.

In the balloting for Convention Vice Chairman and Secretary, 116 full votes and 210 half votes were cast, a total of 221 votes. The result of the balloting was: for Convention Vice Chairman—*Economou*, 147½; *Verinis*, 68; for Convention Secretary—*Peterson*, 162; *Vozelas*, 50. Whereupon, *Economou* and *Peterson* were declared duly elected Convention Vice Chairman and Convention Secretary, respectively.

The Convention officers—Chairman Polos, Vice Chairman Economou, and Secretary Peterson—were duly installed and their oaths of office administered. Each officer, in turn, briefly addressed the Convention, expressing his appreciation for his election. Supreme President Helis congratulated the Convention on its wise choice of Convention officers. Archbishop Athenagoras addressed the Convention in the Greek language.

Archbishop Athenagoras Blessed Convention

At the conclusion of the election of Convention officers, His Eminence, Archbishop Athenagoras was conducted into the meeting and received by the assembly. He wanted to address the delegates briefly before leaving for New York. He wanted to assure all Ahepans how appreciative he is for the wonderful work we are doing in all communities throughout the land. He wanted to praise the local Chapters of Ahepa for instilling Americanism into the hearts of our people and for blending Hellenism and Americanism. He wanted to congratulate us for presenting our fellow-Americans with the opportunity of sharing in our activities and of finding out for themselves the type of citizenry the Greek immigrants of yesterday have made in this great country of ours.

With his customary eloquence and sincerity, the Head of our Church touched on our educational activities and fittingly underlined the progressive type of work to which we are committed by our constitution. "Progress," he said, "does not mean resting on one's laurels. It means ever going forward to do better and bigger things in life—to help those who need assistance, to advise those who come for counsel, to lead those who cry for leadership. Everywhere I go," the Archbishop continued, "I find Ahepans serving their respective communities, participating in drives, making a name for themselves and the little country they came from. For good Ahepans are one hundred per cent good Americans and one hundred per cent good Greeks. And that's how it should be."

Archbishop Athenagoras finally pleaded for support of the two educational institutions of the Archdiocese—the St. Basil

Academy and the Theological Institute. He wished that each Ahepa Chapter make a yearly contribution of \$50 to \$100 to the Theological Institute which would thus be assured of ample funds to fulfill its high purpose—training native priests for our local churches. Such a program would also serve Ahepa, as the graduates of the Institute are the most ardent members of our Order.

He blessed the meetings of the Convention and asked for divine guidance in carrying out the program for which we had assembled. Led by Supreme President Helis and Chairman Polos, the members of the Convention and their guests present applauded the words of the Archbishop and thanked him for his wise and encouraging words.

The meeting recessed at three-thirty.

Afternoon Session

The session reconvened at five-fifteen, Chairman Polos presiding.

The following District Governors reported to the Convention: No. 22—Nick Carras, No. 16—Stephen Pepps and No. 11—John Kras.

The following Supreme Lodge officers rendered their reports to the Convention, and these reports were referred to the Committee on Officers Reports: Supreme President Helis, Supreme Vice President Thevos, Supreme Secretary Bell, Supreme Treasurer Georgiades, Supreme Counsellor Ritsos, Supreme Governor Bass, Supreme Governor Derzis and Supreme Governor Bezaitis.

The meeting recessed at seven-fifty.

Wednesday, August 18—Morning Session

The session reconvened at nine-fifty, Chairman Polos presiding. He announced the committee appointments, which follow.

George Hatzes of Washington, D. C., outlined a proposed plan for setting up an Ahepa insurance society and answered questions posed by delegates from the floor.

The session recessed at eleven-forty.

List of Committee Appointments

Ahepa Auxiliaries: Van A. Nomikos, 93, Chairman; Tom State, 292, Vice-Chairman; Mike Kouvas, 69; John G. Scocos, 49; Xenophon W. Mitchell, 315; Peter G. Geldes, 315; George Polyzois, 147; C. H. Peliass, 133; Peter Caravoulias, 108; James G. Petheriotis, 29; Jack Jones, 141; Peter Tsatsanis, 135; Gus Poulos, 135; James A. Letsos, 157; Nick Siamis, 194; Gus Panoel, 198; Perry E. Pakis, 198; George Voulgaris, 213.

Athletics: George Hondros, 325, Chairman; Louis P. Athas, 146, Vice-Chairman; Peter Kolitsos; James Alogdelis, 59; Arthur Faripeas, 212; Charles Frank, 49; Harry Dudunakis, 238; Chris P. Allison, 331; James Alexiou, 73; George I. Bravakis, 52; Phillip Collias, 104; Steve Arbes, 280; Theodore F. Zolotas, 41; Charles A. Leounis, 77; Theodore N. Tsangaris, 78; James Stamos, 216; Paul Mathews, 209; Sam Karacostas, 260.

Budget and Appropriations: James G. Dikeou, 145, Chairman; George Geroulis, 232, Vice-Chairman; John Sarrus, 285, Secretary; George H. Miller, 111; George Kostakes, 2; Stephen E. Pepps, District Governor No. 16; James Jimas, 183; George P. Kakavas, 120; Peter Louvis, 114; Tom Thomas, 230; Tom Doumas, 260; Louis Alexakis, 302; Nick Houvouras, 307; James K. Markos, 171.

Convention City: John K. Douglas, 16, Chairman; Anthony Aroney, 152, Vice-Chairman; William D. Kleason, District Governor No. 14, Secretary; N. A. Poletis, 208; William Esarris, 68; C. G. Mameos, 14; James Demos, 66; Charles Charubas, 301; Const. Valanos, 236; N. J. Mandris, 236; Thomas D. Cook, 34; George Pakis, 338; Anthony D. Roomanes, 1; Peter Stasinopoulos, 119; Dean Markopoulos, 91; Anthony A. Kollias, 53; Ed. Theodorow, 53; Archie Zapetis, 18; Peter Lezos, District Governor, 1; John L. Manta, 348; George Stappas, 336;



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Hospitals: Peter T. Kourides, 97, Chairman; James A. Veras, 84, Vice-Chairman; George Rodis, 97, Secretary; Nicholas J. Stevenson, 200; Leo J. Lamberson, 100; George Mihos, 106; Peter Boudoures, 235; Chris Anton, 46; Peter A. Adams, 54; Peter Karambelas, 55; Andrew Vassos, 77; A. G. Constant, 92; Dr. Theodore A. Stamos, 102; William Brown, 133; Gus Bulbulis, 132; C. G. Paris, 134; William Belros, 234.

Legislative: A. A. Pantelis, 204, Chairman; P. G. Dikeou, District Governor, 17; Peter E. Kamchev, 270; Kimon A. Doukas, 25; Peter V. Paulus, District Governor, 4; Nick Stratton, 20; Jack Knapp, 111; Stephen Berdalis, District Governor, 21; Stephen S. Scopas, 42; Thomas Mallas, 200; George Tsairis, 170; C. R. Nixon, 13; Gregory G. Lagakos, 26; John Mitchell, 167; George Demas, 127; Louis Dukas, 175.

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National Projects: Peter S. Marthakis, 146, Chairman; Nick Serrros, District Governor, 2, Vice-Chairman; Matthew K. Marks, 14; Gus Hollis, 12; George Sarra, 258; James Campbell, Mother Lodge; James Selevredes, 46; A. A. Stratigos, 89; Peter Grammar, District Governor, 23; Sam Nakos, 3; Louis Preonas, 113; Moschas Moschides, 169; Constantine Roulekas, 18; George N. Cazanias, 346; Dino Efstation, 349; Archie Zapetis, 18.

Naturalization and Immigration: Nicholas S. Valentine, 37, Chairman; George C. Eliades, 102, Vice-Chairman; Nick Scaltas, 86; Speer Marousis, 87; James Boines, 95; Stephen Talikas, 100; John Kondoneilis, 117; Thomas Fisher, 118; Harry Karros, 304; Nick G. Tacinas, 145; Gus Demetriadis, 170; James Kusksulis, 192; George Limberis, 217; John Pappas Troy, 119; Spiros Levades, 67.

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Policy: V. I. Chebithes, 186, Chairman; Michael T. Lambros, 131; Demetrios Souretis, 24; Bill Williams, 26; Louis Kiratsour, 35; Nick Theofilis, 36; Gus County, Jr., 118; James Kostopoulos, 123; Louis Petropoulos, 139; Chris Vlahos, 156; Steve Phill, 178; Nicholas Givers, 186; Peter C. Crown, 240; Andrew Vlassie, C.J., 3.

Public Relations: Dean Alfange, 25, Chairman; George E. Phillis, 91; James Mazarakas, 85; Steve J. Catranis, 109; Harry Argus, 123; William Andreas, 126; Leon Marketos, 143; Thomas Vlahos, 156; George Karas, 185; Angelo Lapas, 213; John Chooman, 247; Andrew J. Soteris, 350.

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Ritual: John E. Dakis, District Governor, 20, Chairman; Chris E. Athas, 313, Vice-Chairman; Speros D. Cosmos, 265; Nicholas D. Farmassony, 62; John Mallos, 64; Spiros Livados, 67; Nicholas Ginzopoulos, 71; Thomas Mantice, 73; Sam Gostas, 214; Frank A. Karteris, 220; Sam Pouras, 223; Peter Dendrinos, 301; Mike Tellegen, 318; Peter Valarhos, C.J., 3; George Mesologites, 30.

Sanatorium: Anthony Aroney, 152; Chairman; Harris J. Booras, Past State President; Paul J. Costulas, 94; Jim Franzos, 174; Gus Bruskas, 174; Tony Demos, 275; Tom Rallis, 192; Peter George, 74; George Konstantinides, 116; Peter Dickson, 247; Steve Georgeson, 326; Michael Solias, 328;

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Scholarship: George K. Demopoulos, 106, Chairman; Basil A. Thomas, 30, Vice-Chairman; Philip Pappas, 7; Alexander Varkas, 38; Angel Colocousis, 39; Peter Meyers, 40; D. N. Karalis, 66; Theodore P. Cominos, 253; Jimmy Chiros, 323; Angelo Sermas, 328; James Retsas, 330.

Steering: Nick Jameson, 167, Chairman; Nick T. Georges, 337, Vice-Chairman; John Pilafas, 201; V. I. Chebithes, 186; Sam B. Georges, 19; Nicholas Keffas, 62; C. P. Verinis, 98; George Petros, 147; Gust Prevolas, 153; Bill Houliourias, 173; C. J. Dussias, 199; Sam Checuras, 219; Andrew Dorris, 227; Nick Papadakis, 233; Michael Georgeikis, 234; Andrew Pappas, 320; Jack Zarcadoulas, 326; George J. Pappas, 350.

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Thursday, August 19—Morning Session

The session convened at ten-fifteen, Chairman Polos presiding. He announced the following additional committee appointments: **Legislative Committee**—Nicholas Givers, 186, and **Resolutions Committee**—George Davis, 303.

The dispute with regard to seating of delegates from Chapter No. 63, Akron, Ohio, was presented to the Convention. After considerable discussion and debate, Gust Herouvis and George Danesi were seated as the duly accredited delegates with one-half vote each, as recommended by Supreme Counsellor Ritsos and the Credentials Committee.

Supreme Governor Starr presented his report to the Convention.

Chairman Dean Alfange of the **Public Relations Committee** reported for the committee. The recommendation to hold the **Washington National Banquet annually** was **defeated**. The recommendation for holding an annual district banquet modeled on the national banquet was ruled to be unnecessary since such is the present practice. The committee was discharged with thanks.

Chairman Van Nomikos of the **Ahepa Auxiliaries Committee** rendered a partial report. The Convention adopted the recommendation to place an age limit of twenty-three years (with one year's grace for office holders) on eligibility to membership in the Maids of Athens, such limit to become effective as of August 1, 1949. The Convention defeated the proposal to permit the creation of a national organization for the Maids of Athens. Various matters requiring legislative action were not presented to the Convention, being referred to the Supreme Lodge for action under its authority in such matters pertaining to the Maids of Athens. The Convention adopted the further recommendation that representatives of the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and the Maids of Athens be recognized at District Conventions.

Chairman Nicholas C. Valentine of the **Naturalization and Immigration Committee** reported for the Committee. The pro-

posal to appoint a standing Naturalization and Immigration Committee to work toward bettering present immigration quotas for emigrants from Greece to the United States was amended by Veras to the effect that no Committee be established but the Supreme Lodge carry out this function, and as amended was adopted by the Convention.

Chairman Anthony Aroney and Secretary Paul J. Costulas of the *Sanatorium Committee* presented the report and recommendations of the Committee. After detailed and lengthy expositions and reports by Supreme Counsellor Ritsos and Supreme Secretary Bell on their investigation of the present status of the litigation now pending with respect to the sanatorium, the Convention adopted the following Committee recommendations:

1. That the recommendations of Rody, Dickinson and Sloan, our attorneys, to settle the sale and turn over the property to Berger and Briggs for \$77,000, as per our contract with them; that the fraternity retain all rents during pendency of this lawsuit; that the Supreme Lodge execute a deed and other necessary documents conveying title thereto; that the usual and customary pro-rations be made, and that the present lawsuit be dismissed and each party pay its own costs and fees, be accepted.

2. That the sum of \$1,522 be appropriated from the proceeds of the sanatorium sale for the purpose of removing sixteen deceased Ahepans from their present graves which have deteriorated because of bad burial ground, and rebury same in the perpetual care section and to place granite markers thereon in order to identify each one.

3. That the X-ray machine at the sanatorium be donated to the Athens Police Department as a gift from Ahepa and that this machine be crated and shipped free of all charges to New York. Supreme President Helis announced that shipment would be made from New York to Greece by the Greek War Relief at its expense.

4. That all other fixtures and furniture at the sanatorium be sold for whatever price they will bring.

Thereupon, the *Sanatorium Committee* was discharged with thanks.

Athletic Director Nick Contreas presented his report to the Convention, reciting therein the achievements and progress made by the Athletic Department of the Order in the preceding year.

The meeting recessed at one forty-five.

Afternoon Session

The session reconvened at three-fifteen, Vice Chairman Economou presiding.

Chairman Theodore F. Zolotas of the *Athletic Committee* reported for the Committee. The recommendation for the election of a *National Athletic Director* was referred to the Legislative Committee. The following recommendations of the Committee were adopted:

1. That the National Athletic Director map out a sports program for the entire year for the membership of the chapters, districts and zones, to include such sports as basketball, bowling, golf, track, and field events.

2. The district and zone directors conduct tournaments in the above-named sports during the appropriate seasons, all participants being compelled to conform to the rules and regulations described by AAU and the National Director.

3. That the Department of Athletics continue sponsorship of the national basketball tournament and the national olympiad, as well as working toward the holding of national meets in the other named sports in the future.

4. That district basketball tournaments be held, the winner and runner-up of each tournament be eligible to participate in the zone tournament and, in turn, the winner and runner-up of the zone tournament to be eligible to participate in the national tournament; that the expenses of sending the winner and runner-up of the district tournament to the zone tournament



THE WINNERS: Jim Marakos, Robert Bazos, Queen Mary Syrios and G. Barbas—beautiful and healthy in mind and body!

be borne by the district tournament and, likewise, the expenses of sending the winner and runner-up of the zone tournament to the national tournament be borne by the zone tournament.

5. That any city desiring to become the site for the national basketball tournament submit its bid to the office of the National Athletic Director not later than November 15th of the year preceding the tournament; that these bids be considered by the Director, who shall decide upon a site and notify all Chapters thereof prior to December 15th of the year preceding the tournament.

6. That Ahepa teams only will be permitted in Ahepa national zone and district tournaments, and not in any other Greek sponsored tournament under the banner of Ahepa.

7. That the participants in any of the district, zone and national tournaments be members of the Order of Ahepa since January 1st of that year in order to be eligible.

Thereupon, the *Athletic Committee* was dismissed with thanks.

Chairman John Dakis of the *Ritual Committee* presented his report. Since authority to change the ritual rests with the Supreme Lodge, the Committee Report was referred to the Supreme Lodge. Thereupon, the *Ritual Committee* was dismissed with thanks.

Chairman John K. Douglas of the *Convention City Committee* presented a majority report selecting Miami as the Convention site for 1949. Edward Theodorow presented a minority report favoring the selection of St. Louis as the 1949 Convention site. After considerable discussion, upon a roll call vote the Convention selected Miami as the Convention site for 1949 by a vote of 142½ to 68½ for St. Louis. The recommendations of the Committee involving changes in the Constitution were referred to the *Legislative Committee*.

Further, the Convention adopted the recommendation of the Committee that those cities which had not heretofore been selected as Convention sites be given first consideration provided they can meet the housing and facility requirements for such a Convention. Thereupon, the *Convention City Committee* was discharged with thanks.

Chairman C. J. Critzas of the *Excursion Committee*, reported to the Convention that the question of having an excursion in the Spring of 1949 be left to the discretion of the Supreme Lodge. Said report was adopted. Thereupon, the *Excursion Committee* was discharged with thanks.

Chairman George E. Johnson of the *Officers Reports Committee* reported to the Convention. Various recommendations involving appropriation of funds were referred to the *Budget Committee*, and various recommendations necessitating legislative action were referred to the *Legislative Committee*. The recommendation to pay the bill submitted by Phillies in the

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Supreme President Helis, Convention Committee Chairman Grutsis and General Vaughn at the banquet in Detroit

amount of \$169 was approved; however, the bill submitted by Hamlin for \$1,193.94 was disallowed. Both these bills were supposedly incurred in connection with the activities of the *Justice for Greece Committee*.

The Convention approved the recommendation to write off the sum of 1,013.59 due and owing from the Pan-Hellenic Federation, by a vote of 63½ to 52½. It further approved writing off the sum of \$585.65 due and owing from the Sons of Pericles. Thereupon, *Officers Reports Committee* was discharged with thanks.

Chairman Van A. Nomikos of the *Ahepa Auxiliaries Committee* rendered his final report. The Committee's recommendation for participation by the Sons and Maids in future District and National Conventions to the extent that special arrangements be made for selling tickets to social affairs, (excluding the banquet) to bona fide members of junior auxiliaries, was adopted. Further proposals for legislative changes were referred to the Supreme Lodge for its consideration and action. Thereupon, the *Ahepa Auxiliaries Committee* was discharged with thanks.

Chairman Charles D. Kotsilibas of the *Grievance Committee* reported to the Convention. The complaint against Governor Tsoumas of District No. 13 was referred to the Supreme Lodge for consideration and action. Likewise, the grievance with respect to failure to pay death benefits to the late Louis Manos. The Convention further approved the Committee's recommendation to send a letter of apology to Assistant Attorney General Caudle and to refund the sum of \$35 to *Marathon Chapter No. 2, Charlotte, N. C.* Thereupon, the *Grievance Committee* was discharged with thanks.

Chairman Socrates P. Zolotas of the *Veterans Committee* reported to the Convention. The Convention adopted the recommendations to establish an *Ahepa Job Placement Committee* to set up machinery for the establishment of an employment bureau at national headquarters in Washington, D. C. It further adopted the recommendations for carrying out said program, to-wit:

1. Notification of all Chapters explaining to them the mechanism and purpose of said bureau.
 2. Publicity in the *Ahepa Magazine*.
 3. Contacting national business organizations explaining the program and asking for their personal requirements.
 4. Printing of suitable application blanks and file cards with which to obtain and file information from applicants.
- Thereupon, the *Veterans Committee* was discharged with thanks.

The meeting recessed at seven-fifty.

Evening Session

The session reconvened at nine twenty-five, Chairman Polos presiding.

Vice Chairman Nick Sertos of the *National Projects Committee* reported to the Convention. The Convention approved the recommendation to obtain a clear and insurable title to, and survey, the property owned by the Order in Florida.

The Convention approved the recommendation as amended by Supreme Counsellor Ritsos to the effect that, when and if a clear and insurable title is established, it becomes necessary under the Florida law to make improvements in order to retain title thereto, the Order may spend up to \$2,500 for improvements in order to protect its interest in the property.

The Convention further approved the recommendation, as amended, calling for the appointment of a Committee by the Supreme Lodge to supervise all matters pertaining to the Florida property, and that said Committee be required to submit annual reports to the National Convention. Thereupon, the *National Projects Committee* was discharged with thanks.

Chairman G. Peterson Cherakis of the *Magazine Committee* reported to the Convention. The recommendation with regard to the increase in the per capita tax allocation for THE AHEPAN was referred to the *Legislative Committee*. The recommendation to reduce the size of THE AHEPAN temporarily to 16 inside pages and 4 cover pages was adopted. Further, that THE AHEPAN have only three pages in each issue confined to Supreme Lodge matters and/or beneficial thoughts of a national nature of the fraternity, the balance of pages to be used for chapters' news and exchange of interesting thoughts and/or administrative procedures beneficial to all; and that, after all debts and deficits have been paid, the monthly issue of THE AHEPAN be assumed, enabling it to secure advertisers and increasing reader interest.

Upon amendment by Tsoumas, the Convention adopted the recommendation that a full staff for the operation of THE AHEPAN be engaged by the Supreme Lodge when and if the present deficit is wiped out and the magazine becomes self-sustaining. Thereupon, the *Magazine Committee* was discharged with thanks.

Chairman George Papanicolas of the *Educational and Welfare Committee* reported to the Convention. The amended recommendation that a scholarship loan fund be created particularly for select high school graduates was approved. In addition, the Convention adopted the following committee recommendations:

That a manual of instruction be printed and mailed by the Executive Secretary to all presidents of chapters and district lodge officers; that a booklet be printed covering the chief accomplishments of the Order of Ahepa and its principles for newly initiated members to be mailed with a congratulatory letter from the Supreme Lodge; that each district select and recommend to the Supreme Lodge one to four members of the Ahepa family between the ages of 18 and 30 to be sent abroad for a period of four to six weeks during the summer months, the expenses of which to be covered by voluntary contributions from the chapters in the district, for the purpose of promoting international understanding and expounding the principles and purpose of the Order of Ahepa; that all districts issue a monthly or bimonthly publication for the purpose of strengthening the bond of fraternalism between its members and bringing the chapters closer together; that the Supreme Lodge be instructed to circularize all the universities in the country and make every effort to introduce the Greek language in their curricula.

With respect to the welfare of members of the Order, the following committee recommendations were adopted:

That some feasible, practical and sound insurance plan be worked out and adopted by this body that would not necessitate making constant changes at each convention; that every chapter be instructed to create a relief and charity fund for the

purpose of (1) assisting financially any members in need and (2) contributing to worth-while charitable activities. Thereupon, the *Educational and Welfare Committee* was discharged with thanks.

The meeting recessed at twelve o'clock midnight.

Friday, August 20—Morning Session

The session convened at ten-ten, Vice Chairman Economou presiding.

Chairman Paul Demos of the *Resolutions Committee* rendered a partial report. The Convention approved the resolution that Northern Epirus be ceded to and annexed by Greece. Also, the resolution extending appreciation and thanks to the Book-Cadillac Hotel and the Statler Hotel for their accommodations during the Convention. Also, the resolution extending the Fraternity's gratitude and appreciation to the President of the United States, Brother Harry S. Truman, for sending his personal representative, Major General Harry M. Vaughn, to the banquet. Also, the resolution extending sincere thanks and appreciation to the Mayor of the City of Detroit, the Governor of the State of Michigan, and Archbishop Athenagoras for attending the Twenty-Second National Convention and thereby honoring the Fraternity. Also, the resolution expressing the thanks of the delegates to the Host Chapter and the Convention Committee for their efforts, cooperation and assistance. Also, the resolution that members of the Order of Ahepa should become members of, and take an active interest in, their respective parish or community churches, thus helping to fulfill their mission, improve their Sunday schools and maintain and perpetuate their faith, heritage, Christian ideals and philosophy for themselves and their posterity. Also, the resolution for a *Public Relations Committee* to be appointed by the Supreme Lodge and the establishment of local public relations councils by each Chapter. Also, the resolution that the special reduced initiation fee for veterans, having expired June 30, 1948, be extended to June 30, 1949. Also, the resolution that all future District and National Convention Committees plan for the participation of the *Sons of Pericles* and the *Maids of Athens*, and that special arrangements be made for the sale of tickets to social affairs (excluding the banquet) at reduced rates to bona fide members of the junior auxiliaries. Also, the resolution that the United States be urged to support the demands of the inhabitants of Cyprus for the return of the island to Greece. Also, the resolution that all resolutions and other matters of business to be decided on by the Convention Committees be first submitted to the Steering Committee for assignment to the proper Committee. Also, the resolution that the new Supreme President actively participate in the "Ahepa Home of New York, Inc." activities; that he use every means to muster the force of the Order of Ahepa to actively and unqualifiedly support the "Ahepa Home of New York, Inc.," and that this program be adopted by the Supreme Lodge for the coming year.

The Convention tabled the resolution for subsequent consideration and action during the present Convention for an appeal to the Mayor and other proper officials of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, to change the name of that city to Rhodes.

Chairman A. A. Pantelis of the *Legislative Committee* rendered a partial report to the Convention.

The recommendation to amend Article 9, Section 4 of the Constitution, proposing a change in the date for the election of Chapter officers, was defeated. Also, the recommendation to amend Article 17, Section 1 of the Constitution, requiring a two-thirds vote for reinstatement of a suspended member for nonpayment of dues, was defeated.

The Convention adopted by the required two-thirds vote the recommendation to amend Article 18, by adding a new section, as follows:

"SECTION 13. *Penalty for circularizing members without authority:* No member of the Order shall circularize the mem-



Paul Demos, Supreme President Helis, Archbishop Athenagoras and Charles Kotsilibas after High Mass at Concert Shell

bership for any purpose without first submitting to the Supreme Lodge for their written approval a copy of the circular intended to be used. Violation of this provision shall be deemed cause for expulsion." Also, it adopted the recommendation to amend Article 28, Section 2, by striking out the present section and substituting the following:

"SECTION 2. *Per Capita Tax:* Every Chapter shall remit to the Supreme Lodge at the rate of \$5 per year for each member. This per capita tax shall be allocated as follows: to the Emergency Fund, \$2; to the magazine, \$1; to the national banquet, 25 cents; to the General Fund, \$1.25; and to the District Lodge, 50 cents. The per capita allocation of 25 cents shall be used to defray the expenses of the biennial national banquet; the surplus, if any, shall be transferred to the General Fund." Also, it adopted the recommendation to amend Article 31, Section 5, adding the following words at the end of said paragraph covering the duties of the marshal: "and to coordinate all educational activities in his district." Also, it adopted the recommendation to add a new section to Article 31: to-wit Section 5a, as follows:

"SECTION 5a. *District Advisor:* It shall be the duty of the district advisor to supervise the activities of the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athens in his district. He shall directly supervise and work with the district lodges of the junior auxiliaries and shall countersign all checks for expenditures pertaining to said junior orders. He shall render reports on the progress of both orders." Also, it adopted the recommendation, as amended from the floor, to amend Article 30, Section 1, paragraph 2(B), by adding the following:

"No member shall be eligible to the office of the District Governor unless he shall have served in an elective office of the District Lodge, as a member of the Supreme Lodge, or as a Past President of his Chapter for at least one year."

The Convention rejected the proposed amendment to Article 23, Section 1, and the proposed new Section 6a of that Article, establishing a National Athletic Director as a member of the Supreme Lodge without a voice or vote in any matters other than those pertaining to athletics.

The meeting recessed at two-thirty.

Afternoon Session

The session convened at four, Vice Chairman Economou presiding.

The following District Governors presented their reports to the Convention: No. 2—Nick Serros, No. 14—William J. Kleason, No. 17—Panayis Dikeou and No. 21—Stephen B. Dalis.

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tion for the efforts of Ahepa members in the recent Security Loan Campaign, was read.

Chairman A. A. Pantelis of the *Legislative Committee*, continued the Committee's partial report.

The Convention adopted by the required two-thirds the recommendation to amend Section 5, Article 17, which section reads as follows:

"SECTION 5. All applications for reinstatement shall be circularized to the entire membership of the chapter in good standing, similar to the method used in circularizing new candidates for admission."

The Convention rejected the proposed amendment to Article 17, Section 1, providing for the necessity of obtaining a two-thirds vote for the reinstatement of a member suspended for nonpayment of dues for a period of seven years or more. Also, it rejected the proposed amendment to Article 23, Section 3, paragraph 2, requiring the filing of petitions by candidates for Supreme Lodge officers on or before noon of the fourth day of the Convention endorsed by ten delegates.

The Convention tabled the proposed amendment to expel any member of the Order of Ahepa who is also a member of any organization declared by the Government of the United States to be a subversive organization.

Chairman Peter Kourides of the *Hospital Committee*, rendered the report of the Committee. After extended remarks by Past Supreme President Booras against the adoption of the report in toto and by Boudoures in favor of its adoption in toto, the Convention adopted the following recommendations:

That the Ahepa deposit immediately in a joint bank account with the Greek War Relief Association the balance of its hospital funds in the approximate amount of \$407,000, which sum is to be matched by an equal amount to be deposited therein by the Greek War Relief Association pursuant to the existing agreement between the two organizations dated April 1, 1943.

That the Convention select a committee of three of its members who will be authorized and empowered to ascertain from the official records of the Greek War Relief Association whether materials, equipment and supplies have been shipped to Greece and contractual commitments have been incurred of the total approximate value of \$1,400,000 exclusively for the various Ahepa projects mentioned in the agreement of April 1, 1943.

That the Convention designate Brothers Veras, Adams and Lamberson as said committee, and that they render their report

to the Supreme Lodge not later than October 15, 1943.

That if said Committee find that such shipments of materials, equipment and supplies and contractual commitments were less than the \$1,400,000, the Greek War Relief Association must deposit in the joint account set up by the agreement of April 1, 1943, such additional funds in an amount equal to such deficiency, and in the event that the Greek War Relief Association fails to put up the said additional funds, the incoming Supreme Lodge is directed to permit no withdrawals whatever from the \$300,000 joint account of the Ahepa and the Greek War Relief Association.

That the Ahepa direct the Greek War Relief Association to obtain at the earliest possible moment a written agreement with the Greek government to the effect that within three years the maintenance and operation of all Ahepa Health Centers will be taken over by the Greek government.

That all chapters be required forthwith to turn over to the Supreme Lodge all funds in their treasuries which have been collected by them as hospital gifts and that all chapters take immediate steps to collect all pledges made to them for the same purpose.

The meeting recessed at seven.

Evening Session

The session convened at nine, Chairman Polos presiding.

The majority and minority reports of the *Emergency Fund Committee* were read, and after discussion and amendment, the following recommendation was adopted: That the Supreme Lodge appoint a committee of three members to investigate and report to the 1949 National Convention on the desirability of establishing a legal reserve, net level premium, nonprofit insurance association as an integral part of the Order of Ahepa.

Chairman Demos resumed the rendition of the report of the *Resolutions Committee*, and the following resolutions were adopted:

That all future national convention committees do not engage in the practice of sending collect telegrams notifying delegates of room reservations, but answer requests by letter immediately.

That the Supreme Lodge be instructed, in giving their annual reports, to mention specifically what action has been taken on the resolutions adopted by the previous convention.

The Convention defeated the recommendation to compel the Host Chapter, No. 40, to refund the \$5 paid in excess of the \$10 registration fee set by a mandate of the Baltimore Convention.

The Convention adopted the resolution offered by Bro. Phillos that the State Department take notice of the situation wherein 20,000 to 25,000 children have been forcibly taken from their homes in Greece to foreign countries by the guerrillas, and that it do everything within its power through the United Nations to have these children restored to their homes and to look after their welfare while they are in foreign countries.

The Convention passed a resolution of sympathy to be extended to the family of Babe Ruth on his death.

The Convention adopted the resolution of Bro. Diamond to circularize the chapters requesting help in the drive for funds for the people of the island of Lefkas.

District Governor John E. Dakis of the 20th District reported to the Convention.

The Convention adopted the resolution of the *Legislative Committee* to amend Article 20 by inserting a provision similar to that of Section 9, of Article 13.

The Convention authorized that a letter be sent to each donor to the Hospital Fund thanking him for his contribution and setting forth the present status and plans of the hospital project.

Chairman George K. Demopoulos of the *Scholarship Committee* reported to the Convention, and after discussion and

amendment the following recommendations were adopted:

That a \$100,000 "Ahepa Scholarship Loan Fund" be established, which fund shall include all funds now in the Scholarship Fund and all funds derived from an optional special assessment of 50 cents per member for the years 1949 through 1958 only.

That the National Convention have full and final authority and devise rules and regulations concerning the granting of scholarship loans.

That the District Governors, now attending this convention, elect a *Scholarship Loan Fund Committee* of four members, two of whom to be from the eastern zone, one from the western zone, one from the southern zone, and the fifth member to be the Supreme President; the District Governors not to be eligible; one member of this committee to serve for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year; thereafter, the one retiring member each year to be succeeded by a member elected by the National Convention for a period of four years.

That this committee have full powers for the management and control of the fund within prescribed limits.

That the members of the committee shall not receive any compensation or expenses for their services; the honor to be considered sufficient repayment.

That the following be the rules for the issuance of scholarship loans: All applicants must be members of the Ahepa or the auxiliaries with the exception that in a city where no chapter of the Order of Ahepa or its auxiliaries exists, any member of the immediate family, including the son, daughter, mother, or father of a member will be eligible. Loans must be repaid in full from the date of receipt, and each recipient shall sign a note and contract to that effect. No interest shall be charged during the time the recipient is a student. Interest at the rate of 1 per cent on the unpaid balance for the first year after graduation, 2 per cent for the second year, and 3 per cent for the third and all following years shall be paid. A scholarship loan shall not exceed \$500 to any one student for any year. No more than 75 per cent of the total amount of the Scholarship Fund shall be loaned in any one year. All applicants must be recommended by an Ahepa chapter or a district lodge in order to be eligible for a scholarship loan. All applicants must have finished their first year in an accredited school, college or university and must be recommended by their school or college authorities.

That the Scholarship Loan Committee constantly investigate the availability of other funds in the United States available for this purpose, and said information be conveyed to all chapters and auxiliaries of the Order of Ahepa.

Chairman James M. Mezilson of the *Publicity Committee* rendered his report, which among other things, analyzed and reviewed the publicity obtained for the Twenty-second National Convention.

Chairman V. I. Chebithes of the *Policy Committee* presented its report. It reaffirmed the policies proclaimed and adopted by the convention at Los Angeles in 1947. It further recommended that members of the Order shall refrain from attacking, as well as from endorsing, any political party, its platform or nominees, in speeches at Ahepa functions or writings in its official publications, or when writing or speaking as Ahepans. It also recommended that high officials of the Ahepa be discouraged from holding important offices in other Greek organizations. Further recommendations included the following:

That it shall be the policy of this Order to devote its attention, energy and money, had or to be had, toward solving the problems, serving the needs and protecting the interests of the members and their immediate families within its jurisdiction.

That the Supreme Lodge shall supervise, regulate and direct the program and activities of the grand national convention to the end that the delegates, their families and friends, participating in its official business and in the social events provided

by the local committee may receive the maximum comfort and pleasure at the least possible expenditure of time and money.

That the officers and members of the Order, especially the district and Supreme Lodge officials, shall exert every effort and make every sacrifice necessary to the uniformity, dignity and impressiveness of the initiation rites and installation ceremonies.

That the Supreme President and other Supreme Lodge members, or their duly authorized representatives, shall meet with the district lodge officers in the several convention zones sometime between the national convention and the 15th of the following January for the purpose of exchanging ideas on, and discussing the advancement of, the program of activities sponsored by the Supreme Lodge.

The Convention adopted the report of the *Policy Committee*.

Chairman James D. Dikeou of the *Budget and Appropriations Committee* presented the budget for the fiscal year 1948-49. After discussion and amendment, the following budget was adopted by the Convention:

ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$43,500
EXPENDITURES:	
Supreme President for travel	\$ 3,000
Stenographic assistance, telephone and telegrams for Supreme President	1,000
Growth and expansion	1,000
Salary of Executive Secretary	6,000
Supreme Lodge meetings	2,250
Headquarters payroll	16,000
Telephone and telegrams	750
Mimeograph supplies	250
Other miscellaneous office expenses	500
Postage, parcel post, and petty cash	1,000
Taxes and insurance	600
Printing Yearbook	1,800
Printing minutes and summaries, and traveling expenses of officers to conventions	6,500
Officers' premium payment for bonds	480
Expenses for Supreme Officers	650
Chapter supplies	1,000
Auditors' fees	750
Athletic Committee administrative expense	1,000
Visitations to Mayo Clinic, to Rochester, Minn., Chapter	1,000
Printing of ritual	600
Auditors	250
Expense in connection with special report of Insurance Committee at Los Angeles convention	180
To George E. Phillis for expenses in connection with Justice for Greece Committee	160

The Convention approved payment of \$14,000 to the printer of the Silver Anniversary issue of THE AHEPAN out of any funds available, said amount to be reimbursed out of future surplus income of THE AHEPAN.

The following committees, having concluded their deliberations and reported to the Convention, were discharged with thanks: *Hospital, Emergency Fund, Scholarship, Publicity Policy* and *Budget and Appropriations*.

The meeting recessed at one-thirty, Saturday morning, August 21st.

Saturday, August 21—Morning Session

The session convened at eleven-fifteen, Chairman Folos presiding.

The Convention approved the supplemental report presented by Brother Lamberson, a member of the *Hospital Committee* recommending that Ahepa secure an agreement with the Greek War Relief that if and when funds permit, a new hospital of at least 100 beds be built in Athens at the site heretofore selected; and that the Greek War Relief match on a dollar-for-

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The following District Governors reported to the Convention: No. 1—Peter Lezos (represented by Sam Nakos), No. 3—Speros A. Versis, No. 6—George Kastrinos, and No. 19—Tony Kontgas.

The Chairman of the *Credentials Committee* announced the voting strength of the Convention to be 155 full votes, 218 half votes, a total of 264 votes.

The floor was then thrown open for nominations for *Supreme President*. George E. Johnson nominated Supreme President William Helis for reelection; it was seconded by Socrates P. Zolotas. Past Supreme President Booras nominated Stephen A. Scopas; it was seconded by Louis Dukas.

Nominations for Supreme President were closed, and tellers were appointed. Voting by secret ballot followed, in which 145 full votes and 196 half votes, making a total of 243 votes, were cast. Supreme President Helis was reelected by a vote of 176 to 65.

The floor was then thrown open for nominations for *Supreme Vice President*. Van A. Nomikos nominated Supreme Vice President John Thevos for reelection; it was seconded by William Essaris. William Belroy nominated Leo J. Lamberson; it was seconded by Louis Tsaros. Nominations for Supreme Vice President were closed.

The floor was then thrown open for nominations for *Supreme Secretary*. Supreme Vice President Thevos nominated Supreme Secretary Peter L. Bell for reelection; it was seconded by Peter Paulus. S. Kafidas nominated Edward Theodorow; it was seconded by John Kras. Nominations for Supreme Secretary were closed.

The floor was then thrown open for nominations for *Supreme Treasurer*. V. I. Chebithes nominated Supreme Governor James Starr for reelection; it was seconded by Supreme Treasurer Aristides Georgiades. Harry Booras nominated C. G. Paris; it was seconded by Speros A. Versis. Nominations for Supreme Treasurer were closed.

The floor was then thrown open for nominations for *Supreme Counsellor*. Supreme Counsellor Zack Ritsos nominated A. A. Pantelis; it was seconded by George E. Loucas. No further nominations having been made, A. A. Pantelis was declared unanimously elected Supreme Counsellor.

The floor was then thrown open for nominations for *Supreme Governors*. Peter Boudoures nominated George Bezaites. Supreme Vice President Thevos nominated Charles N. Diamond. Socrates P. Zolotas nominated Peter Derzis. Vasilios Vasiliou nominated Michael Vrotsos. James Veras nominated James Kakridas. George E. Loucas nominated Constantine Gatsos. Leo J. Lamberson nominated George Petros. Van A. Nomikos nominated Peter Grammar for the Canadian Jurisdiction. Nominations for Supreme Governors were closed.

Peter Grammar, being the only candidate for the office of Supreme Governor for the Canadian Jurisdiction, was declared unanimously elected.

By agreement among the candidates for the office of Supreme Governor and with the unanimous consent of the assembly, the candidates receiving the three highest pluralities would be considered elected.

Voting by secret ballot followed, and there were 132 full votes, 182 half votes cast, making a total of 223. The results of the balloting were as follows:

- Supreme Vice President: Thevos 155, Lamberson 66½.
- Supreme Secretary: Bell 170, Theodorow 51½.
- Supreme Treasurer: Starr 139½, Paris 80.
- Supreme Governors: Derzis 163, Bezaitis 165, Diamond 135, Gatsos 97½, Petros 52½, Vrotsos 51, Kakridas 25½.

The following Supreme Lodge was declared elected:

- Supreme President William Helis
- Supreme Vice President John Thevos
- Supreme Secretary Peter L. Bell



Archbishop Athenagoras, Governor Kim Ziegler of Michigan and Supreme President Helis at the Banquet in Detroit

- Supreme Treasurer James J. Starr
- Supreme Counsellor A. A. Pantelis
- Supreme Governor (Canada) Peter Grammar
- Supreme Governor Peter Derzis
- Supreme Governor George Bezaitis
- Supreme Governor Charles N. Diamond

Supreme President Helis Thanks Delegates Upon His Re-election

When the elections were completed, Supreme President thanked the delegates and pleaded for unity as the key to success. Said he:

This is the second time that you honor me with the highest office of this great fraternity. I am grateful. I pledge myself to work for Ahepa and all it stands for. I can't promise you the moon. But I do promise you to do all I can for Ahepa, which has priority in my mind and my heart.

This is a democratic country. And this has been a fair and square election, as Brother Scopas has just stated.

I plead for unity, because we need unity in order to succeed in helping Greece abroad and ourselves at home.

Brother Delegates, I thank you from the bottom of my heart and wish you Godspeed.

Chairman Paul Demos of the *Resolutions Committee* rendered his final report, and the recommendation with respect to the request received from the League of Greek Government Employees for exchanging of merchandise was tabled. The *Resolutions Committee* was discharged with thanks.

The Convention approved a motion to reconsider the supplemental report offered earlier by Brother Lamberson with respect to the erection of a 100-bed hospital in Athens. The supplemental report was then withdrawn by Brother Lamberson.

Supreme Secretary Peter L. Bell presented to the Convention the disputed claim of Brother Dikeou in connection with expenses incurred in the sanatorium drive. The Convention referred the matter to the incoming Supreme Lodge with instructions to investigate the matter thoroughly and arrive at a decision as to what Brother Dikeou should be paid, and that the Convention be bounded by said decision.

Secretary Steven Pepps of the *Committee of District Governors* reported that the following were elected to the Scholarship Committee: Nick Kaloyvos of New Hampshire—4-year term—Eastern Zone; Constantine Tsangadas of Michigan—3-year term—Eastern Zone; Peter S. Marthakis of Utah—2-year term—Western Zone, and George A. Rousse of Texas—1-year term—Southern Zone.

The Convention adjourned *sine die* at seven-thirty, p.m., Saturday, August 21, 1948.



Observing the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Archbishop Athenagoras opened 22nd Ahepa National Convention by cele-



brating High Mass at Concert Shell, Fair Grounds, Detroit. It was attended by all Ahepans headed by Supreme President Helis.

Our 1948 National Convention Officers

GEORGE POLOS

Convention Chairman

For the first time in the history of Ahepa, one of the oldest members sought office and was elected as Chairman of the Convention—George Polos of Mother Lodge.



George Polos

The man principally responsible for the founding of this great Order came to this country back in 1905 from Karpenisi. He landed in New York and then went South to engage in confidential investigation. A sensitive soul, a social thinker and a proud Hellenic, who wanted to become a true and real American, George was from the outset disturbed by the gross injustice and the

numerous misrepresentations that were committed from time to time against his people. In his travels throughout the country, he was convinced that *ignorance* rather than *malice* gave rise to misrepresentations and caused deeds of injustice to the Greek immigrants who like other nationalities came to America in quest of an opportunity to work and to enjoy freedom of thought and action.

George Polos is not a man to let worries paralyze his thoughts and impede his actions. Once he tested his conclusions, he got busy looking for solutions. He applied himself to the study of other racial groups and discussed his problem with men experienced in organizational work. He proved to himself that his fears were justified—our fellow-Americans did not know us and fed by clever propaganda were antagonistic to our native customs, to our unique religion and to our lack of knowledge of English. With that premise in mind, he sought advice from people in authority with the purpose of finding solutions to the questions confronting him. The result of that effort has been the founding of the Order of Ahepa that only last year celebrated its Silver Anniversary and this year assembled in the City of Detroit for its 22nd National Convention—there to receive the personal representative of the President of the United States, General Vaughn, and the Chief Executive of the State of Michigan, Governor Kim Zigler. And in that effort,

George Polos found fertile ground to sow the seeds of Hellenism truly blended with Americanism. For it is an accepted fact that Americans are the most association-minded people. Though constituting a small percentage of the total population they claim more than 80% of all organized groups throughout the world. And to that organizational mania, if you please, is due the tremendous and phenomenal growth of our continent. Indeed, the average American belongs to between 10 and 25 societies and his pocketbook bulges with membership cards of local, state and national associations.

He Laid the Foundation of Ahepa

While in Chattanooga, Tennessee, back in 1921, George met John Angelopoulos and with him discussed his plan of salvaging the Greek name and building up the reputation to which we now lay claim as a matter of course. And as has been stated so often in the past, it came to pass that seventeen Americans of Greek birth got together on July 26, 1922, in the Greek school of Atlanta, Georgia, and laid the foundation of the only Greek society that has endured time and criticism to become the largest, the best, the most widely known society of people of Greek extraction in the history of our race. George Polos was the main spring of that little group. And 26 years later, it happened that George Polos was elected chairman of its 22nd National Convention—the first and the only time that he sought public office. The young and vigorous lad of 1922, who conferred at the Greek schoolhouse of Atlanta, was in Detroit the oldest member of the Order. A span of 26 fruitful years must have been flashing through his mind, and rich memories of activities must have subconsciously been clouding his eyes as he sternly admonished one for order, or answered another for information, or ruled on questions raised from the floor. Mother Lodge Member George Polos was acting as the Chairman of the Order he founded and now in convention assembled in Detroit, Michigan.

Yet, George Polos is not a vain man. He disclaims any credit for the founding of our Order but instead stresses his belief that Ahepa was founded and organized and grew to its present proportions because it fulfilled a need for such an organization among the Greek immigrants of yesterday, the matured Americans of today and the coming generations of Americans of Greek extraction in the many days to come. George's faith in the destiny of Ahepa and his enthusiasm and loyalty for the Order is as inspiring today as it was 26 years ago.

For George believes that what was true then is true today. Organization means unity and unity means strength. Through strength we can achieve everything we hope for—the honest and legitimate toward the advancement of our people.

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in this country. We shall succeed for the same reasons that we succeeded then—because we have a wonderful organization that is non-partisan, non-sectarian and secret in its functions. We shall succeed because we have proven our worth, because we have written some of the most noteworthy pages in the history of Hellenism in America, because we are the nucleus and the means of expressing what is best in all of us for the common good.

Education Is Our Keystone

And if George Polos could be induced to talk about himself and the things that the Order has achieved since that memorable day in 1922, he would enumerate the two principal items that are ours for all time to come. First, the Order of Ahepa has succeeded in instilling in its members the habit to assemble in peace and to debate in good form small and large questions alike with respect toward one another, with respect for the majority rule, with respect for the minority opinion. And second, the Order of Ahepa has succeeded in educating its members in the rights that American citizenship confers on us and in inducing them to take an active part in the city, state and national life and to share in the government by voting for our elected representatives and by seeking office like anybody else. For this is the American way and we are Americans.

But George is not the man who looks backwards and forgets to look forward. For just as he had a program 26 years ago, he also has a program for today and tomorrow. Now that we have achieved some success in helping our most unfortunate people in Greece, it is time, he says, to turn our eyes onto the national scene and concentrate on national projects. We must take care of those of us who are getting old and need a home to retire to and spend the rest of their lives in contentment and comparative happiness. We must also take care of the orphans who have nowhere to go and lacking relatives accept help from alien institutions or turn to crime. And finally, we must organize a Bureau of Commerce which will assemble ideas and blueprints from successful business people and will disseminate such ideas and blueprints amongst our own people for their greater advancement in life.

George Polos also believes that the two Junior Orders of the Sons and the Maids have fulfilled their original purpose and should be disbanded as auxiliaries; that in their place one Ladies Auxiliary be continued for both Maids and Daughters, and that the Sons be hereafter gathered under the aegis of local Ahepa Chapters. He believes that membership for the Sons is hard to get and organize successfully, while membership for the Maids only makes for friction and antagonism between the two Ladies Auxiliaries, as now constituted. At the same time, George advocates an expansion of athletic activities to take care of young people, as well as development of our educational activities for both Ahepans, Sons and Ladies.

OUR GUESTS OF HONOR: Archbishop Athenagoras and Major General Vaughn, personal representative of President Truman



At Detroit, Chairman George Polos looked like an archon, acted like a statesman and adjourned the Convention sine die respected and beloved by all.

CONSTANTINE G. ECONOMOU Convention Vice-Chairman

Whereas George Polos never sought office and never was elected to an office, Constantine Economou was an old hand as Convention Vice Chairman. For he had served as secretary of the 1928 and 1929 National Conventions and as Vice Chairman of the 1930, 1932 and 1934 National Conventions. At Detroit, therefore, it was natural that he would show tact, experience and knowledge of fine parliamentary points in discharging his office. Besides, he had served as Supreme Secretary from 1934 to 1938 and as Supreme Counsellor in 1938-1939.

Gus, as he is affectionately called by his many friends, came from Asaea, Tripolis, to Youngstown, Ohio, in 1916 and lived there ever since with the exception of 4 years he spent in Washington as Supreme Secretary. He joined Lincoln Chapter No. 89 in 1925 and has been practicing law since 1933.

He fully subscribes to the preamble of our Constitution, and like George Polos, is convinced that we have fulfilled our initial purpose, namely, that of presenting Hellenism to the American public. He believes that we must now concentrate on local matters and make Ahepa attractive to our young people on whom we must hereafter depend for membership, leadership and growth. It is also his opinion that we must take the initiative and establish an Old Men's Home for our aged and aging members.

PETER J. PETERSON Convention Secretary

Peter Peterson, though comparatively speaking a young man in Ahepa history, has come up from the ranks. He joined Olympian Chapter No. 82 of the Sons in Los Angeles in 1934 and transferred to Hesperia Chapter No. 152 in 1938. After serving as Chapter officer for 2 years, he became District Secretary in 1946-47 and Executive Secretary of the 1947 Los Angeles Convention Committee. He is now Executive Secretary of the District and Editor of the El Camino Real Bulletin.

Peter is an American of Greek extraction, having been born in Nogales, Arizona. While six years old, he was taken to Los Angeles where he has lived ever since. He graduated from the University of Southern California, where he is still taking courses preparing for foreign service. He was in the army from 1941 to 1945, when he was released as captain of infantry. He saw action in Italy.

OUR SUPREME OFFICERS



James J. Starr
Supreme Treasurer



John G. Thevos
Supreme Vice-President



William Helis
Supreme President



Peter L. Bell
Supreme Secretary



A. A. Pantelis
Supreme Counsellor



Charles N. Diamond
Supreme Governor



George Bezaitis
Supreme Governor

Of the new administration elected in Detroit to guide and direct the fortunes of this mighty Fraternity for the coming year 1948-1949, Supreme President Helis, Supreme Vice President Thevos, Supreme Secretary Bell and Supreme Governors Bezaitis and Derzis were reelected for a second term; Supreme Governor Starr was promoted to the Treasurership, and the following were elected to fill in vacancies: Supreme Counsellor Pantelis and Supreme Governors Diamond and Grammar (C. J.).



Peter N. Derzis
Supreme Governor



Peter Grammar
Supreme Governor, C.J.

WILLIAM HELIS

Our Supreme President needs no introduction. He is well known throughout the world as a very successful business man in the American way and as a great philanthropist in the Hellenic tradition. A member of *New Orleans* Chapter No. 133, he has been for years actively participating in Ahepa affairs, being thoroughly conversant with its problems and passionately attached to its ideals, to its program, to its goal. The 1946 Baltimore Convention elected him to the office of Supreme Vice President by acclamation; the 1947 Los Angeles Convention promoted him to the highest position in the hierarchy of Ahepa; and this year he was deservedly honored with a second term. He makes an ideal chief at this time. For as the Supreme President of Ahepa and the National President of the Greek War Relief Association, he directs both these two organizations and thus ably translates the blueprints of their gigantic health program in Greece into workable and working projects. He believes in unity of mind and unity of purpose as the key to success—and he ought to know.

JOHN G. THEVOS

Likewise, our Supreme Vice President

needs no introduction to Ahepans and non-Ahepans alike. Elevated to his office by the 1947 Los Angeles Convention, he has been able to extend the frontiers of his activities throughout the entire Ahepa domain. He fervently believes in Hellenism blended with Americanism and Ahepa to him is the means of showing our gratitude to our forefathers and our attachment and loyalty to our fellow-Americans. No task is too hard for him and no assignment is too small—as long as they promote Ahepanism and as long as he is given the opportunity to serve his fellow-citizens. For he exemplifies the best and the most in every one of us—and does it with conviction and unselfishness that are hard to match.

PETER L. BELL

Likewise, our Supreme Secretary needs no introduction. He was also elected to his office by the 1947 Los Angeles Convention after many fruitful years in the service of Ahepa. He fits admirably and precisely the ancient adage of "*small in stature but a fighter!*" If at times he cannot be seen, he is always heard and the Los Angeles Convention proved it. As its Vice-Chairman, he showed the courage of his convictions, packed justice into his rul-

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ings, and blew dry humor into tight spots. One of the few men to be loved and respected even by his antagonists, he is the vanguard of our young men coming up from the ranks. A joiner of many societies and clubs, he considers Ahepa his first and true love. And he is the only bachelor Supreme Officer!

JAMES J. STARR

Our new Supreme Treasurer served last year as Supreme Governor and was elevated to his present office on merit alone. For he is a successful business man and knows his dollars and cents. And since he is to deal with Ahepa dollars and cents, he fits his office to an admirable degree. But his success in life extends also to philanthropic ventures. He sold over \$3 million in War bonds for Ahepa and now serves as Director of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce. He believes that good Ahepans make good Americans if they share actively in civic and community projects. Hartford as his province ground knows.

A. A. PANTELIS

Our new Supreme Counsellor is an old Ahepa hand. He joined *Woodlawn* Chapter No. 93 in 1926 and three years later organized *Evanston* Chapter No.



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204 and served as its president. In 1936, he was chairman of the St. Paul Convention, after an apprenticeship as Vice-Chairman of the 1929 Kansas City Convention. He served in the present office in 1937-38. Though hailing from Chicago, he abhors cliques and factions and is outspoken against the evils of politics. He loves a good fight and has joined many a fracas when the going was tough and Ahepa's best interests were in the balance. As a member of the Department of Law in the City of Chicago, the man clearly fits his office.

GEORGE BEZAITIS

Our Supreme Governor was honored with a second term both on performance and on geographical representation. One of the most ardent Ahepans, he is known throughout the colorful West as a hard working and loyal American citizen of Greek extraction who wants to help his people in every way possible. No Chapter meeting is too far for him and no Chapter or District office is unknown to him. During last year, he appointed himself as traveling agent of this magazine for ads and brought results. Youthful in appearance and eager in spirit, he has grown in

Ahepa since he first joined in 1928—twenty years ago—and shows no desire of letting up. For him, Ahepa marches on and with Ahepa he marches along.

PETER DERZIS

Likewise, our Supreme Governor was honored with a second term, having first been elevated to his office by the 1947 Los Angeles Convention. After joining Ahepa in 1932, his most outstanding record was as District Governor for two terms and as District Convention Chairman thrice. Again after entering the army as first lieutenant in 1941, he emerged five years later as a full colonel in intelligence work. Taking these records into consideration, one can easily foresee which way our Supreme Governor is travelling—and how fast. Honors came to him because he deserves them and Ahepa must have only begun to honor him.

CHARLES N. DIAMOND

Our new Supreme Governor from the City of the 1948 Convention is a case deserving reward. After having joined Ahepa in 1924, he proceeded to serve in practically every Chapter office possible. He staved as Secretary, Vice-President and President for many, many

years, and then went into the office of the District Governor for two terms. He also ruled District Conventions several times. He showed real organizing genius in establishing Chapters of Auxiliaries, of which ten in the Junior Order of the Sons as associate of the then Supreme President Chris Petrow. Drives for the sale of bonds, for the Red Cross and other civic functions find him an eager and able joiner. For he loves his people and his people love him.

PETER GRAMMAR

Our new Supreme Governor for the Canadian Jurisdiction this year carries on the wonderful traditions of our good and true fellow Ahepans in the North. For he is a loyal Ahepan, having joined in 1929 when Ahepa first expanded into Canada; he is a true Hellene, having landed in Canada from famous Sparta in 1909 and never for a minute forgotten his native land by participating in all drives on her behalf; and he is a successful business man, owning and operating for many years the largest food establishment in the Great Niagara Peninsula. He had just been elected District Governor of District No. 23, when he was elevated to his present office.

Streamers and banners strung everywhere, buttons pinned on every free lapel and prospectuses and pamphlets distributed by the hundreds invited Ahepans to hold their Convention in 1949 at Miami, Boston, St. Louis or Pittsburgh—Miami won! Washington, D. C., Cleveland and Buffalo put in a bid for 1950, while Minneapolis is looking forward to 1951.

It shall be the policy of the Order to devote its attention, energy and money toward solving the problems, serving the needs and protecting the interests of its members and their immediate families; that members shall refrain from attacking, as well as from endorsing any political party, its platform or nominees when writing or speaking as Ahepans.

Special Message of the Supreme Lodge

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF AHEPA:

The delegates to the 22nd National Convention held in Detroit—who represented you and expressed your sentiments, opinions and judgments—examined the record of the last administration, enacted legislation for the betterment of our Order and finally elected us as your Supreme Lodge officers for the ensuing year 1948-1949.

With our warm fraternal greetings in this our first official act, we also express to you the pride and pleasure we feel because we have been thus signally honored with the confidence and approval of the Order. We are certain to have the continued loyal support of every Ahepan and we reassure every member of the Order that we shall do all within our power to prove worthy of the faith reposed in us.

The Supreme Lodge will meet within the next few weeks and we shall then inform you of the plans and programs to be followed by the administration in conformity with the policies and laws adopted by the Convention.

Our mission is to keep Ahepa on its normal and traditional course to which it has returned since the 1947 Convention.

We again pledge to keep the Fraternity out of extraneous political disputes.

We shall continue and finally complete the health program in Greece, which received the overwhelming endorsement of the Detroit Convention.

We vow to safeguard the rights and privileges of all Ahepans and to create a greater feeling of goodwill and prestige for our Order among all people.

We shall consider it our sacred duty to solve, ably and impartially, the problems that may confront us and to serve the needs of our members to the fullest extent of our power.

Remaining steadfast and true to these objectives, we cannot but succeed and Ahepa will go forward to greater accomplishments.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
WILLIAM HELIS, *Supreme President*

JOHN G. THEVOS, *Supreme Vice-President*
JAMES J. STARR, *Supreme Treasurer*
GEORGE BEZAITIS, *Supreme Governor*
CHARLES N. DIAMOND, *Supreme Governor*

PETER L. BELL, *Supreme Secretary*
A. A. PANTELIS, *Supreme Counsellor*
PETER N. DERZIS, *Supreme Governor*
PETER GRAMMAR, *Supreme Governor (Canada)*



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE GRAND LODGE: Front Row (left to right): Evelyn J. Mickles, Kay Brotsis, Helen Karagianis, Amelia Learakos; second row: Eleanor Stoicas, Mary Preonas, Irene Marinake and Sophia Shane. They have our best wishes.

Daughters of Penelope hold their Seventh National Convention

In dynamic Detroit on August 15 through 22nd, the Daughters of Penelope held their Seventh National Convention in conjunction with Ahepa's 22nd National Convention. There were over 130 delegates present, making this the strongest and largest in representation. Out of 180 Daughters Chapters throughout the country approximately 100 chapters sent representatives. An excellent record!

Retiring Grand President, Mrs. Poppy X. Mitchell of Chicago and Los Angeles, opened the Convention and addressed the assembly in her own inimitable and charming manner. She rendered a complete and very excellent detailed report of the organization's activities, accom-

plishments, progress, and general conditions attained this past year.

Elected Convention Chairman for the second consecutive time, having served in this capacity in California last year, ubiquitous Miss Irene Marinake of Springfield, Mass., held the delegates in tow, and made them like it. Convention Vice Chairman was Miss Amelia Learakos of Chicago, and Secretary Mrs. Elaine Ketros of Ventura, California.

There were five full days of deliberations and at last many problems were solved, particularly the subject of the Maids of Athens.

The new Grand Lodge is as follows: Mrs. Helen Karagianis (formerly Vice President) of Laconia, New Hampshire,

Grand President; Mrs. Kay Brotsis (formerly Grand Secretary) of Los Angeles, Grand Vice President; Miss Amelia Learakos of Chicago, Grand Secretary; Miss Evelyn J. Mickles of Rochester, New York, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Sophia Shane of Milwaukee, Wis., reelected Grand Governor; Mrs. Mary Preonas of Dayton, Ohio, Grand Governor; Miss Irene Marinake of Springfield, Mass., Grand Governor, and Mrs. Eleanor Stoicas of Miami, Florida, Grand Governor.

It was a fine Convention as a whole and a very fruitful one for the Daughters of Penelope. Next year Miami, Florida will be our hosts.—Evelyn J. Mickles.

Lowell Daughters' Annual Report

BY HARCILIA ELIADES

Publicity Chairman, Galatea Chapter No. 117

I submit below a summary of our activities from October 1947 through June 1948:

The Misses Helen and Irene Eliades of Athens, Greece, visiting their brother George C. Eliades, spoke on conditions in Greece before, during, and after the war. A Question Period followed.

Together with the local Ahepa Chapter, the Daughters sponsored a Christmas party for approximately 200 Greek children attending Sunday School at our 3 local churches.

A committee distributed gifts, cigarettes and money to Greek patients and residents of our state hospital and city welfare hospital.

A Christmas dinner was held for the

members of our chapter at our beautiful Ahepa Center. The new officers of 1948 were honored at this time. Dancing and refreshments followed.

We entertained two representatives of the Y. M. C. A. of Greece, who spoke on conditions abroad.

A food sale consisting of homemade Greek delicacies and sandwiches took place at one of our large department stores. It was a financial success. Our American friends praised our cooking and our artistic display.

At a public installation of their officers of the entire Ahepa Family, Daughters and Maids prepared and served food to all present.

Our Hearts and Darts Ball, held on

the worst night of this past winter, was a social and financial success. A "Miss Valentine" was selected.

The Maids of Athens and friends were our guests at a "Glamour Party." Ten of us acted as models, while professional cosmeticians demonstrated the correct application and removal of make-up.

Twenty new members joined our chapter. Our ceremonial robes of white jersey and blue cord were made by member volunteers. They were used very effectively at the installation and initiation ceremonies.

During the Red Cross Drive, several of us volunteered, while sister Georgia Sarris served as a major.

A very important function of the year was a forum sponsored by the Daughters and presented by the Greek College Club Alpha Epsilon Phi. Its topic was of vital interest and the audience par-

icipation was most encouraging! The topic: Greek Youth's Interest in the Greek Orthodox Church.

A successful fashion show and card party was held at our Ahepa Center. Our Delphian Room had been transformed into a Mannequin's Paradise for the evening. Door and table prizes were given and homemade refreshments were served.

Mr. Theodore Michalopoulos, of the Lowell High School Faculty, showed movies during our Mother's Day Party. All the mothers were given gifts and corsages. Five prospective brides were presented beautiful sterling silver pie servers. A mock marriage skit was authored by Hariclia Eliades, while two poems for future brides and for mothers were composed by Stephania Dafis.

Sally Thompson awarded a chapter book prize to the outstanding student of Greek at Lowell High School on Honor Day. This award, to be made annually, consisted of a lovely leather-bound Greek-English and English-Greek dictionary.

Our Bay State District No. 3 Convention was held in our city June 26 to 28. A very fine program was successfully executed. Both Sons and Maids were hosts serving delicious refreshments at our Center, Saturday night, while the Daughters were hostesses serving Sunday night. Judge Nicholas Antonopoulos, a loyal Ahepan, was guest speaker at our Convention Banquet.

We sincerely believe that we have been busy little bees. We won a loving cup for the chapter with the best activities in the district last year and again this year.

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District Governor Versis congratulating Gus Niarhos on behalf of Washingtonians

WASHINGTON, D. C.—During the year 1947-48, the entire Capital District No. 3 was vibrating with Ahepa family activities that kept every one busy attending meetings, dances, banquets, lectures, social functions, picnics. But the Athletic activities this year far surpassed all expectations and the 9th day of July will ever remain in the memories of all Ahepans for many years to come.

For it was on that day when Washingtonian Ahepans presented Gus Niarhos, catcher with the New York Yankees, with a new Ford. The whole thing started when Chairman Pete Gianaris and other members of the local Athletic Committee decided to make a drive for a fund sufficient to purchase a new Ford car for their new member, Gus Niarhos, who was just inducted into the Order by Capital Chapter No. 236. Hailing from Alabama, Gus is the only player in the Major Leagues who is of Hellenic descent.

This was really an outstanding affair. Speaking on behalf of the donors, District Governor Versis said: "On behalf of the local Ahepa Athletic Committee, which is part of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, with 360 Chapters all over this Country and in Canada, I have the pleasure and privilege, as Governor of this District, to present you with the keys to a new car. It is a small token of our admiration and regard for you and the national game of our Country. We hope that it will encourage more of our boys to follow you in a game that requires and

teaches clean living, good sportsmanship and pleasant fellowship, which are also the fundamentals of the Order of Ahepa."

The presentation was made with 30,000 people looking on. Every radio, television and newspaper carried the news—a mighty publicity for Ahepa. The principals are shown in the picture (from left to right): Vice-Chairman of Committee Gus Wallace; President Nick Libert of Capital Chapter No. 236; Gus Niarhos; District Governor Speros A. Versis; President Andrew Vozeolas of Washington Chapter No. 31, and Dr. Harry Sembekos, Committee member.

Honored by Great Britain

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Colonel Ulius L. Amoss, U. S. A. F., past president of Delphi Chapter No. 25, was recently honored by Great Britain for his contribution in the last war. He was made Honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire, Military Division. Congratulations. He is making now his residence in Arlington, Va.



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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 receive 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, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."—Oath of the Athenian Youth.

OUR 1948 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Detroit Conclave is by now only a memory, a record of things done. Resolutions were passed, constitutional amendments were adopted, events took place and all along oratory flowed unceasingly and volubly to the satisfaction or to the discomfort of delegates and guests. The Convention was well attended and well managed, with a few exceptions when the going got rough and raw.

But what impressed one and all was the fact that large crowds, as in previous conventions, came to Detroit to give this Ahepa national meeting the character that it justly deserves. For our Conventions have by now established a tradition—and a very pleasant tradition at that. They afford an opportunity to Americans of Greek extraction to show their strength in unity, to make friends and to renew friendships of days gone by. They also give them a forum from which to greet high officials of our government and to display unstinted loyalty for their adopted country and lasting love for the land of their ancestors.

National Conventions alone justify the existence of this great and incomparable *American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association*. May it grow and prosper to the end of time for the glory of our people, for the glory of our nation, for the glory of humanity!

THE "E" IN AHEPA

The Convention adopted the most ambitious and forward looking educational program in the history of Ahepa, namely:

That a manual of instruction be printed and mailed by our Executive Secretary to all chapter presidents and district officers; that a booklet covering the chief accomplishments of the Order be printed and mailed to newly initiated members with a congratulatory letter from the Supreme Lodge; that each district recommend to the Supreme Lodge

one to four members of the Ahepa family between the ages of 18 and 30 to be sent abroad for a period of four to six weeks during summer, their expenses to be covered by voluntary contributions from chapters in the district, for the purpose of promoting international understanding and expounding Ahepa's principles; that all districts issue a monthly or bimonthly publication; that the Supreme Lodge circularize all universities and make every effort to introduce the Greek language in their curricula.

This program and the *Scholarship Loan Fund* make this Order great indeed!

THE NEW PER CAPITA TAX

By the required two-thirds majority, the Convention has amended Article 28, Section 2, of the Constitution and thereby increased the per capita tax from \$4 to \$5. And in order to make official what heretofore was only a resolution, it proceeded to apportion said per capita tax by adding 25 cents to the General Fund and 50 cents to the Magazine and by assigning 25 cents to the National Banquet.

This increased per capita tax will be put into effect as of January 1, 1949. It will ultimately necessitate a corresponding increase by one dollar of most Chapter dues which range from eight to ten dollars. With ever mounting prices and costs, the pre-war per capita tax of \$4 was found to be wholly inadequate to cover so many needs of our National Headquarters. Its dollar increase must be looked upon as both wise and inevitable.

THE MAIDS OF ATHENS

After having considered the Auxiliaries Committee Report, the Convention decided to adopt the 23 year age limit for the Maids. It set aside two other solutions, namely, one eliminating the age limit altogether, and the other es-

tablishing only a maximum age limit of 21 for those who were unmarried and wished to join the Maids.

The Maids have been contending that any age limit forcing them to leave their Order and join the Daughters is both undesirable and unworkable. On the other hand, the Daughters countered with the argument that unless an age limit was placed on the membership of the Junior Order there would be unhealthy competition and the Senior Auxiliary would be deprived of a fine reservoir of experienced girls in organization work and in Ahepa principles.

It is fair to assume that the Maids age limit will continue to plague all parties concerned until a fair and realistic solution is worked out by experience. Only time will show whether or not the Detroit Convention has found such a fair and realistic solution. Whatever the verdict, it behooves us all—Ahepans, Maids and Daughters—to bow to the mandate of the Detroit Convention and wait until we reach Miami—the only forum where a possible change could be made in the status quo.

THE SONS OF PERICLES

From reports made to the Detroit Convention, the Junior Order of the Sons of Pericles appears to be fast regaining its pre-war vigor and refilling its depleted ranks on account of the exigencies of the last war. And it is time. For there is complete accord among all Ahepans that an expanded and energetic Junior Order, from which to draw our future leaders, is indispensable to the welfare and progress of the Order of Ahepa. And we hope that the membership drive inaugurated last spring by the Sons will continue with the active participation and the full support of all local Ahepa Chapters.

Kimon A. Doukas
Editor.

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SOME OF OUR DISTRICT GOVERNORS FOR 1948-1949: (left to right) Front Row: George Kastinos No. 6, Kurt M. Sinner No. 5, Speros A. Versis No. 3, Nick Serros No. 2, Peter Lezos No. 1, Second Row: Sophocles N. Pancel No. 12, John Kras No. 11, Soerates V. Sekles No. 10, William Genimatas No. 9, Athan M. Angel No. 7, Third Row: Nick Carras No. 22, Tony Kontgas No. 19, Panayes Dikeou No. 17, Steve E. Pepps No. 16 and William D. Kleason No. 14. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

Our Program for 1948-1949

BY SPEROS A. VERSIS

District Governor, Capital District No. 3

We propose at all times to:

1. Enforce and abide by our Constitution.
2. Appeal to all Officers and members of every Chapter in our District to enlist every eligible and qualified American of Hellenic extraction to become a member of our Order.
3. Reorganize as many inactive Chapters in our District as possible.
4. Establish new Chapters wherever it is necessary and advisable for the enlargement and betterment of the entire Organization.
5. Make every effort to expand and improve on our publication, the *Trio-Gram*, and publish it once a month.
6. Make a sincere effort to reinstate as many worthy members as possible, who have for one reason or other dropped out of the Order.
7. Respect and support our Supreme Lodge in carrying out the objects of our Order according to the Constitution and the Mandates of the National Convention.
8. Cooperate to the fullest extent with the Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens and Sons of Pericles, and assist them in organizing new Chapters wherever possible.
9. Stimulate and promote education-

al and social functions in our District for the benefit of the members of the entire Ahepa Family.

10. Stimulate and promote athletic activities among the entire Ahepa family in our District.

11. Appeal to all the Officers of the Chapters in our District to maintain proper records of membership, finances, and by-laws of their respective Chapters.

12. Appeal to all officers and members of the Chapters in our District to respect and cooperate with the District Lodge in carrying out their duties.

13. Stimulate and promote Ahepa Scholarships to worthy members of Ahepa Family in our District.

14. Do everything in our power to maintain this order as a Fraternal Organization.

15. Support National Projects adopted at the National Convention.

16. Encourage all Chapters to buy or build Ahepa homes in their respective cities.

Excels in Athletics

TORONTO, CAN.—Congratulations must go to President Frank Bazos of *Lord Byron* Chapter No. 1, C. J. for the excellence in athletics recently shown by his son Bob. This giant-sized prep

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writeup about your Ahepa
career—if you haven't, already.

school athlete, broke two records in winning five events to walk off with senior track and field honors at *Upper Canada College*.

Weighing 192 pounds, and six feet four inches tall, Bazos, 17, was the outstanding performer at the annual athletic meet of the school.

An outstanding football and hockey player—he is on the negotiation list of the *Chicago Black Hawks*—the muscular youngster proved an all-round athlete as he showed fine form in winning the high hurdles, running broad jump, discus and javelin throws and tying in the high jump.

Bob's best effort was in the discus when he threw the heavy metal plate 112 feet, 2 inches to better his own record, established last year, by 10 feet, 4 inches. He also broke his own mark in the broad jump with a leap of 20 feet 4 inches. Last year he set a new record with a jump of 19 feet, 9¼ inches.

He threw the javelin 165 feet 1½ inches into a strong head wind, while other competitors were unable to make the standard distance for the event. Under UCC regulations entrants must at least equal event standards or they do

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