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OUR SUPREME LODGE, seated left to right Supreme Vice-President Leo. J. Lamberson, Supreme President John G. Thevos and Supreme Secretary Zack T. Ritsos. Standing left to right Supreme Governors Nick Jamson and Socrates V. Sekles, Supreme Counsellor William D. Belroy, Supreme Treasurer George Geroulis and Supreme Governors Dr. Peter V. Paulus and Stanley Galanos of the Canadian Jurisdiction.

## A Message from the Supreme Lodge

The Cleveland National Convention is now a historical event, marking another milestone in the progress of our Order and its Auxiliaries. All who attended the 1950 National Convention will agree that the Order returned to the familiar pattern of our earlier Conventions. Much work was done by the delegates and vital legislation was placed upon the record. The Supreme Lodge has been given grave responsibilities and we are certain that we will prove equal to the tasks that loom ahead in the months to come.

We pledge ourselves:

(1) To use every facility to make the Order an integral and highly respected part of the United States Government's Displaced Persons program. We are awaiting certification momentarily as a sponsoring agency before the Supreme Lodge and the Displaced Persons Committee will announce its plans for a major drive in every Chapter and District;

(2) To draft, write and issue a new ritual on a trial basis;

(3) To complete the improvement and utilization of the Florida property owned by the Order;

(4) To urge, through every means at our command, the establishment of a District Scholarship Plan and Fund by every district so that the appropriation of \$150.00 set aside for each district by the National Convention for Scholarship may be used;

(5) To reorganize the remaining four inactive chapters remaining on the records of the Headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama; Mobile, Alabama; Somerville, Massachusetts and Port Huron, Michigan, and keep all other chapters in good health and activity;

(6) To establish thirteen more new chapters and thus reach the 400 mark of Chapters on the rolls of the Fraternity. Our latest Chapter is Chicago No. 380, but including our Canadian Chapters and excluding chapters that have been merged with others or dropped from the roster, we had a total of 387 Chapters at June 30, 1950. With the help of our District Governors we should have no trouble to surpass the 400 mark;

(7) To rebuild and revitalize the Sons of Pericles, our Junior Order, and thus train not only the Ahepa leaders of tomorrow but also the future leaders of all Americans of Greek descent;

(8) To aid the Daughters of Penelope in reorganizing the Maids of Athens as the Junior Order of the Daughters of Penelope in every part of the Ahepa domain;

(9) To conduct an Ahepa Census of every member of the Order, through the new dues cards already being printed, so that we may know every vital statistic about ourselves;

(10) To re-locate the Franklin D. Roosevelt Statue at Hyde Park, New York and thus pay greater tribute to our late President and bring more renown to our Order;

(11) To reorganize and completely overhaul our National Headquarters to better serve the needs of our expanding Order and its auxiliaries and place real emphasis on efficiency and cooperation between Headquarters and all units of the Order, including the Supreme Lodge, the District Lodges, the Chapters, the Auxiliaries and all members, with special favors to none and equal privileges to all in a true spirit of fraternalism.

We look forward to the 1951 Minneapolis National Convention secure in the knowledge that we will succeed and that these pledges will become the achievements on the glowing record of this new administration. To every member in every chapter, we solemnly promise to abide by our trust and ask of each member and chapter enthusiastic and true Ahepa cooperation.

Fraternally yours,

LEO J. LAMBERSON  
Supreme Vice President

ZACK T. RITSOS  
Supreme Secretary

GEORGE T. GEROULIS  
Supreme Treasurer

WILLIAM D. BELROY  
Supreme Counsellor

NICK JAMSON  
Supreme Governor

DR. PETER V. PAULUS  
Supreme Governor

SOCRATES V. SEKLES  
Supreme Governor

STANLEY GALANOS  
Supreme Governor of Canada



**RELIGIOUS CEREMONY** opening the 24th National Convention of the Order of Ahepa in Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday, August 13, 1950. The services took place in the Public Auditorium with His Eminence Archbishop Michael presiding, assisted by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Agathonikos of Kalavryta and eleven priests from surrounding parishes and with a choir of 600 voices participating. Over 5000 Ahepans, their families and friends attended the impressive rites of our Hellenic Orthodox Church.

## Accomplishments of Our 24th National Convention

Our twenty-fourth National Convention, held in Cleveland, Ohio, during the week of August 13-19 brought to a close its deliberations with the election of a new Supreme Lodge consisting of the following:

John G. Thevos of New Jersey, Supreme President  
 Leo J. Lamberson of Indiana, Supreme Vice-President  
 Zack T. Ritsos of Illinois, Supreme Secretary  
 George T. Geroulis of Indiana, Supreme Treasurer  
 William D. Belroy of Illinois, Supreme Counsellor  
 Nick Jamson of Nebraska, Supreme Governor  
 Socrates V. Seckles of Michigan, Supreme Governor  
 Peter V. Paulus of Pennsylvania, Supreme Governor  
 Stan Galanos of Ontario (C.J.), Supreme Governor

One of the most important achievements of the Convention was the creation of a Displaced Persons Board through the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Order of Ahepa sponsored a movement and petitioned the Congress of the United States, as a result of which the 81st Congress adopted an amendment to the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, by which 10,000 Greek persons, as well as orphans, may be admitted to the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Order of Ahepa has filed an application to qualify as a voluntary agency under said Act; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Convention authorize and ratify the application already filed by the Order of Ahepa with the State Department and the Displaced Persons Commission; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a special board be created by the Order of Ahepa to administer and carry out the intents and purposes of said Act; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Twenty-Fourth National Convention of the Order of Ahepa hereby authorizes, empowers, and directs its Supreme Lodge and or its Executive Officers to immediately apply for and file necessary documents as required under the laws of the United States and its rules and regulations enacted thereunder to qualify and act immediately as a voluntary sponsoring agency for displaced persons; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Convention shall elect eight members of the Order of Ahepa, who, together with the Supreme President, shall constitute the Ahepa Displaced Persons Board of nine members, and who are hereby given full powers and authority to act as such Board for and in behalf of the Order of Ahepa in accordance with the laws, provisions of the Displaced Persons Act, and rules and regulations governing the project of displaced persons as such an agency; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supreme Lodge is hereby authorized and directed to immediately pay over to said Board from its General

Fund, or any fund, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) as a loan to be used by said Board as of and when necessary to carry out the purposes and intents of the Displaced Persons Act and this resolution, and to repay the said sum of money so loaned, from monies solicited and collected from the operation of said project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Board is hereby given all necessary powers and authority to do and perform each and every act to carry out the full intent and purpose of this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tenure of office of said Board shall be until their successors shall have been duly elected by the Convention; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supreme Lodge shall advise all officers and members to give their full support and cooperation to the Board so that the intents and purposes of this resolution may be carried out most successfully; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Convention express the thanks and appreciation of the entire membership of the Order of Ahepa to the members of the United States Congress in passing the Displaced Persons Act, as amended, and to all those who assisted in the enactment of said Act.

In line with the above resolution the following were elected to comprise the Displaced Persons Board with Supreme President John G. Thevos a member thereof:

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**WELCOME COMMITTEE OF CLEVELAND DAUGHTERS**  
Seated, left to right: Chrissie Barker, Mary Nolche, Georgia Spiliotis. Standing, left to right: Ann Klonaris, Nina Spiliotis.



**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE CHAIRMEN AT WORK IN CLEVELAND**  
Seated, left to right: Ann Stremanos, Installations; Mary Rethas, Social Affairs. Standing, left to right: Penny Calogeras, "Welcome Ball" Gallinee Conomea, Photography; Lou Vourdakias, Installations, and Ann Meggas, Entertainment.

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Louis Dukas of New York, N. Y.  
George Polos of New York, N. Y.  
Nick Copanos of Cleveland, Ohio  
Chris Anton of Chicago, Illinois  
Charles Diamond of Detroit, Mich.  
James Veras of Scranton, Penna.  
George Papanicolas of Washington, D. C.

Leo Ypsilanti of New York, N. Y.  
The Displaced Persons Board held its first official meeting on September 9, 1950 in the City of New York and organized itself as follows:

George Polos, Chairman  
Louis Dukas, Vice-Chairman  
James Veras, Secretary  
Nick Copanos, Treasurer  
George Papanicolas, Counsel

As soon as the Order of Ahepa is officially certified as a Voluntary Agency by the State Department of the United States it will commence its work with the opening of offices and the engagement of personnel in the City of New York.

### RESOLUTION ON THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS

Another important resolution adopted by the Convention is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Island of Cyprus is a Greek Island, with Greek history and Greek civilization, having a population of approximately five hundred thousand people, out of which four hundred twenty thousand are Greeks, and the rest Turks, Armenians, English, Italians, etc., and has been under the British rule for the last seventy-two years; and

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of January, 1950, an election was held in the Island of Cyprus by the Greek people

to determine the number of Greek people who are in favor of union with Greece, which election was held under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Church, and which election the British Government was requested to supervise but declined; and

WHEREAS, the result of the election showed that ninety-three percent of the Greek people were in favor of such union with Greece; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Greek Government to allow Great Britain the use of the Island of Cyprus as a Naval or Air base, irrespective of their union with Greece, as long as the British Government considers it necessary; and

WHEREAS, Great Britain refuses to consider the desire of the people of Cyprus to unite with Greece, which is contrary and in violation of the Atlantic Charter which provides for recognition of the right of self government by the various people of the world, and which is contrary and in violation of the United Nations Charter, voted upon June 26, 1945, in San Francisco, California, and which imposes upon all nations the obligation to respect the desires of self government of the various peoples of the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Order of Ahepa assembled at Cleveland, Ohio, at its regular national meeting go on record favoring that the means of achieving the union of Cyprus with Greece be placed on the agenda for proper action through the United States Congress and the United Nations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the United States Congress and to the United Nations Delegates, the State De-

partment, and the various members of the Foreign Relations Committee.

WHEREAS, the Cyprus Resolution has been passed by the Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Order of Ahepa at Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in order to insure its success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a special committee on the Cyprus Resolutions be formed with Paul Ralli, President of Chapter No. 314, as its Chairman, and that he draft his own members on said committee in order to attain its objective and that said committee make no expense against the national treasury or chapters of the Order of Ahepa.

### FOR THE LIBERATION OF NORTHERN EPIRUS

Regarding Northern Epirus the Convention adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Northern Epirus which extends as far north as the Yanousos River, South to the present Greek border, East to the Pindus highland, and West to the Ionian Sea, and being an undisputed Greek section with predominant Greek population with rich and glorious history, literature and religion; and

WHEREAS, in the year of 1913 and in creating Albania as a free state through the intrigues and political pressure of Italy and Austria and for imperialistic purposes, this section of Northern Epirus was included into Albania; and

WHEREAS, the Greek population of Northern Epirus in protesting, has proclaimed their decision to defend their centuries-old national and cultural liberties; and

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WHEREAS, after a victorious struggle, on May 17, 1914, by the signing of the "Protocol of Corfu" gave recognition and secured the people of Northern Epirus rights tantamount to autonomy and was ratified by the Great Powers June 18, 1914; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1916 Northern Epirus was annexed to Greece with the consent of the Allies; and in 1917 Italy under the pretense of security occupied temporarily Northern Epirus and later the whole of Albania; and

WHEREAS, the Allies with the consent of Italy in their memorandum of January 14, 1920, recognized the rights of Greece in Northern Epirus and the cession to Greece of the Province of Argyrocastro and Koritsa; and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the United States of America in recognition of these rights unanimously "Resolved that it is the sense of the Senate that Northern Epirus (including Koritsa) where a strong Greek population predominates, should be awarded by the peace conference to Greece and become incorporated in the Kingdom of Greece"; and

WHEREAS, a similar resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the United States Senate in the fall of 1948; and

WHEREAS, the suffering of the Greek-Orthodox population in southern Albania throughout the entire area of Northern Epirus during the period of the Axis occupation and the more intensive terrorism imposed by the leader of the partisans, "Enver Hoxha," are too recent in the memory of every Greek and of all the civilized peoples to permit any doubt being raised concerning the advisability of the liberation of Northern Epirus which constitutes the foremost among the Greek claims;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Order of Ahepa in Convention assembled at Cleveland, Ohio, go on record as unanimously urging the United States Congress, our State Department and our delegates to the United Nations to take such steps and necessary action to determine the rights of Greece and to clearly establish the boundaries of Northern Epirus and reaffirm the Greek territorial jurisdiction thereof.

A copy of the above resolution was transmitted to the Pan-Epirotic Association.

#### THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Convention adopted the following recommendations of the Educational and Scholarship Committee:

It shall be mandatory that hereafter one scholarship of \$150.00 shall be awarded to each of the twenty-four Gubernatorial Districts annually from the Scholarship Fund, from the Supreme Treasury, the recipient of which shall



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OF THE CLEVELAND CONVENTION

Seated, left to right: Tom Tsiros, President and General Secretary of the Convention Committee; C. Gatsos, co-chairman; Nicholas Copanos, co-chairman; Gus Pasalis, treasurer; and James C. Mylonas, chairman of registration. Standing, left to right: James Pellam, chairman of the album committee; John Asimes, chairman of the picnic committee; George N. Kalkas, chairman of the legal committee; George L. Pontikos, chairman of the entertainment committee; John Kras, chairman of the publicity committee; Peter G. Catavolos, chairman of the chapter night dance; Anthony Coyton, chairman of the baseball committee; Gus P. Venizelos, chairman of the grand ball committee; and Michael Vercos, chairman of the auditing committee.

be chosen by the District Lodge, and to which sum of \$150.00 the said District Lodge shall add from its District Treasury a like sum of \$150.00, making the total annual award to each recipient equal to \$300.00. The scholarship shall be awarded to a student of Hellenic descent, on the basis of need and scholarship. The District Lodge shall have the right to determine whether the scholar-

ship shall be given as a loan or outright gift.

That the entire responsibility for the planning, management, raising and distribution of funds for the scholarship plan be entrusted hereafter to the Supreme Lodge and that any money now in the hands of Chairman Geroulis or money to be received by him in the future be forwarded immediately to the Supreme Treasury to be deposited in the Scholarship Fund.

#### REVISION OF THE RITUAL

The Convention adopted the recommendations of Supreme President Thevos with regard to the Ritual and Uniform Ahepa Chapter Room.

That such adoption permit the application of the new ritual without the requirements of the Uniform Ahepa Chapter Room, such usage being optional to those chapters as are able and desirous of so doing.

The Supreme Lodge is instructed to prepare and present a complete initiation based on the new ritual and all of the paraphernalia required, so as to present to the Twenty-Fifth National Convention a typical initiation. The convention appropriated the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of defraying the cost incidental to this work.

The convention authorized the translation of the funeral ceremony of our Order in the Greek language and that this translation be dispatched to the

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PAST SUPREME PRESIDENT VAN A. NOMIKOS

The Toastmaster of the Grand Banquet introducing the retiring Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope Mrs. Helen Karagianis



**ON THE DAIS TABLE AT THE CLEVELAND GRAND BANQUET**  
His Eminence Archbishop Michael, His Excellency Athanasios G. Politis and Supreme President John G. Thevos.



**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT THE BANQUET**  
Seated: Louis B. Seltzer, Editor in Chief of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers of Ohio, and Hon. Frances P. Bolton, Member of Congress from Ohio, with Nick Copanos and Constantine G. Gatsos, Co-Chairmen of the Convention Committee.

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chapters as expeditiously as possible for use on appropriate occasions.

That the chapters be instructed to display the American and Greek flags in their respective lodge rooms and that the Chapters cease using the flags as a cover for the altar.

### IMPROVEMENT OF FLORIDA PROPERTY

The following recommendations were adopted by the Convention concerning the property owned by our Order in the State of Florida:

1. That the Supreme Lodge turn over to the Florida standing Committee the sum of money now held in the Supreme Treasury for this particular project with the following instructions:

- a. Fence the property;
- b. Erect an appropriate arch at the main entrance of the property indicating the purpose for which the property is to be used; and
- c. Enter into negotiations, and with the approval of the Supreme Lodge lease the property or any part thereof, in harmony with the present agreement signed by the Supreme Lodge and the State of Florida for a period not to exceed five years either for farming, cattle raising, grazing or other purposes. However, if the property is leased for citrus purposes the period of the lease may be extended another five years.

### AHEPA HOSPITALS IN GREECE

The Ahepa Wing of the Evangelismos Hospital in Athens has been completed and the same was magnificently dedicated on April 5, 1950, in ceremonies presided over by Brother Paul Demos,

Excursion Commander and attended to by many Ahepan excursionists in the presence of Their Majesties, the King and Queen of Greece, Prime Minister Plastiras and his Cabinet, the U. S. Ambassador, Hon. Henry Grady, General Van Fleet and many other dignitaries.

**SALONICA HOSPITAL:** The construction of a 116-bed hospital in Salonica was commenced in August, 1949. It was scheduled for completion by the end of this year. However, the excellence of this building and its importance to the University of Salonica Medical School and to the northern area of Greece was so apparent that the E. C. A. Mission and the Greek Government decided four months ago to increase it to 330 beds by adding another wing. All of the additional funds, which will amount to approximately one million dollars, will be contributed by the E. C. A. As a result thereof the Ahepa will have to its credit not a 116-bed hospital at Salonica, but a 330-bed hospital with every teaching facility, amphitheatres, laboratories, and classrooms for the University of Salonica Medical School included therein. This project, therefore, becomes not only a hospital but a basic essential to the future and development of the medical profession in Greece.

**HEALTH CENTERS:** The Ahepa agreed with the Greek War Relief for the erection of two Type "A" health centers at Chryssoupolis and Kalavryta and eight Type "B" health centers at Meligala, Ierapetra, Thebes, Farsala, Lidorikion, Filiatra, Molai and Kopanaki. Of these the seven have been completed and dedicated as Ahepa Health Centers and are now in operation at Chryssoupolis, Kalavryta, Meligala,

Ierapetra, Thebes, Farsala and Filiatra.

**FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES:** The sum of \$2,582,769, as of August 1, 1950, has been expended for the Ahepa Pavilion of the Evangelismos Hospital, the Salonica Hospital and the seven completed health centers. With the added wing of 214 beds to the Salonica Hospital and the erection of five Type "C" health centers, the total expenditures for Ahepa projects in Greece will reach the sum of approximately \$3,750,000. Of this amount, the Ahepa has contributed \$730,000 in cash.

### THE SONS OF PERICLES

In its efforts to improve and to strengthen our Junior Auxiliary the Convention adopted the following recommendations:

1. The formation of a Supreme Advisory Board; that the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge shall recommend ten names for membership on the Supreme Advisory Board and the Supreme Lodge shall choose five therefrom. That this Convention designate a Chairman of this Advisory Board. Recommendations of the Sons of Pericles for appointment to this Supreme Advisory Board of eligible Ahepans shall be given maximum consideration. Serious study and examination of the qualifications and background of each Ahepan eligible for appointment to this Board must be made with special emphasis directed to past activities with the Sons of Pericles. That the duties and responsibilities of this Advisory Board shall be to do everything necessary and proper to promote the general welfare of the Sons of Pericles, to stimulate and enhance its progress and to encourage greater cooperation among the Ahepa and the Sons of Pericles.

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**SANATORIUM BOARD**

Left to right: Louis Preonas, John Manta and Chris Athas.



**CORONATION OF THE OLYMPIAD QUEEN**

Miss Mary Samouris (center), Queen of the Olympiad, being received by Stella Kalamaras, President of the Daughters of Penelope Chapter, and Irene Bates, Chairman of the Cocktail Party.

2. That commencing next year the Sons of Pericles shall have annual national conventions simultaneously with the Order of Ahepa; that further, to encourage maximum attendance at the *Sons of Pericles Convention*, it is recommended that the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated and maintained in a fund to be known as the "Equalization Fund" and administered by the Supreme Advisory Board. This money shall be equitably and proportionately allocated to districts of the Order of Sons of Pericles, depending on distance from the Convention City and shall be used to defray a portion of convention expenses of the Sons delegates; that each Sons of Pericles Chapter shall be entitled to send one delegate with one full vote, in addition to the full vote of the District Governors of the Sons of Pericles and the Supreme Lodge officers of the Junior Order.

#### THE AHEPA MAGAZINE

The convention mandated that our National Publication *The Ahepan* be published quarterly. Further, that the publication is not to exceed 32 pages of glossy type paper, plus the cover, size 8½" by 11".

#### LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS

The Constitution was amended as follows:

1. All Past District Governors in good standing with their Chapters may

be included into the membership of a District Convention by a two-thirds vote thereof.

2. Each District Governor shall have the right, power and authority, for justifiable cause, to suspend the Charter of any Chapter within his gubernatorial District by and with the consent of his District Lodge and the Supreme President.

3. Registration fee for Ahepa delegates shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) and shall be in payment for:

- a. Registration fee.
- b. Convention souvenir book.
- c. Ticket for the Convention Banquet.
- d. Ticket for the Convention Ball.
- e. Ticket for the Greek Night or its equivalent.

4. No transfer shall be effective until the Secretary of the Chapter from which the applicant seeks a transfer has notified the Supreme Headquarters that such member is in good standing besides having paid his current dues and the Supreme Lodge notifies both Chapters that such a transfer has been completed, and no transferee shall be eligible to be elected to any office for a period of six months after his transfer, provided, however, that if the Chapter does not notify the Supreme Headquarters within sixty (60) days after it is requested to do so, the Supreme Headquarters shall effect said transfer as of the day the said application was filed.

5. Meetings of the Supreme Lodge shall be held at the Convention City, one in the following October and one in the following March.

The proposed amendment to change election of chapter officers from the month of December to the month of May was rejected as it failed to receive the required two-thirds.

#### 1951 CONVENTION CITY

The city of Minneapolis in the state of Minnesota was selected as the site for our National Convention in August 1951.

An interesting resolution was adopted by the Convention concerning convention cities in the future. It is to the effect that at the convention in 1951 the Convention City shall be selected for 1952 and 1953 and the selection shall be made two years in advance thereafter.

Also that the convention city should remit twenty (20) per cent of its net profit from all activities of the National Convention to the National Scholarship Fund of the Order within ninety days of the issuance of the auditor's final report, to take effect at the 1952 National Convention.

#### OUTSTANDING DONATIONS

A contribution of \$500.00 was appropriated for the "American Friends of the Blind in Greece" Inc. The offices

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United States Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio addressing the Cleveland Convention.

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of this organization are in Manchester, New Hampshire and Dr. Alexander Campadris, founder of the Sons of Pericles, is the Director. The purpose of the organization is to assist blind students in Greece in obtaining an agricultural education.

Archbishop Michael appeared before the Convention and pleaded that financial assistance be given to St. Basil's Academy at Garrison, New York. This institution is operated under the auspices of our Archdiocese as an orphanage and public school for the training of teachers for our Greek Schools.

The convention decided whereas, one of the ultimate objectives of the Ahepa is to support and aid and encourage meritorious Greek, American and religious educational and charitable organizations, the sum of \$5,000 was appropriated for the use and benefit of St. Basil's Academy.

An appropriation of \$2,000 was authorized for the purpose of rehabilitating and relocating the Franklin D. Roosevelt bust at Hyde Park, New York. The bust was the gift of the Order of Ahepa to the late President Roosevelt and was dedicated in the Fall of 1945. The statue was situated in a sunken garden adjoining the side of the Library Building. A series of steps led down to the statue site and the average visitor would in the normal course of events, pass by the statue and overlook it completely. This condition needed correction and a committee was appointed to look into the matter. The Committee headed by Past District Governor, Leon J. Marketos of Utica, New York pre-

## PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S MESSAGE TO THE AHEPA

Greece, the ancient homeland of members of Ahepa and their forebears, has long been the battleground of freedom. Through the centuries, as in more recent years, Greece has learned that only through constant struggle can those freedoms be maintained which are the basis of all our happiness as Americans.

A few years ago the proud Hellenic people met and overcame a totalitarian assault on their freedom comparable with the attempted enslavement of Korea which the world witnesses today.

Soon after the war ended five years ago it became apparent that one powerful nation did not want world recovery and would not respect the freedom of small nations. Our own country by wholehearted support of the United Nations bore witness to its faith in freedom. We backed our choice with deeds. Besides supporting the U. N. we carried out a practical program of European recovery and military assistance in the common defense of free nations.

The field for service today in the cause of peace and justice in the world is limitless. May I, as my message to the convention in Cleveland, express the hope that Ahepa will again dedicate itself by word and deed to the cause of liberty with peace and justice to all nations.



MARY KAPPOS

Efficient Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Convention Committee.

sented its report to the Convention recommending certain changes to be made. The recommendations were accepted and the necessary work will soon commence to relocate the statue on an improved site.



LIEUT. GEN. JAMES A. VAN FLEET

Commanding General of the Second Army and head of the former American Military Mission to Greece who was one of the principal speakers at the Banquet of the National Convention.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS ADDRESS ASSEMBLY

During its sessions the convention was addressed by the following: Archbishop Michael with emphasis on Ahepa's role in assisting and supporting Hellenic charitable and religious institutions in the United States.

Metropolitan Agathanonikos of Kalavryta appealing to the Order of Ahepa for moral and material support through its hundreds of chapters for the contemplated National School for Orphans in Kalavryta, Greece.

Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio addressed the Convention, his subject being the Foreign Policy of the United States.

Dr. William S. Merwin of the "Save the Children Federation" spoke to the assembly on the wonderful work this organization is doing in aiding the needy children of Greece with school lunches, recreational equipment and programs, medical and nutritional aids, textbooks, clothing, school supplies, etc.

Herve J. L'Heureux, Chief of the Vis-Vis Division, State Department, Washington, D. C. addressed the Convention explaining the provision of the amendment to the Displaced Persons Act allowing for the entry of ten thousand Greek refugees into the United States. Elliott Shirk, Director of Resettlement Displaced Persons Commission, addressed the Convention. Also, James W. Morgan of the State Department appeared before the convention on the same subject.

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## ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION

The Convention was formally organized Monday August 14 with the election of Convention Officers. Louis J. Dukas of New York, District Governor of the Empire State District No. 6, was elected to serve as Chairman. John C. Mitchell of Grand Island, Nebraska was chosen Vice-Chairman and Spero Custis, District Governor of Power District No. 4 was selected Secretary of the Convention. The strength of the Convention at its peak was 244½ votes consisting of the following representations, nine members of the Supreme Lodge, three members of the Mother Lodge, twenty District Governors and two hundred thirteen chapters.

The Committee Chairmen of this Convention were as follows:

- Ahepa Hospitals in Greece—Peter Kourides of New York
- Ahepa Magazine Committee—George Papaeleas of New York
- Ahepa Policy Committee—Gus Rakus of State of Washington
- Athletic Committee—George Hondros of Illinois
- Convention City Committee—Nick Jamson of Nebraska
- Displaced Persons and Immigration Committee—Constantine Tsangadas of Michigan
- Educational & Scholarship—Paul Koken of Michigan
- Emergency Fund Committee—George Polos of New York
- Finance Committee—Paul Demos of Illinois
- Excursion Committee—William D. Belroy of Illinois
- Florida Project Committee—George Vournas of Washington, D. C.
- Grievance Committee—Charles Kotsilimbas of Massachusetts
- Ladies Auxiliaries Committee—Van A. Nomikos of Illinois
- Legislative Committee—V. I. Chebithes of Washington, D. C.
- Officers' Reports Committee—Dan Pananicles of New York
- Ritual Committee—Michael Loris of New York
- Resolutions Committee—A. A. Pantelis of Illinois
- Sons of Pericles Committee—James Veras of Pennsylvania
- Special Greek Projects Comm.—Leo Lamberson of Indiana
- Committee on Credentials—George Dimas of New York

The following Mother Lodge members were present: George A. Polos of New York; Spiros J. Stamos of Washington, D. C. and James Vlass of Georgia.

The following District Governors were present:  
District No. 1—Gregory Kolivas



### AHEPA HONORS CLEVELAND INDIANS

Presentation of diamond watch to Pitcher Bob Lemon of the Indians by Supreme President John G. Thevos with Tom Tsiros, President of the Cleveland Chapter and Tom Demopoulos of New York as Guards of Honor.

- District No. 2—Sam G. Felos
- District No. 3—Bill Simopoulos
- District No. 4—Spero Custis
- District No. 5—X. K. Microoutsicos
- District No. 6—Louis Dukas
- District No. 7—George J. Margoles
- District No. 9—George M. Papadopoulos
- District No. 10—John P. Priggooris
- District No. 12—Perry E. Pakes
- District No. 13—George Kapetanakis
- District No. 14—D. N. Karalis
- District No. 15—George H. Payne
- District No. 16—John B. Grivas
- District No. 17—Gus D. Bruskas
- District No. 19—Chris A. Politz
- District No. 20—John Cardoso
- District No. 21—Peter Tamaras
- District No. 22—Gus Rakus
- District No. 23—Paul Destun

The Directors of the Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium are John Manta of Illinois, Chris Athas of Utah and Louis Preonas of Ohio.

James Veras of Pennsylvania was elected Supreme Advisor of the Sons of Pericles.

### THE SOCIAL AND CIVIC PHASE

The religious ceremonies opening the Convention week on Sunday morning August 13 in the Public Auditorium were conducted by Archbishop Michael, assisted by Metropolitan Agathonikos of Kalavryta and eleven priests of surrounding parishes. A choir of 600 voices participated in the unique exer-

cises which were attended by approximately 5,000 Ahepans, their families and friends.

The Greek Night Glendi on the Tuesday of the week was also held at the Public Auditorium with several thousand in attendance. The festivities were highlighted by the traditional roast lamb, Greek cheese and olives and folk dancing.

The outstanding social event of the Convention was the Grand Banquet held on Wednesday evening at the Statler Hotel with a capacity attendance. Toastmaster on this occasion was Past Supreme President Van A. Nomikos. Principal speakers were General James A. Van Fleet, Commanding General of the Second Army and former head of the American Military Mission to Greece and Supreme President John G. Thevos.

Other distinguished guests included His Eminence Archbishop Michael and His Excellency Athanasios G. Politis, Greek Ambassador to the United States, Louis B. Seltzer, Editor in chief, *Scripps-Howard* Newspapers of Ohio and Honorable Frances P. Bolton, Member of Congress.

### GENERAL VAN FLEET PRAISES GREECE

General Van Fleet directed the successful war against Communist guerrillas in Greece, as head of the American aid to Greece. He is now Com-

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# The Displaced Persons Act and Our Responsibility

## THE JOB AHEAD FOR DISTRICTS AND CHAPTERS EXPLAINED

We take pride in announcing to the entire Fraternity that the Order of Ahepa has been registered as a voluntary agency by the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the Department of State. We are now in a position to put all the vast facilities of our Order to work in this gigantic job—the migration of some 11,000 displaced persons and orphans to the United States from Greece, 10,000 of whom must obtain their visas before June 30, 1951.

The Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee of nine members, elected by the Cleveland National Convention, has been working hard for the past 45 days. We have little time to lose and we issue this appeal to all District Lodge and Chapter Officers to begin at once, and without delay, to marshal our forces for the great task which looms ahead.

The Committee, acting under authority of the mandate of the Cleveland National Convention, has voted unanimously to launch a drive for funds on a Chapter basis so that the necessary amounts may be raised to provide the very vital machinery for doing the job in Greece and here in the United States.

### Duties and Obligations Defined

Here are the things you must do:

(1) Your chapter must immediately appoint a local Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee to provide ways and means for raising the funds which are needed to do the work.

(2) *Quota*—minimum of \$200.00 for each chapter with less than 20 members in good standing as of December 31, 1949 on June 30, 1950.

All chapters at \$10.00 per member, rounded out to the even \$100.00 figure, viz.:

If a chapter has 75 members, 75 times \$10.00 equals \$750.00, then make the minimum quota \$800.00.

(3) The methods to be used in this drive are left to the discretion of the Chapters. You should enlist the services of all Greek-American organizations in your city or town to help in this noble cause which is universal in its appeal to all Greek-Americans. The drive should not extend beyond December 1, 1950. All returns must be received at Supreme Lodge Headquarters not later than December 15, 1950.

(4) All Ahepa District Governors should organize and lead the drive in their respective districts and members of the Supreme Lodge and the Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee will be in



THE DISPLACED PERSONS BOARD

Seated, left to right: Louis J. Dukas, Vice-Chairman; Leo Ypsilanti; James Veras, Secretary. Standing, left to right: Nick Copanos, Treasurer; Chris Anton; George Polos, Chairman; George Papanicolas, Counsellor, and Charles Diamond.

the field and at the disposal of all Districts and Chapters.

Here are the things that we will do:

(1) We have full and complete facilities at Supreme Lodge Headquarters and these will be expanded as the need and demand increases to help in obtaining forms and processing same.

(2) Forms in quantity will be distributed to each District Governor and to each Chapter Secretary for their use in obtaining sponsors who will provide (a) employment; (b) living quarters; and (c) the money to bring these suffering people to the United States and help them to re-settle.

(3) We will provide the speakers to attend and address District meetings in all twenty-two Districts so that the aims, the purposes and the provisions of the law may be thoroughly explained and understood by all Ahepans and Daughters.

(4) Every three months the Supreme Lodge Headquarters, Chairman George A. Polos and Treasurer Nicholas Copanos will render a detailed and complete accounting of all receipts and disbursements to the State Department and to the Chapters and District Lodges of the Order of Ahepa.

(5) All monies collected for this purpose will be deposited in a separate bank account of the Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee. All monies collected to defray transportation and other costs of displaced persons will be deposited in a special trust bank account.

(6) Signatories on both these bank accounts are the Chairman and Treas-

urer of the Committee, who have been duly bonded.

### We Will Finish the Task

The President and the Congress of the United States have heard the pleas of the Order of Ahepa, and this legislation was passed and approved. The injustice done to the Greek Nation and to the Greek people under the immigration law which permitted first but 307 and then 310 Greeks to come to the United States during the last quarter of a century has been corrected by the Ahepa. The Ahepa was able to do this because all Americans of Greek descent have made fine, upstanding and loyal citizens of the United States. The enactment of this legislation into the law of the land is the greatest compliment that could have been paid to our people. Ahepa feels proud that it was the spokesman and champion in this accomplishment. However, our efforts will have been in vain and it would be a shameful indictment of all Greek-Americans if our protests against the meagre Greek quota during all these years were now to be answered by a failure to bring in the total displaced persons allocated to Greece under the law.

This is a solemn moment; the Order of Ahepa has been designated as an arm of the Government of the United States and has accepted the gravest challenge of our times. Let us prove equal to the honor, trust and confidence placed in us and successfully finish the task so auspiciously begun by our beloved Order.

## THE PRESS ON THE AHEPA

### Ahepa Is Counselor In U. S. Citizenship

Perhaps the greatest pride of the million Greek people in the United States, beside the loveliness of their flashing-eyed women and their ancient culture, is their satisfaction in American citizenship. A sentimental people and one strong in loyalty and courage, the Greeks take an idealistic conception of their privileges in America, and realistically work to justify their investiture in American sovereignty.

Ahepa which is the nation's largest and most important of American Hellenic societies, convenes here Sunday. More than 30,000 delegates will come from the 375 chapters in America. There'll be business sessions, folk dancing and music in the Greek tradition, banqueting upon the excellent foods and wines of Samos and Patras, initiations into the three auxiliary organizations, the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athens, and an Olympiad for the sports stalwarts.

These representative Greek-Americans, joined in fellowship through Ahepa, set their goals high, but first prescribed among their objectives is "loyalty to the United States." Militant against tyranny and political corruption, they support education and liberty by giving college scholarships, selling U. S. war bonds and aiding charitable causes beyond their own province. This newspaper, aware of the vital contributions of nationality groups to the whole of Cleveland, welcomes these Americans. We are certain their stay and their deliberation will be mutually beneficial and enjoyable.—*The Cleveland News*, August 10, 1950.

### City Welcomes AHEPA, Tops in Size and Purpose

A fine group of conscientious Americans will convene in Cleveland next week. They are the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Assn., better known simply as AHEPA, largest and most influential organization of Greeks in the world.

From all parts of the United States and Canada 30,000 delegates will participate in the week long "whole family" type conclave. Young and old will rededicate themselves to its noble purpose of spreading Americanism and good citizenship as it has done since 1922.

AHEPA's intelligent, cooperative spirit and sincere desire to further education and alertness among the million Greek-Americans enhances its prominence among nationality groups.

The Press welcomes these worthwhile citizens to Cleveland and hopes their stay is both pleasant and fruitful.—*The Cleveland Press*, August 12, 1950.

## The Word—Loyalty!

Cleveland is fortunate this week in being host to the 24th annual convention of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, or Ahepa, as it is more commonly called.

There are over 1,000,000 persons of Greek extraction in the United States; approximately 150,000 live within a 100-mile radius of Cleveland, and Ahepa is the nation's largest and most important of American Hellenic societies with membership of more than 100,000. Since entire families will participate in the convention, some 30,000 men, women and children will be Cleveland's guests.

In days of stress, loyalty to the principles of the United States assumes even greater value. In fact, the objectives of Ahepa might well become the objectives of every one of us. Consider them, for a moment:

"To promote loyalty to the United States of America; to instruct members in the tenets and fundamental principles of government, and in the recognition and respect of the inalienable rights of mankind; to instill appreciation of the privileges of citizenship, and to encourage its members to be always profoundly interested and actively participating in the political, civic, social and commercial fields of human endeavor;

"To awaken abhorrence of all political corruption; to arouse mankind to the realization that tyranny, wherever it may exercise its baneful power, is a menace to the life, property, prosperity, honor and integrity of every nation; and that the preservation of our liberties can be assured, only as the country becomes the champion of liberty and the defender and protector of all oppressed and down-trodden peoples;

"To promote in the United States a better understanding of the Hellenic peoples; to promote good fellowship; to champion the cause of education; to resist any union between the civil government and any church or religion."

It is interesting to learn that American citizens comprise 98% of the membership of Ahepa; that every delegate to the convention must be an American citizen; that the order is non-partisan in politics and non-sectarian in religion.

It will be well for all Clevelanders to remember that the order and its members have proffered a helping hand in emergencies and humanities in the United States and Greece; that they have sold one half billion dollars worth of United States war bonds during World War II and promoted canteens in various cities; that Ahepa gives annual college scholarships to worthy students and encourages and promotes sports and physical education; that it built several hospitals and health centers in Greece, and that it participates actively in charitable and civic affairs.

The names of the auxiliaries are intriguing: Daughters of Penelope, for women; Maids of Athens, for young women; Sons of Pericles, for young men.

Truly, the convention which ends Sunday justifies the interest of every Greater Clevelander to whom it might well serve as an inspiration in dark days. The ancient Greeks had a word for it, and their descendants hew to the same line, and the word is—loyalty! —*The Cleveland Plain Dealer*, August 14, 1950.

## REVEREND HOMAGE AND RESPECT TO OUR DEPARTED PAST SUPREME PRESIDENT



### IN MEMORIAM WILLIAM G. HELIS Supreme President ORDER OF AHEPA 1947-'48; 1948-'49

The entire Fraternity grieves at the passing of Past Supreme President William G. Helis, whose untimely death occurred just one day before the Order of Ahepa was to celebrate its 28th birthday on July 26th.

Since 1935, Brother Helis was a devoted and loyal Ahepan on the National scene. He was present at every National Convention and took an active part and was recognized as one of our foremost leaders. It is a peculiar twist of fate that Brother Helis should depart this life at a time when his efforts as Chairman of the Order of Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee had been crowned with success.

His memory will remain forever in the hearts and minds of the twenty-six thousand members of the Order of Ahepa which he represented as Supreme President during the two years beginning August 1947 and ending in August 1949.

May his soul rest in peace!

JOHN G. THEVOS  
Supreme President



**LEO J. LAMBERSON**  
Supreme Vice-President



**ZACK T. RITSOS**  
Supreme Secretary



**GEORGE GEROULIS**  
Supreme Treasurer

## Biographical Sketches of Supreme Lodge Members

**LEO J. LAMBERSON** was born and raised in Indiana. He became a member of the South Bend Chapter No. 100 in 1931 and served as Secretary and President of that Ahepa unit several times. Brother Lamberson held the posts of Secretary and District Governor of Hoosier District No. 12. He previously served on the Supreme Lodge as Counsellor and as Secretary.

The Supreme Vice-President has been practicing law for the past fourteen years and is active in County and State politics in Indiana and has held the offices of County Election Commissioner, Special Judge and Prosecuting Attorney.

He is married to the former Alexandra Chakeres of Springfield, Ohio, former District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope in Ohio and later of Indiana. They have two sons.

**ZACK T. RITSOS** the Supreme Secretary of the Order of Ahepa, was born and raised in the City of Chicago, and has been practicing law for several years being associated with the law firm of Ritsos & Ritsos at 11 So. LaSalle St. Chicago, Illinois.

Brother Ritsos is a Past President of North Shore Chapter No. 94, Past District Governor of District No. 13 and Past Supreme Counsellor of the Fraternity.

Brother Ritsos has also been active in the Masonic fraternity, having served as Worshipful Master of Hellenic Lodge No. 1084 A. F. & A. M.; a 32' degree Mason of Oriental Consistory of Chicago and a Shriner of Medina Temple.

**GEORGE GEROULIS**, who came to America from Tripolis, Arcadia, Greece, in 1908, has resided in Indianapolis, Indiana since 1912. George, by dint of hard work, has been most successful in business and today his investments in real estate in his home town have made it possible for him to devote his full energies and time to the Order of Ahepa. He has been a tireless worker in the past year and the associate of the Supreme President in the monumental achievement of growth and expansion which he helped fashion.

The Supreme Treasurer was Chair-

man of the National Scholarship Fund Committee in the last administration and performed a notable service in swelling the treasury of the Order.

Brother Geroulis has served Indianapolis Chapter No. 232 in every capacity. He was elected three times as President and was chosen District Governor of Hoosier District No. 12 in 1944.

**WILLIAM D. BELROY**, our new Supreme Counsellor, is a prominent attorney of Chicago, Illinois. Brother Belroy has been active in the fraternity for many years, having risen from the Sons of Pericles.

He is a former Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois and currently is serving the Greek War Relief Association as National Vice-President.

**NICK JAMSON** was born in Asia Minor and came to the United States in 1916. He is a charter member of the Grand Island Chapter No. 167 which was established in 1929 and was Secretary of his chapter for five years and President for two years. He served his District, the Oil Center No. 15, as Lt. Governor for two years and then as District Governor for another two years. He has served the organization in many other capacities, such as, Supreme Advisor for the Sons of Pericles, delegate to district and national conventions and as a member of the Excursion Committee to Greece this year. He also distinguished himself with his service as Director of Greek War Relief for the State of Nebraska.



**SOCRATES V. SEKLES**  
Supreme Governor



**WILLIAM D. BELROY**  
Supreme Counsellor



**NICK JAMSON**  
Supreme Governor



**PETER V. PAULUS**  
Supreme Governor

## Colorful Careers of Our Top Leaders

The Supreme Governor is very active in the civic, business and fraternal circles of his community, Grand Island, Nebraska and is engaged in the operation of several restaurants.

**SOCRATES V. SEKLES** was born in Katafigion Agrafon, Karditsa, Thessalia. He immigrated to the United States in 1912 and settled at Pontiac, Michigan where he secured employment with General Motors and gradually became a foreman. Later he operated the cafeterias of the Pontiac plant.

In the early nineteen twenties he organized the Hellenic Community of that city. He joined the Alpha Chapter of the Ahepa in 1926 and in 1927 organized the Pontiac Chapter and helped in the formation of the Flint, Saginaw and Ann Arbor Chapters.

Brother Sekles was Chairman of the Greek War Relief for his area and President of the Hellenic Community of Pontiac and the Ahepa Chapter. He served his District, the Automotive No. 10, as Lt. Governor and two years as District Governor. During his administration he organized several chapters of the Daughters of Penelope and was primarily responsible for the creation of the two new Ahepa Chapters in Detroit.

The Supreme Governor has actively participated in Bond, Community Chest and Red Cross drives. He is a Mason and a member of the Board of Commerce and Y.M.C.A. and is married to the former Georgia Gianakos of Boston. They are the proud parents of four children, two boys and two girls.

**DR. PETER V. PAULUS** was born in Newark, New Jersey. He became a member of the Sons of Pericles in 1930 and served the Junior Order in many capacities; Chapter President at Canton, Ohio; District Governor; Chairman of Chicago National Convention in 1934; Editor of the *Periclean*, official publication of the Sons.

A similar pattern of activity followed his career in the Ahepa after joining the Cincinnati, Ohio chapter and later transferring to the Pittsburgh, Pa. unit which he served as President for four years. On the Power District No. 4

Lodge he rendered service as Marshal, Lt. Governor, and District Governor for two years.

The Supreme Governor holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati. His career embraces the teaching of chemistry, industrial research and during the war he was engaged in special work for the armed services under the auspices of the National Defense Research Council. At present, engaged in Rubber and Plastics Mfg. in Pittsburgh, Pa. as President of Paulus, Inc. He is married and has one daughter.



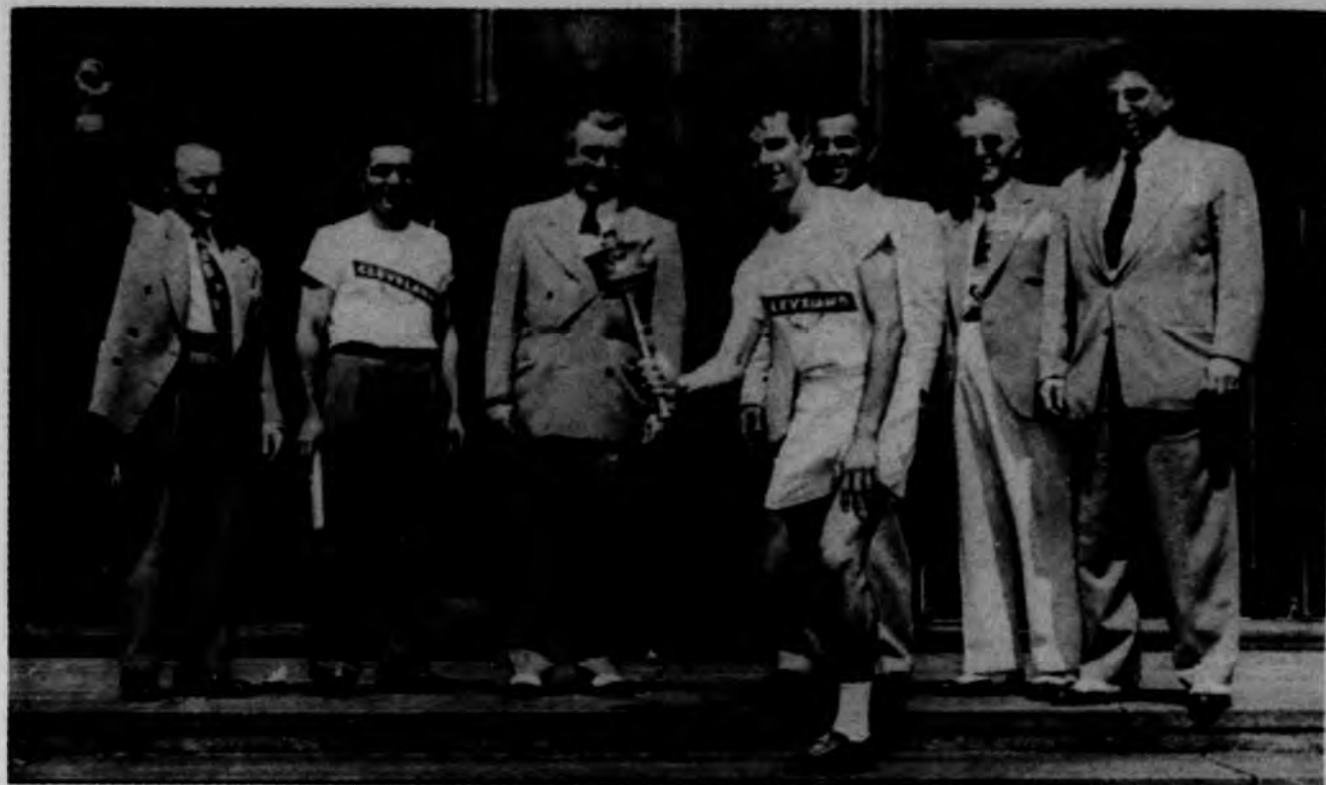
**STANLEY GALANOS**  
Supreme Governor, C.J.

**STANLEY GALANOS**, Canadian Jurisdiction Supreme Governor, settled in London, Ontario, Canada, after his arrival from Volos, Greece in 1930. He soon became a member of the Ahepa Chapter in that city and rendered services as Captain of the Guards and Vice-President.

During the war he was Chairman of the Greek War Relief in London, Ontario from 1943 to 1947 and was also President of the Greek Community.

Subsequently, he moved his business to Ottawa and transferred to the Sir Edward Codrington Chapter C.J. 5 which he helped to reactivate and served this chapter as Secretary and President.

Brother Galanos assisted greatly in the Ahepa Hospital Fund Drive in Canada during the administration of Supreme Governor Tim Bass. He is a Mason and is married to the former Helen Athanas of Ottawa. They have one son.



#### TORCH LIGHTING CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL

Commencement of the 7th National Ahepan Olympiad at Cleveland with Ted Theodore, captain of the Baldwin-Wallace track team, starting the six mile trek from the City Hall to the West Tech Field, site of the Olympiad. Also seen in the picture are Arthur Lambros, Olympiad Chairman; Mayor Thomas Burke of Cleveland; Peter D. Clentzos, National Director of Athletics, and Councilman Alfred Grisanti.

## The Seventh National Ahepan Olympiad

In the 7th National Ahepan Olympiad at Cleveland, Ohio on Wednesday August 16th three records went by the boards in a meet that was full of thrills, glamor and outstanding performances. Over seventy-five athletes of Hellenic descent entered the sixteen event program that was begun with a torch lighting ceremony at the City Hall with Mayor Burke lighting the original Olympic Games torch that was used in 1948 at London.

Ted Theodore, captain of the Baldwin-Wallace track team started the six mile trek from the City Hall to the West Tech Field where the athletic events were held. There after opening ceremonies in which Arthur Lambros, Olympiad Chairman, presented the National Director, Peter Clentzos of Pasadena, who introduced Harrison Dillar, world record holder in the high hurdles. James Kappos, gave the athletic oath before the events got under way.

Three records broken were (1) by Ted Theodore who cracked the 440 yard mark by running 53.4 seconds. The former record was held by Mike Pappas

By PETER D. CLENTZOS,  
National Director of Athletics

of Tarpon Springs. (2) by Harry Santrizos of Minneapolis who threw 132 feet 4 inches to beat Charley George's mark of 123'4" in the discus throw. (3) by George Thabit of Huntington, West Virginia who ran a neat 9.4 seconds in the 70 yard high hurdles to erase the mark of 9.5 set by Phil Callas of L. A. in 1947 and tied by Bob Bazos of Toronto, Canada in Detroit in 1948. In the victory ceremony that followed each event, lovely Mary Samouris of Cleveland crowned each Champion with an olive wreath.

Other outstanding performances included those of Johnny Karras, All-American football halfback from the University of Illinois who ran the 220 in 23.8 to beat out a fast field, George Thabit of Huntington who was high point man winning the 120 yard low hurdles in 14.3 seconds and leaping five feet 10 inches in the high jump to come within one eighth of the present record.

Cleveland won the meet with a total of 30 points. Others placed as follows: Huntington, W. Va. 19; Minneapolis 15; Detroit 11; Hammond 11; Akron 10; Flint 9; Ann Arbor 8; Anderson (Ohio) 3; Springfield (Ohio) 3; Johnstown (Pa) 1; Lexington (Ky) 1.

The results:

70 Yard High Hurdles: Won by George Thabit (Huntington, W. Va.); second, Gus Pancol (Anderson, Ind.); third, John Kappos (Cleveland). Time 9.4 seconds. (New record).

Mile Run: Won by Steve Stavros (Hammond, Ind.); second, Gus Keriazes (Springfield, Ohio); third, Lambros Malonas (Detroit). Time 5:28.0.

100 Yard Dash: Won by Nick Chatas (Flint, Mich.); second, Peter Speliopoulos (Minn.); third, Jim Yonkos (Lexington, Ky.). Time 11.1 seconds.

440 Yard Dash: Won by Ted Theodore (Cleveland); second, James Georgetown (Huntington, W. Va.); third, Nick Theodore (Cleveland). Time 53.5. (New record).

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## A Priceless Gift to America

**The Hand of Alexander.** By George Peterson Cherakis (310 Pp. New York: Farrar, Straus and Co. 1950. \$3.00).

Even at the risk of being too obvious, the title of this book should have been "The Greeks are Always Greeks," for the whole theme is woven about that one eternal truth: that the Greeks—from everlasting to everlasting—have been, are and will forever be GREEKS.

The story opens with a young American doctor bearing the philhellenic surname Webster, on board a tramp steamer bound for Greece. Dr. Webster has been sent to India to attend to the ailments of a Greek who had formerly lived in San Francisco. His dying patient persuaded the young physician to carry and personally deliver to a certain person in Greece an innocent looking package. Repeated attacks on his person and attempts to rob his quarters, made the doctor suspect that he was carrying something of great value. He was. The package contained a silver cast of the hand of Alexander the Great, with which went the legend that whatever country possessed it would rule the world.

Dr. Webster reaches Greece and fulfills his pledge by delivering the package to the proper party, Pan Nikiforos in Athens. Later, Dr. Webster is the guest of Nikiforos at the latter's home in a typical village of Greece in the province of Arcadia during the Feast of the Assumption. There he also meets, at one of the church festivals, a beautiful and accomplished girl, Penelope. Although, it is a plain case of love at first sight, the young doctor feels duty-bound to return to his practice in the United States and leave the consumma-

tion of his love for Penelope in the hands of fate.

His mind and plans are changed on the eve of his departure when an Italian submarine, without warning or provocation, sank a Greek battleship on which Penelope's brother was serving. The intensity of the situation arising from this vicious attack on Greece and the patriotic flames it ignited in the hearts of the Greeks, decided Dr. Webster to lay aside every other consideration and to cast his lot with the Greek people—placing his skill, his life, his all at their service.

From there on the story is filled to overflowing with irrepressible excitement, heroic manifestations of the Greek people's love for freedom and independence and with the hardships and sacrifices they endured for the integrity of their homes and country.

In every chapter there is a sudden flash of the unexpected yet characteristically Hellenic action. The centuries-old life, history and traditions of the Greeks is telescoped into this one story. The richness of the Hellenic heritage of simple living, of genuine warm-hearted friendliness and hospitality, the sharp psychological insight of the people, their beliefs, faith and superstitions are illuminated and then suddenly twisted and distorted by the traumatic experiences of war and death.

In the midst of danger, suffering and despair, there are scenes of special fascination, slight incidents shining brightly, precious as in life itself, where the great things are often worthless and the trifles dear as the heart's blood.

If a Greek wants his friend of another origin to learn and to know every phase and concept of the Hellenic way



*Brother George Peterson Cherakis is a veteran of World War I, having served in France with the famous "California Grizzlies"—a volunteer field artillery regiment. He organized Hellenic Post No. 230, American Legion-San Francisco, served as its Commander and also as Department Chairman of its Americanization Committee. He is the pioneer Ahepan in the West. After organizing Golden Gate Chapter No. 150 at San Francisco, Brother Cherakis was elected Supreme Governor in 1927, was re-elected in 1928, and is personally responsible for the organization of thirty-two chapters of the Order west of the Rockies.*

of life in peace and war, and enjoy graphic word-pictures of the country places in Greece, he can do nothing better towards the fulfillment of his desire than to present that friend with a copy of "The Hand of Alexander."—Reviewed by Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes.

### THE SEVENTH AHEPAN OLYMPIAD

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220 Yard Dash: Won by John Karras (Argo, Ill.); second, Nick Chatas (Flint, Mich.); third, George Theodore (Cleveland). Time 23.8 seconds.

120 Yard Low Hurdles: Won by George Thabit (Huntington, W. Va.); second, Art Lambros (Cleveland); third, Harry Santrizos (Minn.). Time 14.3 seconds.

880 Yard Run: Won by Ted Theodore (Cleveland); second, Steve Stavros (Hammond, Ind.); third, Alex Goumas, (Flint). Time 2:16.5.

High Jump: Won by George Thabit (Huntington, W. Va.); second, Mike Kermizis (Akron, Ohio); third, John Economou (Akron, Ohio). Height 5 ft. 10 in.

8 lb. Shotput (12 lb. shot unavailable): Won by John Lingon (Ann Arbor); second, Harry Santrizos (Minn.); third, Frank Dapatonis (Akron). Distance 58 ft. 3 inches.

Pole Vault: Won by Nick Chatas (Detroit); second, Manual Nackes (Akron); third, Albert Torokas (Huntington, W. Va.). Distance 18 ft. 6 inches.

Discus Throw: Won by Harry Santrizos (Minn.); second, John Lingon, (Ann Arbor); third, Bill Diamont (Johnstown, Pa.). Distance 133 ft. 4 inches. (New record).

Javelin Throw: Won by G. Kalfus (Cleveland); second, Chris Regas

(Cleveland); third, James Kappos (Cleveland). Winning distance 128 feet 1 inch.

4 Man 440 Yard Relay: Won by team from Cleveland composed of Ted Theodore, Nich Theodore, George Theodore, and John Passias. Winning time 48.6 seconds.

The next Olympiad will be held in Minneapolis. The athletic activities in this convention city will be enlarged. A golf tournament will be held in the morning, followed by the Olympiad in the afternoon, and in the evening if plans go through, a boxing and wrestling show will be held featuring an all-Hellenic cast. Watch for future announcements.



**DISTRICT LODGE OFFICERS OF DELTA DISTRICT NO. 16**  
 Left to right: George Zarafonets, Dallas, Lt. Governor; Jimmie Cokinos, Beaumont, Marshal; John Grivas, Governor, Houston; Nick Klaras, Waco, Secretary and George Pakis, Hot Springs, Treasurer.



**EMPIRE STATE DISTRICT LODGE NO. 6**  
 Seated: Louis J. Dukas of New York, District Governor; C. Gustave Lambrose of Schenectady, Advisor. Standing, left to right: Sam Peters of Lima, Lt. Governor; George Tsobonis of Endicott, Marshal; Nicholas Christy of Brooklyn, Secretary; John Bell of New York, Treasurer.

## Highlights of Our District Conventions

*The following is a summary of the activities of our District Conventions and brief biographical sketches of our District Governors.*

### Mother Lodge No. 1

The District Convention was held at Montgomery, Alabama, June 11, 12, 13 with Nick Mitchell of the same city as Chairman of the Convention Committee. Gregory Kolivas was elected District Governor. Brother Kolivas was born in Plomariou, Mytelene and came to this country in 1910. He served in World War I for three years and during the recent war was in the National Guard for a period of two years. In 1928, he joined the Memphis Chapter No. 7 and was its President for two years. On the District Lodge he held the offices of Marshal, Treasurer, Lt. Governor and now he is serving as District Governor. Married and the father of a daughter.

### Citrus No. 2

District No. 2 held its annual conclave at St. Petersburg, Florida, June 4, 5, and 6. Chairman of the Convention Committee was Steven Janodis. The host Chapter was Sunshine No. 15 of which the principal officers are N. Athanason, President, George Demerges, Vice-President, J. Kordoulis, Treasurer and William Koufas, Secretary. The sessions of the Convention were held at the Soreno Hotel. Nick Serros of Orlando was Chairman of the Convention.

The new District Lodge consists of the following:  
 Sam G. Felos of Jackson—District Governor.  
 Manuel Johnson of Tarpon Springs—Lt. Governor.  
 George D. Johnson of Miami—Secretary.  
 George K. Stathis of Jacksonville—Treasurer.  
 George Serros of Orlando—Marshal.  
 George Smitzes of Tarpon Springs—District Advisor.



**GREGORY KOLIVAS, Governor**  
 Mother Lodge District No. 1.

District Governor Felos was born and reared in Jacksonville. Charter member of the Phidippides Chapter No. 134 of the Sons of Pericles. He organized the Manelaus Chapter No. 154 of Tampa and in 1939 was elevated to Lt. Governor of the Sons of his District. Graduated into the Socrates Chapter No. 6 of the Ahepa in 1942 and ever since has been very active except for the interruption of his war service in the Air Force for four years, being discharged with the rank of Tech. Sergeant. His services to this chapter include, Secretary, Vice-President and President. Prior to his elevation to the Governorship, he held the post of District Advisor. His aim is to see the advancement and completion of the Ahepa Orphanage and Old Folks home in Florida.

### Garden State No. 5

District No. 5 held its Convention at Newark on June 3 and 4 with James Lanaras of East Orange as Chairman of the Convention Committee. The Essex House was the Headquarters of the conclave. Bob Fassoulis of Paterson presided over the sessions and the following members were elected to serve on the District Lodge:  
 X. K. Microusticos of Trenton—District Governor.  
 Peter Caravoulias of Jersey City—Lt. Governor.  
 William Economides of Glen Rock—Secretary.



**SAM G. FELOS, Governor**  
Citrus District No. 2.

Milton Marikakis of New Brunswick—Treasurer.

James Goumas of Perth Amboy—Marshal.

John Arbes of Elizabeth—District Advisor.

Frank Gramas of Trenton—Athletic Director.

District Governor Microutsicos is a native of Aegeon, Greece and came to the United States in 1920. He graduated from the High School of Commerce of New York and studied Business Administration at the City College and later matriculated in Dairy Industry at Cornell University. Brother Microutsicos was initiated in the Trenton Chapter No. 72 in 1938 and has rendered services to that Ahepa unit in many capacities, including two terms as President. Being a sports enthusiast, he introduced the element of sports both in his chapter and his district with good results. At the First Ahepa Olympiad held in Providence, R. I. in 1940 he was the winner of the mile event. As District Athletic Director in 1940 and 1947, he conducted two highly successful District Bowling tournaments.

On the District Lodge he has held the posts of Secretary and Lt. Governor and now District Governor. Married to the former Vanetta Lakios of Trenton and the happy parents of two boys.

**Empire State No. 6**

District No. 6 met at Schenectady on June 23-26 at the Van Curler Hotel. Chairman of the Convention Committee was C. Gustave Lambrose, stalwart Ahepan of that City. Nicholas Stevason of Brooklyn was the Chairman of the meet. At the Grand Banquet in the same hotel Toastmaster was Christian X. Kouray, City Manager of Schenectady

and outstanding Ahepan of upstate New York. Principal speaker was Past Supreme Counsellor Peter Bell and Guest of Honor Mayor Owen M. Begley.

The new District Lodge consists of the following:

Louis J. Dukas of New York—District Governor.

Sam S. Peters of Lima—Lt. Governor. Nicholas Christy of Brooklyn—Secretary.

John Bell of New York—Treasurer. George Tsohonis of Endicott—Marshal. C. Gustave Lambrose of Schenectady—District Advisor.

District Governor Dukas was born and reared in New York City. He attended Manhattan College and graduated from the Law School of New York University and has been engaged in the general practice of law for the past several years. Before graduating into the Order of Ahepa, Louis was very active in the Sons of Pericles. He has served his chapter, the Bronx No. 175 as President, and before being elevated to the District Governorship, held the office of Lt. Governor. At the recent National Convention in Cleveland he was highly honored by being elected to the very important post of Chairman of the Convention and during the sessions was elected to serve as a member of the Displaced Persons Board. He is married to the former Mina Mustakos and they are the proud parents of a daughter.

**Yankee No. 7**

District No. 7 met at New Haven on June 4 and 5. Constantine P. Verinis was Chairman of the Convention Committee. The sessions were held at the Hotel Taft. William A. Vasilion of Middletown was Convention Chairman. The following were elected to comprise the new District Lodge:

George J. Margoles of New Haven—District Governor (re-elected).

Sperie Perakos of New Britain—Lt. Governor.

Nicholas Angell of Bridgeport—Secretary.

Peter N. Nichols of Hartford—Treasurer.

James Zabetos of Bridgeport—Marshal. Steven Perakos of New Britain—District Advisor.

**Bay State No. 8**

District No. 8 held its yearly get together at Worcester, Mass. June 25-26. Past Supreme Vice-President Charles Kotsilimbas Davis was Chairman of the Convention Committee and also presided during the sessions of the conclave. The highlight was the banquet held at Putnam & Thurston's with Howard B. Jefferson, President of Clark University as principal speaker. His



**X. K. MICROUTSICOS, Governor**  
Garden State District No. 5.

theme was the impact of Hellenic culture upon Western civilization. Other speakers were State Senator Harry P. McAllister and City Manager Everett F. Merrill. Attorney Arthur F. Koskinasi was Toastmaster. The new District Lodge is as follows:

John Rusomanis of Lowell—District Governor (re-elected).

George Granitsas of Marlboro—Lt. Governor.

John Haliabalias of Haverhill—Secretary.

George Arvanitis of Lawrence—Treasurer.

Michael Argeros of Salem—Marshal.

Dr. Monthe N. Kofos of Marlboro—District Advisor.

One of the accomplishments of the convention was the establishment of an annual \$250.00 Scholarship in memory of the late Stergios B. Milonas of Whitman, former Supreme Governor of the Sons of Pericles.

**Northern New England No. 9**

District No. 9 convened at Lewiston, Maine on June 25-26. Nicholas Barboutis of Auburn was Chairman of the Convention Committee and he also presided over the Convention sessions. The Poland Spring House was the site of the conclave. Honored guests at the Grand Banquet were Mrs. George C. Chase whose late husband was Professor George C. Chase for whom the local lodge was named; President Charles Phillips of Bates College and Mrs. Phillips; President Kenneth Sills of Bowdoin College and Mrs. Sills; Congressman and Mrs. Charles P. Nelson; Mayor Edward Fields of Auburn and Mrs. Fields and Brother George Mihos of Providence, R. I. and Mrs. Mihos.

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#### AT BAY STATE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Left to right: Arthur Koskinasi, Banquet Toastmaster; Pres. Howard B. Jefferson of Clark University; District Governor John Rusomanis and Convention Chairman Charles Kotsilimbas Davis.



#### NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND NO. 9 DISTRICT LODGE OFFICERS OF THE AHEPA AND THE DAUGHTERS

Front row, left to right: Miss Nellie Coutsonikas, District Governor; Mrs. Bessie Frangedakis, Lt. Governor; Mrs. Hazel Barboutis, Secretary; and Miss Elizabeth Doukas, Marshal. Standing, left to right: George Papadopoulos, District Governor; Nicholas Barboutis, Lt. Governor; William Karayanis, Secretary, and Paul Zoidas, Marshal.

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Brother Mihos was the main speaker of the evening. John Petropoulos, third year student at Yale University, was the Toastmaster.

The newly elected members of the District Lodge are:

George Papadopoulos of Nashua, N. H.—District Governor.

Nicholas Barboutis of Auburn, Me.—Lt. Governor.

William Karayianis of Auburn, Me.—Secretary.

Peter Victor of Saco, Me.—Treasurer.  
Paul Yoidis—Marshal.

The new District Governor is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Papadopoulos of Nashua. He previously served on the District Lodge as Marshal and Secretary and in recognition of his untiring efforts and faithful fulfillment of his duties he was elevated to the district leadership. Brother Papadopoulos is engaged in the insurance business.

#### Automotive No. 10

District No. 10 held its annual sessions at Lansing, Michigan on June 4-6. Stephan C. Andreadis was the Chairman of the Convention Committee. The main event was the Convention Banquet at the Hotel Olds with Governor G. Mennen Williams, a member of the Ahepa, as the Guest of Honor. Another outstanding event was the Greek Pan-agyric Night at the Reo Clubhouse. The District Lodge is made up of the following:

John Priggooris of Lansing—District Governor (re-elected).

John Doukas of Kalamazoo—Lt. Governor.

Con Lampesis of Marquette—Secretary.  
Gust Keros of Detroit—Treasurer.

George Rorris of Kalamazoo—Marshal.  
Alex Thomas of Pontiac—District Advisor.

John Demetrioiv of Saginaw—Athletic Director.

The installation of the new District Lodge was conducted by Past Supreme Governor Charles Diamond.



A. A. STRATIGOS, Governor  
Buckeye District No. 11.

#### Buckeye District No. 11

The 22nd annual convention of the Buckeye District No. 11 comprising Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, was held at Steubenville, Ohio, June 24, 25, 26, 27, 1950.

The convention opened Sunday, June 25, with the Dedication of the Holy Trinity, Greek Orthodox Church. In the afternoon, Mayor Walter Sterling welcomed the incoming delegates. Greek night was held that evening at the recreation hall of the Greek Church and was a huge success.

District Governor John Kras presided at the official opening of the convention Monday morning, June 26, with appropriate remarks for the beginning of the convention. Brother George Poolitsan was elected Convention Chairman. Ted Boudouris of Dayton, Ohio was elected convention secretary.

With George Poolitsan presiding, the District Officers gave their reports. District Governor John Kras was given a standing acclamation by the convention delegates for his excellent, untiring work for the Buckeye District.

Convention delegates gave reports of their respective chapters which showed the progress that has been made to make the Buckeye No. 11 one of the outstanding districts in the AHEPA domain.

Committees were appointed by Chairman George Pollitsan and Vice Chairman Tom Tsiros of Cleveland, Ohio. The committees made their recommendations to the delegates and many resolutions were made. The assembly

selected Lexington, Kentucky for their 23rd District Convention.

Brothers John Peters and George Manos and their committees planned and worked diligently and as a result the convention was a tremendous success. The hospitality extended to the delegates by the Steubenville Chapter, newspapers, radio stations and Police Department helped further in making it a successful convention.

One of the most successful District Banquets was held at Fort Steuben Hotel. Brother George Loucas of Weirton, W. Va. with his usual excellent eloquence was Toastmaster. Dean Alfange of New York delivered an inspiring address and was enthusiastically received. The principal speaker was the Hon. Senator Robert Taft of Ohio whose speech was broadcast by the Steubenville Radio Station. The District Ball was held at the Community Hall of the Greek Orthodox Church and an enjoyable time was had by both young and old.

The new Buckeye District Lodge is as follows:

A. A. Stratigos of Youngstown, Ohio—District Governor.

George N. George of Akron, Ohio—Lt. Governor.

John G. Martin of Huntington, W. Va.—Secretary.

John K. Vlahos of Dayton, Ohio—Treasurer.

Milton Z. Kafoglis of Lexington, Ky.—Marshal.

P. C. Syracopoulos of Akron, Ohio—District Advisor.

George T. Poolitsan of Middletown, Ohio—Athletic Director.

#### Hoosier No. 12

District No. 12 met at Fort Wayne, Indiana, July 9-11. Louis Spillson was Chairman of the Convention Committee. Headquarters of the conclave was the Hotel Van Orman. Leo Lamberson of South Bend was elected Convention Chairman; Platon Sperhos of East Chicago acted as Vice-Chairman and Harry Nicholas of Fort Wayne was chosen as Secretary. The main event was the banquet where past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes was the principal speaker. Other speakers at the dinner included Supt. Deane E. Walker, representing Gov. Henry F. Schricker; Robert W. Fowler, State Director of the Independence Bond Drive; Mayor Henry E. Branning, Jr. and Atty. Sam Jackson. South Bend was chosen as the 1951 convention site.

The members of the new District Lodge are:

Perry E. Pakes of Anderson—District Governor.



D. N. KARALIS, Governor  
Grainfield District No. 14.

Emanuel Zaphiriou of Indianapolis—Lt. Governor.

Harry Nicholas of Ft. Wayne—Secretary.

Gus Gavrilos of Hammond—Treasurer.

Nick Smyrnis of Indianapolis—Marshal.

Ed Pappas of Gary—District Advisor.

#### Cornbelt No. 13

District No. 13 held its annual sessions at Rockford, Illinois on July 15-17. The convention city committee was headed by Nick Strogelos. The big affair of the convention was the Grand Banquet held at the Hotel Faust with His Grace Archbishop Michael as the principal speaker and guest of honor. Other speakers included George Kap-sambelis, Minister of Greece, in charge of Consulate General in Chicago, Mayor



GEORGE H. PAYNE, Governor  
Oil Center District No. 15.

C. H. Bloom of Rockford, State Representative Edward C. Ted Hunter and State Senator Roland Victor Libonati. George Kapetanakis of South Beloit was elected District Governor.

#### Grainfield No. 14

Minneapolis was the site of the District Convention of No. 14 on June 17-19 with D. N. Karalis as Chairman of the Convention City Committee. Peter E. Kamuchey presided over the assembly with Tom Siamis as Vice-Chairman and John M. Diracles as Secretary. Speakers at the Banquet which was held at the Radisson Hotel were past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, Eric Hoyer, Mayor of Minneapolis, U. S. Senator Hubert E. Humphrey of Minnesota, Congressman Walter Judd and State Representative Thomas N. Christie.

The new District Lodge consists of the following:

D. N. Karalis of Minneapolis—District Governor.

James Demopoulos of St. Paul—Lt. Governor.

William A. Pappas of Mason City—Secretary.

James A. Woonas of Mason City—Treasurer.

Manuel J. Lempares of Fort Dodge—Marshal.

Peter E. Kamuchey of Minneapolis—District Advisor.

District Governor Karalis is one of the organizers and a charter member of Demosthenes Chapter No. 66 of Minneapolis which was founded in 1925. He served his chapter in practically every office including the presidency and he previously served his District as Governor in 1938. During the war he was in charge of the chapter's War Bond Committee and is responsible for the selling and issuing of War Bonds in excess of \$1,350,000.00. For many years Brother Karalis served as President of the Minneapolis Branch of the Greek War Relief and can be credited with two successful clothing drives in addition to the cash contributions which exceeded the sum of \$32,000.00.

Brother Karalis received his education at Athens, Greece, where he finished Business College and has also attended the University of Minnesota. He is engaged in the bakery business in Minneapolis.

#### Oil Center No. 15

District No. 15 held its District meet at Kansas City, Mo. on July 11-14. Elias S. Sutter was Chairman of the Convention City Committee and Gus Geolas its Secretary. Principal speaker at the Convention Banquet was Past Supreme Vice-President Constantine Economou. Since this is the chapter to which Presi-

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dent Truman belongs, it was very gratifying indeed to receive his personal telegram expressing his wishes for a very successful convention.

The members of the District Lodge are:

George H. Payne of Omaha—District Governor.  
Elias S. Sutter of Kansas City—Lt. Governor.  
Rev. Nicholas J. Velis of Bayard—Secretary.  
Theodore Bereolos of Tulsa—Treasurer.  
Arthur J. Thodis of Wichita—Marshal.  
Louis J. Kiriopoulos of Oklahoma City—District Advisor.  
F. George Malisos of Tulsa—Athletic Director.

Brother Payne is the first American born Governor for District Fifteen. His Ahepa career started in 1933 as President of the Sons of Pericles Omaha Chapter. Later on he graduated into the Omaha Ahepa Chapter and was its President in 1948 and on the District Lodge held the posts of District Secretary and Lt. Governor prior to his election to the leadership of his district. The District Governor is a graduate of Dartmouth College and took graduate work in market research and analysis at Northwestern University. During the war he held the rank of Lt. Commander while Officer in charge of the Raw Materials Section, Bureau of Ships, Navy Department. At present sales representative for the Nichols Wire and Aluminum Co.

### Delta No. 16

District No. 16 this year assembled at Shreveport, Louisiana on June 11-13. Convention City Chairmen were Alex Mitalis and Jim J. Theo. To preside over the convention sessions Nick Elfter of Hot Springs, Ark. was elected. Vice-Chairman was George Zarafonietis of Dallas and Secretary, Nick Klaras of Waco.

The Grand Banquet took place in the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington-Youree Hotel with Past Supreme President Harris J. Borrás as Toastmaster and Supreme President John G. Thevos as the principal speaker.

Members of the District Lodge are:  
John Grivas of Houston—District Governor.  
George Zarafonietis of Dallas—Lt. Governor.  
Nick Klaras of Waco—Secretary.  
George Pakis of Hot Springs—Treasurer.  
Mike Kokinos of Beaumont—Marshal.  
John Drossos of San Antonio—District Advisor.



GUS D. BRUSKAS, Governor  
Silver District No. 17.

### Silver No. 17

The district convention of No. 17 took place at Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 16-18. Gus D. Bruskas was Convention Committee Chairman. To preside over the gathering Panagis G. Dikeou of Denver was chosen. The Grand Banquet took place at the Hilton Hotel with Attorney General Joe L. Martinez of New Mexico as the principal speaker. Other honored guests were Joe M. Montoya, Lt. Governor of the State of Mexico, who is a member of the Order of Ahepa; District Judge Edwin L. Swope; Sheriff John Flaska and Commissioner Don Wilson.

The Silver District Lodge is composed of the following:  
Gus D. Bruskas—District Governor.  
George Poulos—Lt. Governor.



JOHN J. CARDOS, Governor  
El Camino Real District No. 20.

Steve Allison—Secretary.  
George Poulos—Treasurer.  
Sam Konougres—Marshal.  
Sam Pappas—District Advisor.  
Marion Bouzis—Athletic Director.

District Governor Bruskas has been a charter member of chapter No. 174 since its inception in 1931. Beginning with Outside Sentinel, he has served in every chapter office. His main ambition in life has always been to be a good Ahepan. Brother Bruskas is at present a member of the newly elected board for the Silver District Sanatorium. Through the efforts of Chapter No. 174, the Greek Community Center in Albuquerque was instituted. The community now comprises a block in size and includes a new Church with seating capacity of 350, a community hall, school, rectory and the Ahepa hall. The Silver District Ahepa Sanatorium was purchased by this chapter, which today is valued at \$200,000.00.

Brother Bruskas has lived in Albuquerque for 32 years and is one of the owners of the Liberty Cafe and also operates the Yale Realty Company.

### Rocky Mountain No. 18

District No. 18 held its annual conclave at Butte, Montana on June 25-26 with Gus Marinos at the head of the Convention City Committee. The sessions of the convention took place at the Finlen Hotel. At the opening meeting the delegates were welcomed to the city by Floyd C. Fluent, Corporation Counsel of the City of Butte. The outstanding event was the Greek night at the IOOF Hall. Members of the newly elected District Lodge are:

Thomas J. Bastas of Great Falls—District Governor.  
Andrew George of Missoula—Lt. Governor.  
Charles Sakellaris of Butte—Secretary-Treasurer.

G. G. Poulas of Great Falls—Marshal.  
District Governor Thomas J. Bastas has been active in the Ahepa Chapter of Great Falls for the past twenty years. He came to this country 40 years ago from Zante, Greece. He has resided in Great Falls for the past 32 years with his family. He is also a member of the Great Falls Masonic Lodge No. 118.

### El Camino Real No. 20

Bakersfield, California was the Convention City for District No. 20 on June 22-25. Tom Drulias headed the Convention City Committee. The assembly opened its sessions at the Bakersfield Inn with Lt. Governor Goodwin Knight of California welcoming the delegates. Tony Demitrius of Hollywood was named Chairman; Andrew Angelson also of Hollywood was chosen Vice-Chairman and Guy Rodgers Convention Secretary.

An outstanding event of the Convention was the selection of the "Ahepan of the Year." This honor was bestowed upon Christ Siakotos of San Diego. Receiving his award from retiring District Governor Leo Athans of the Twentieth District, Brother Siakotos was praised for his 21 years of loyal membership to the organization. Special attention was paid to his fine attendance record and his work on the sick committee.

E. J. Fostinis was Toastmaster of the Banquet. Brother Fostinis stressed that "Today when democratic institutions are being assailed from all sides, it is well that we have organizations dedicated to the preservation of the democratic way of life." Speakers included Carl Thornton, City Manager and John Loustalot, Kern County Sheriff. Amongst the honored guests were Judge and Mrs. Fred Neerzaard, Judge and Mrs. William J. Bradshaw, Judge and Mrs. Stewart Magee.

Long Beach was named 1951 Convention City.

Members of the new Lodge are: John J. Cardos of Hollywood—District Governor.

George Brotsis of Burbank—Lt. Governor.

Andrew C. Angelson of Los Angeles—Secretary.

Nick Litras of San Bernardino—Treasurer.

W. G. Drulias of Los Angeles—Marshal.

John Dakis of Los Angeles—District Advisor.

Solon Soteris of Los Angeles—Athletic Director.

District Governor Cardos was initiated in the Order in 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri and transferred to the Hollywood Chapter in 1939 where he held all the offices from the outside sentinel on down the line, and two years as President of his chapter. On the District Lodge he served as Lt. Governor prior to his election to the leadership. He is married to Margaret Cardos. Past District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope of the 20th District. They have a son and a daughter. Brother Cardos is a member of the Al Malika Temple of the Masonic Order, 32 Degree Mason, of Los Angeles.

#### Golden Gate No. 21

District No. 21 convened in San Francisco on July 20-23. Stathis Lavdiotis headed the Convention City Committee. John A. Lougaris of Reno was Convention Chairman; "Wild Bill" Panagos of Tracy was chosen Vice-Chairman and William Rotas of Sacramento was Convention Secretary.

Aquatic Park overlooking San Francisco Bay provided the setting for the annual District Grand Ball.

On the first deck, an inspired Cuban



OFFICERS OF C. J. DISTRICT NO. 23 LODGE, left to right, District Advisor Nick Batcules of St. Catharines; Lt. Governor P. Kehayas of Ottawa; District Governor Paul Destun of St. Thomas and District Secretary George P. Leonarditis of Hamilton.

orchestra gave a new meaning to the samba, rumba and tango rhythm of Latin America, while on the second, the smooth, sophisticated music of Don Armando and his orchestra provided the accompaniment for American and Greek dancing.

From every point of view, visitors and delegates agreed the Grand Ball had the air of a National Convention social function and everyone had a good time. Dance Committee Chairman Gus Stathos and the members of his committee received the plaudits of delegates and visitors alike.

The Convention Banquet took place in the Ballroom of the Palace Hotel. Toastmaster was Brother Frank P. Agnost, Commissioner of Public Welfare of the City. Honored guests included District Attorney Pat Brown and Mrs. Brown, Judge Twain Michelsen, Judge and Mrs. Sweigert, Consul General of Greece Mr. Antonopoulos. The speaker of the evening was Leo Lamberson, Past Supreme Counsellor and now Supreme Vice-President.

The City of Fresno was chosen as the 1951 District Convention City.

The present District Lodge:  
Peter Tamaras—District Governor.  
Frank P. Tripp—Lt. Governor.  
William Rotas—Secretary.  
Anthony Demetrakopoulos—Treasurer.  
Tom J. Filis—Marshal.  
Nick G. Cominos—District Advisor.  
George Kosturos—Athletic Director.

District Governor Tamaras was born in Birmingham, Alabama and at an early age he became an adopted son of the City by the Golden Gate. He is a graduate of the University of California, where he majored in Business Administration. During the last war he served with the Artillery Corps, rising from

private to the rank of captain. Upon his separation from the service he helped found the Olympic Supply Company of which he is a partner. Brother Tamaras has served the Golden Gate District as District Treasurer for two years and District Lieutenant Governor for one year preceding his elevation.

#### Firwood No. 22

District No. 22 met in Tacoma, Washington July 14-16. Convention City Chairman was Spiro Kalivas. Approximately 1,000 delegates, Ahepans, members of the auxiliaries and their families enjoyed a festive convention week-end.

The outstanding social event of the conclave was the banquet at the Winthrop Hotel. Guest of Honor and principal speaker was Leo Lamberson. Toastmaster was Spiro J. Kalivas. Distinguished guests included Chief Justice George B. Simpson of Washington State Supreme Court; Superior Judge Hugh J. Rossellini; Prosecutor Patrick M. Steele and Safety Commissioner James T. Kerr.

The District Lodge consists of the following:

Gust P. Rakus of Seattle—District Governor (re-elected).  
Jack C. Tsapralis of Tacoma—Lt. Governor.  
Thos. N. Sideres of Tacoma—Secretary.  
George A. Doulis of Victoria, B. C., Canada—Treasurer.  
Spiro Tom Southas of Bellingham—Marshal.  
Jim G. Paras of Opportunity, Wash.—Athletic Director.

District Governor Rakus was born in Mavrolithari, Greece and came to the United States in 1917 as a lad of thirteen. Although his family home is in

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Everett, Gus, has spent most of his time in Seattle, now teaching at West Seattle High. Saw 4½ years of Naval service in recent war, emergency Lieut. (j.g.). Enjoyed visiting relatives in Greece while in that war theatre in 1945. Married to charming Anna Lallas of Bellingham in 1947, and find themselves perfectly at home in Bellingham, Everett or Seattle on their frequent trips with their 2 year old daughter.

Fraternally minded, Gus belongs to Elks, V.F.W. and American Legion. Unanimously re-elected at Tacoma after a bang-up job at Governor's post during the past year.

### Beaver No. 23

C. J. District No. 23 held its annual meet in Ottawa on May 29-31 with Stan Galanos as Chairman of the Convention City Committee.

The outstanding event of the convention was the dinner-dance held in the Convention Hall at Lansdowne Park with an attendance of 200. The hosts were the members of the Sir Edward Codrington Chapter C. J. 5.

Delegates were present from chapters from Hamilton, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City. Stanley Galanos was convention chairman and George Vlasis, Director of Information at the Royal Greek Embassy, was dinner Chairman.

The speakers were Dr. Lotta Hitchensmanova, Mr. Donald Fleming, M. P. and Mr. George J. McKraith, M. P.

The new District Lodge elected for 1950-51:

Paul Destun of St. Thomas—District Governor.

P. K. Kehayes of Ottawa—Lt. Governor.  
George P. Leonarditis of Hamilton—Secretary.

C. K. Speridakos of Montreal—Treasurer.

M. Stavrides of Montreal—Marshal.

N. Batcules of St. Catharines—District Advisor.

### Royal Canadian No. 24

The Royal Canadian District No. 24 held its annual convention on June 26th and June 27th in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Chairman of the Convention Committee was William Theodoris, a Past District Governor.

The following were elected Convention Officers:

Jim Baltekos, Regina, Sask.—Chairman.  
Ted Gardener, Saskatoon, Sask.—Vice-Chairman.



STEVE LEAKOS, Governor  
Royal Canadian District No. 24.

John G. Trehas, Regina, Sask.—Secretary.

Paul Carabelas, Winnipeg, Man.—Marshal.

Ahepa Scholarships of \$50.00 each were awarded to university students winning the highest scholastic honors in Greek classics:

Vernon E. McEachern of the University of Alberta.

Henry W. Luetkehoelter of the University of Saskatchewan.

Dorothy I. Hill of the University of Manitoba.

The following Ahepa Scholarships of \$25.00 each were awarded to students of Greek descent or whose fathers are or were Ahepans, and who received the highest scholastic honors while attending High School:

Daphne Lingas, Edmonton, Alberta.  
Helen Geatros, Saskatoon, Sask.

The Convention donated \$100.00 to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund.

The newly-elected District Officers for the 1950-51 term are:

Steve Leakos, Saskatoon—District Governor.

William Theodoris, Winnipeg—Lt. Governor.

John G. Trehas, Regina—Secretary-Treasurer.

Tom Manos, Regina—Marshal.

The next District Convention will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan.

District Governor Leakos arrived in the United States in 1907 from Kiparisia, Trifilias, Greece. He moved to Canada in 1923 and joined the Order of Ahepa in Moose Jaw in 1928.

Subsequently he transferred his activities to Saskatoon and since 1932 has held every office in the Saskatoon Chapter and served it as President for three years.

## First Ahepa Chapter Organized In Alaska

The Order of Ahepa has expanded its activities to Alaska with the establishment of the first unit of the Order in that far away territory. Under the direction of District Governor Gust Rakus of the 22nd District, on June 30, 1950 a colorful initiation ceremony was conducted in Anchorage, Alaska, creating the Adonis Aurora Chapter No. 379 under the jurisdiction of the 22nd District.

Officers elected to carry on the pioneer work are:

Christ A. Pappademetri—President.

John A. Balios—Vice-President.

Thomas A. Mely—Secretary.

Harold Koslosky—Treasurer.

The charter members include Harold Koslosky, George Grames, Gust Grames, George Wiucich, Thomas N. Mely, Pete Popovich, George Paggas, John Marinovitch, Tom Palizos, Milan Rykovitch and James George.

For those interested in communicating with the President of the chapter, Brother Pappademetri, his address is P. O. Box 63, Anchorage, Alaska.

## Dr. George Athans Wins British Games Honors

Dr. George Athans, member of the Gladstone Chapter No. C. J. 6 of Vancouver, B. C., was a top winner at the British Empire Games held early this year at Auckland, New Zealand. At this classic meet, Dr. Athans won the springboard event and was second in the tower diving and was acclaimed as Canada's top point getter. He has also won outstanding recognition in national and international competition, including the Olympic Games.

Upon his return to Vancouver, the distinguished Brother was guest of honor of his chapter at a social evening at which he was presented with a pen and pencil set by the chapter president to commemorate his Empire victory. Dr. Athans has studied medicine at McGill University and recently graduated as physician and surgeon.

## Ahepa Gift Is Lauded

Palm Beach Chapter No. 18 has received a letter of appreciation and thanks from Queen Fredericka of Greece for the chapter's contribution of \$100.00 to the Greek Orphans Fund, according to Brother Archie Zapetis, President of the Chapter to whom the letter was addressed.



# Our Senior Auxiliary—The Daughters of Penelope

## Daughters Hold Successful Convention In 16th District

The Daughters of Penelope held a very successful district convention with all of its ten chapters represented. The host Daughters chapter presented a wonderful program for the visiting ladies which is still being talked about; among the highlights:

Radio Program on Sunday, June 11, all Greek songs by local talent composing of solos & choral group.

Musical Program on Greek Night, Monday, June 12.

Ladies' Afternoon Tea with musical program and preparations carried out to the t.

Daughters Noon Day Luncheon on Tuesday, June 13; local girls painted magnolias on place cards with a verse inside.

Presented a Daughters of Penelope song written by Sister Eleni Pratt of Shreveport; this was adopted at the convention and will be presented at the Daughters National in Cleveland by record.

Daughters of Penelope District Lodge: Miss Christine Pappas, Dallas—Governor.

Mrs. Julia P. Theo, Shreveport—Lieut-Governor.

Miss Penelope Boyiages, Ft. Worth—Secretary.

Mrs. Amanda Colovos, Ft. Worth—Treasurer.

Miss Katherine Pantazis, Dallas—Editor.



**CHRISTINE PAPPAS**  
District Governor No. 16



### GRAND LODGE OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Left to right: Mrs. Cleo Tsapralis and Mrs. Tula Zotaley, Grand Governors; Mrs. Zoe Rummel, Grand Secretary; Miss Irene Marinake, Grand President; Mrs. Pota Saratsis, Grand Vice-President; Mrs. Elaine Kitros, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Eleanor Stamoules and Miss Patricia Anton, Grand Governors.

## Irene Kanoupes Heads 21st District Daughters

The Eighteenth Annual District No. 21 Convention of the Daughters of Penelope was held at the California Room of the Palace Hotel in San Francisco on July 21st and 22nd. Business Sessions were conducted under the leadership of the Convention Chairman sister Georgia Argyres. Sister Julie Petterson was unanimously elected Convention Vice-Chairman and sister Emily Tamaras was elected Convention Secretary. Sister Alexandra Apostolides, Founder and Organizer of the Daughters of Penelope; Sister Elaine Kitros, Grand Governor; and delegates from ten chapters in District No. 21 were present.

The Delegates and District Lodge Officers were guest of the Golden Gate and Pacific Chapters of the Order of Ahepa and EOS Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope at a luncheon given at the 711 Restaurant on Friday, July 21st.

On Saturday, July 22nd, the following were elected to serve in the District Lodge No. 21 of the Daughters of Penelope for the fiscal year 1950-1951: District Governor, Mrs. Irene Kanoupes; Lt. District Governor, Mrs. Sylvia Mehas; District Secretary, Miss Georgia Joseph; District Treasurer, Miss Emily

Tamaras, District Marshal, Mrs. Irene Papadakis, District Advisor, Miss Georgia Argyres.

A lovely luncheon and fashion show held at the Peacock Court of the Mark Hopkins Hotel, top of Nob Hill, San Francisco, concluded convention activities for the Daughters. Delegates and friends were greeted by Sister Julie Petterson, President of EOS Chapter No. 1. Sister Alexandra Apostolides

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**IRENE KANOUPES**  
District Governor No. 21

# "YOU ARE YOUR GOVERNMENT"

By the HONORABLE IRVIN M. IVES

United States Senator from New York

Opening address on the theme of the Fifth National Conference on Citizenship, Monday morning, May 22, 1950.

We in this country take considerable satisfaction and no little pride in thinking of ourselves as an unusual people. This habit, common to us all, reflects a kind of national conceit which, if not irreproachable, is at least understandable. For as a matter of fact, both individually and as a nation, Americans are a very distinctive lot.

But we are also more than unusual and more than distinctive. In many respects we are downright inexplicable and unpredictable—often, let us admit frankly, with results of substantial disservice to ourselves and to our country.

The inexplicable and unpredictable nature of the American character and the American mentality is most sharply exposed in the attitude of the typical American citizen toward his government.

During the past few decades the accumulating complexity of our lives has necessitated government's cognizance of and entry into many areas of activity from which, in the eighteenth and even in the nineteenth century, government traditionally was excluded. Without in any way underestimating the ineffably profound effect on our lives and mores of religion, it is nevertheless true that, with the possible exception of the immediate family, government exercises today a more pervasive influence and produces a more forceful impact on our daily lives than any other single institution in our society.

That statement may perhaps strike you as an outrageously exaggerated generalization.

But the fact remains that today the volume of our municipal ordinances and of our county, state and federal statutes is enormous. Their effect is so far-reaching that we can hardly make the slightest move or do the least thing without encountering the presence of official authority. And this official authority—government—constantly and inevitably determines our every action, no matter how mean nor how great.

Nearly every conceivable aspect of all our lives and all our relationships with our neighbors is conditioned by governmental control and regulation: the food we eat; the clothes we wear; the ways

in which we transport ourselves from place to place; the methods by which we conduct our businesses and manage our farms; the conditions under which we work; the prices we receive for the products of our labor; how we entertain ourselves; the caliber of the education our children receive; the very homes in which we live—indeed, the list is interminable.

From the most trivial occurrences of our daily routines to the most significant events of our existence here on earth—birth, marriage, parenthood, and death—we are confronted with government. Our lives are saturated with it. In short, in 1950, government in these United States has become literally and actually ubiquitous.

The reaction of the American people to this fundamental fact of our existence has been curious, to say the least. It is, in fact, precisely in this reaction that is provided the most striking evidence of what I have already referred to as the explicable and unpredictable character of the American temperament and the American mind.

A phenomenon of our political behavior is the fact that usually we Americans are acutely conscious of the practically immeasurable extent to which government affects our lives only when same sort of conflict arises between the operation of the laws and the rules of the body politic and what we as individuals would or would not do if permitted to be left to our own devices.

On these occasions our enforced awareness of the universality and the impersonality of the laws of government is often accompanied by feelings of resentment and indignation. Then we are disposed to regard government as an intruder and an interloper, an infringer on personal freedom, and a source of multifarious and evil impositions and restrictions on the rights of the individual.

This kind of reaction to the authority of government betrays an immaturity of citizenship and an ignorance of the basic principles to the individual, salutary for society, nor encouraging for the future of the nation.

Such a response by the American citizen to the dominion of the polity as that which I have just described may be the result of an excessive preoccupation with

the dictum attributed to Thomas Jefferson that that government is best which governs least.

But Jefferson also insisted that, "No man having a natural right to be the judge between himself and another, it is his natural duty to submit to the umpirage of an impartial third"—or in other words, to the umpirage of government. Any definition of modern freedom must include that concept if peace, order, and liberty are to be preserved in our society.

When we as individuals fail to submit willingly to the restraint imposed on our conduct by government, or when we seek to evade the consequences of the laws and canons laid down by government, we are disregarding a fundamental tenet of our American heritage. And we are also ignoring a highly important political fact of life in a representative republic such as ours.

The principle which we overlook under these circumstances is that, under our democratic, republican system of government, under that system which we have inherited and which we maintain and defend and strive always to improve, personal liberty neither means nor implies unbridled license to do what we want to when we want to as we want to.

Our rights as citizens are curbed, our individual freedoms are curtailed by ourselves out of respect for the rights and freedom of others.

This conscious circumscription of the extent to which we are allowed to manage our own affairs, this abridgment of our individual actions we freely impose upon ourselves for the safety and the security and the happiness of all. We deliberately delimit the scope of our liberties in order to preserve those liberties vital and intact.

The essential political fact of life to which we in this country are too often blind is simply that in a representative democracy we are our own government.

This is an actuality of citizenship in the United States which we Americans apparently are unable to keep in our sight. Perhaps this situation is a case of our being too close to the forest to see the trees.

But whatever the reason, it is nevertheless unfortunately true that to many of us government as such means more

than a nebulous, unreal, and rather incomprehensible concept at which we rail and inveigh when things go wrong. We fail to realize that essentially government is an instrument of our own creation to be understood, appreciated, and, if necessary, to be altered.

Actually, of course, as Charles Evans Hughes once so lucidly and memorably expressed it, ". . . government is not something apart from us, or above us . . . it is we ourselves organized in a grand co-operative effort to protect our mutual rights and to secure common opportunity and improvement."

The core of that utterance, its essential matter, is that government is "we ourselves organized" for a specific purpose. Mr. Hughes was giving eloquent re-expression to the basic democratic doctrine that, far from constituting the be-all and the end-all of life, government is merely a tool fashioned by the people themselves to serve them in their pursuit of happiness.

Government is we ourselves. In a democracy such is the reality of the situation which we would seek to ignore.

When we grumble at "The Government," it is ourselves at whom we grumble. And when we complain of excessive governmental regulation and control and refer bitterly to governmental intervention in our affairs and governmental regimentation of our lives, it is only ourselves of whom we complain. We—you and I—are responsible. And we—you and I—are at blame.

For we, the American people, through the exercise of our right to vote, are the only people on the face of the earth who can name our representatives in our local, state, and national governments. And we the American people, through the free expression of our opinion, are the only people on the face of the earth who can determine what laws and what statutes will be enacted, modified, or repealed by those officials whom we have elected to do our bidding.

An interesting corollary of these



truths, and one of which we are only rarely aware, logically suggests itself at this point.

The effects produced by the democratic procedures just reviewed are produced both positively and negatively—positively when we do vote and when we do express our opinion on current affairs and negatively when we stay away from the polls on election days and when we neglect to make public our views on the issues before us.

Whenever, therefore, officials are elected and laws are enacted as a result of this negative process, as a result of our failure to act, the kind of government we get we get by default. We are, however, still responsible. And we are, indeed, all the more at blame.

Of all the grave social, economic, and political problems with which we are confronted today, one exists which has been the subject of our consideration for almost a generation and which in recent years has become ever more formidable. It is a problem which we are still a long way from solving.

This problem arises from the conflict between the modern idea that government is substantially responsible for the welfare of its citizens and the traditional American idea that government must insist on the preservation of the freedom of the individual.

How can we reconcile these two popular, praiseworthy, but apparently anti-

worked in New York City as a statistician and later held the post of assistant to the State Budget Director under Governor William H. Vanderbilt for two years. During the war he was a Lieutenant in the Navy, commanding a PT boat and was decorated for bravery in action.

Dean is a member of the new High School Commission, Secretary of the Public Health Nursing Association, Vice-President of the Community Chest, President of the Board of Trustees of St. Spyridon's Hellenic Orthodox Church and a member of several civic, fraternal and veterans' organizations. Since his graduation from Law School in 1947 he has been practicing law.

thetical concepts? To what degree and by what methods can government proceed in ensuring for the governed the full and good life without jeopardizing the inviolability of the liberties of the governed?

Many of us sincerely fear that the state is already encroaching perilously on the freedom of the individual in its present procedures designed to create those conditions under which the individual can enjoy full employment at high income, security in his old age, adequate medical care, access to competent educational facilities, et cetera.

Others just as sincerely feel that the approaches government is adopting to achieve these obviously socially and economically desirable goals are safe and sound and carry with them no serious threat to individual liberty.

In any event, this situation poses for the American people an exceedingly acute dilemma. This dilemma, however, paradoxically is one for which all of us in this country should be profoundly grateful.

For ours is a problem which is peculiar only to a democracy. In an authoritarian state no such difficulty is encountered simply because of the fact that the freedom of the individual is not of political significance under a totalitarian government.

Here in this nation, however, such freedom is of immeasurable importance. And although it may render more onerous and more rigorous the burdens of citizenship, at the same time this freedom of the individual ensures for us the blessings and the privileges of decision and choice.

And according to how wisely we decide and how well we choose in all the issues and all the problems which beset us will depend the character and the caliber and the competence of our government. This is our democratic heritage and our democratic future. Government in the United States is we ourselves organized.

## Republicans Endorse Dean J. Lewis for Mayor of Newport, R. I.

Dean J. Lewis, prominent member of the Newport, R. I. chapter of the Order of Ahepa, was endorsed by the Republican City Committee as its candidate for Mayor of Newport.

Brother Lewis is a graduate of Rogers High School and of Harvard University and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Lewis of Newport. He is married and has three children.

After graduating from Harvard, he

### SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE BOOKS

It is urgently requested that all members of the Order of Ahepa who have not yet made returns of Scholarship Drive Books which they have sold, or subscriptions, should do so at once, sending same to the Ahepa National Headquarters, 1420 K Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

Supreme Treasurer George Geroulis who was Chairman of the Scholarship Fund Drive is anxious to have all monies collected by the members sent to Headquarters promptly so as to make the final report and close the books of the Drive.

## Papanicolas Establishes New Chapter

Past District Governor George Papanicolas of No. 3, member of Chapter No. 236, Washington, D. C. early this year organized a new chapter in Alexandria, Virginia, which was named the Mount Vernon No. 370. He was ably assisted by Past District Governor Spiros Versis and Brothers Anthony Summar and Christ Latsios.

The following were elected officers of the chapter:

Gus Souris—President.

Gus C. Summar—Vice-President.

Daniel Vasilas—Secretary.

Gus Kyriacos—Treasurer.

Board of Governors—John Craten, Chairman; Harry Davis, James D. Davis; Christ Constantine and John Thodos.

Appointed Officers—John Callas, Captain of the Guards; Thomas A. Melletis, Warden; Arthur J. Craten, Chaplain; Gus Kutrotsos, Inside Sentinel and Charles Hondros, Outside Sentinel.



AT INSTITUTION OF MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER NO. 370 IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Left to right: John Callas, Gus S. Souris, President of the newly formed chapter, Christ Latsios and Past District Governor George Papanicolas, organizer of the new Ahepa unit.

### ATTENTION

District and Chapter Secretaries  
and  
Editors of District Publications

You are invited to send news and stories of your chapters and districts for publication in *The Ahepan*. Special articles and interesting features will be given consideration. Mail your contributions to Headquarters or directly to the Editor, George Dimas, 105 Haven Avenue, New York 32, N. Y. Where pictures accompany story, original photographs should be sent to facilitate the making of the cut.

## Ancient Greece Lives Again In Our Times. Civilization Doesn't Die But It Migrates.

Ahepa spelled out means "American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association," a long name for a worthy fellowship here in the United States of young folk and old folk who are Greeks by birth or kinship.

Modern Greece is so beset by the vicissitudes of war and the pressure of alien forces upon it, that the time seems far away and nebulous when ancient Greece was the brilliant star of civilization.

After the Aegean prelude, Athens and Sparta, city-states, dominated the Near East from 1000 B. C. to 300 B. C. when deterioration and dispersion befell them. For seven centuries the Greek intellect and Hellenic culture lighted the heavens and shone brightly to all points of the compass.

Sophocles and Euripedes gave us the drama, Demosthenes oratory, Socrates the modern educational method, Plato the ideal republic, Solon and Pericles taught the world freedom and made government a rule by the people.

Those were centuries of splendor, and great their contributions to the modern world.

When dictatorship took over Greece lost its freedom, while others grasped power by conquest and in the restless movements of empire.

But civilizations do not die. They migrate. They shuffle off the old skin to surprise death with fresh youth.

Thus the learning of Greece enshrined in precious manuscripts was lost and buried during the dark ages, only to come to life again as civilization moved with the sun, and Greek culture became the bright morning of the western world.

In France it was the renaissance, in England the enlightenment. Out of the rediscovery of the Greek manuscripts came a new intellectual eagerness, and the great universities of Europe stand to this day lasting testimonials to the Hellenic gift of knowledge.

The English language is littered with Greek words, our philosophies are studded with Hellenic concepts, our government takes even its name from the Greek word democracy. And from the wall of every doctor's office, in luminous phrasing, looks down upon the miracles of modern medicine and

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mander of the Second Army with headquarters in Ft. Meade, Md.

In his address the General stated "whether by cold or hot war, communism must be destroyed and the sooner the better. Communism is a ruthless enemy, it plays no rules. We have seen in Greece that the communists even shot their own wounded. Greece set an example to the world what a courageous people can do to defeat communism. It was first in Greece that the line of western civilization was held in bloody war against world communism."

### THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The Cleveland Convention Committee in charge of the successful conclave was headed by Past District Governor Constantine G. Gatsos and veteran Ahepan stalwart Nicholas Copanos with Nicholas Jamieson as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Thomas Tsiros, President of the Cleveland Chapter was General Secretary and Gus Pasalis, General Treasurer. Past District Governor John Kras was Chairman of Publicity and Mary Kappos Executive Secretary.

surgery the still living oath of Hippocrates.

Ahepa, today's resurgence in this land of the Hellenic spirit, held district convention in Rockford over the weekend. The event brought to us distinguished Greeks.

George Kapsambelis, royal minister, came from Chicago. His Grace Michael put aside the heavy duties elsewhere as archbishop of North and South America in order personally to pronounce the invocation, and to give the benediction of his high office in the Greek Orthodox church.

The grand banquet of the order of Ahepa was brilliant and crowded Sunday night. It took over the vast sweep of lounges and dining rooms on the 11th floor of the Faust hotel.

During three and one-half hours there were feasting and the fervor of speech. And later on the young men and women took possession of the polished floors to dance in such gaiety as must have entranced the youth of Athens 25 centuries ago.

Timeless the circle of life. Nothing dies. There is no end, but a merry-go-round of vital forces forever coming to the surface of the centuries.

That which was Greece 2,500 years ago was lost and buried. It has had its resurrection elsewhere,—its bright morning once again.—Barney Thompson, *Rockford Register-Republic*.

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## Lexington Girl, Queen of Annual May Festival



Miss Soula Margurites being crowned Queen of the May Festival at Middletown, Ohio.

Miss Soula Margurites of Lexington, Ky. was crowned Queen of the Fourth May Festival sponsored by the Middletown Chapter No. 209 of the Order of Ahepa which was held at the Manchester Hotel of that city last May. Miss Margurites, a sparkling, vivacious beauty, paraded with several other young women from various districts before a panel of distinguished judges to gain the coveted award.

Judges were Mrs. Holland Krise, fashion expert of Nikesdes Furriers, Dayton, Ohio; Miss Eileen Hoelle, fashion co-ordinator of television station WHIO-TV, Dayton and Potter Stewart, Cincinnati Councilman. After judging Miss Margurites Queen, the judges chose Miss Stella Jonson, Middletown's candidate, as lady-in-waiting. Other contestants then became attendants to the queen.

With all the pomp and ceremony of a by-gone era the floor was cleared for the ceremony. At one end of the ballroom was a raised platform on which

was the throne. A lattice arbor adorned with blossoms made an attractive background. As the hour for the crowning rite approached, tall seven branch candelabra containing white tapers were placed at intervals to form an aisle. Red satin ribbons radiated from one candelabra to the other.

Leading the colorful procession were the trumpeters, followed by the pages. Then the royal couples carrying huge sprays of flowers made their way to the throne. Here the court jesters made their entrance and did their part to steal the show. At this point the King, Andreas Polites of Lexington, made his way to the throne alone. Next appeared the crown bearers. The Queen made her entrance and joined the King at the throne. Climax of the impressive ceremony was the crowning after which the band struck up a waltz and the King and Queen descended from the throne. As they whirled gracefully across the floor, the royal couples joined them in the brilliant parade.

## Demosthenes Chapter of Minneapolis Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

While over fifty members of Demosthenes Chapter looked on, a huge birthday cake with 25 lighted candles was wheeled into the lodge room at the last pre-convention meeting of Demosthenes Chapter. As President James Demos stepped up to cut the first slice of cake on behalf of the Chapter, there was a lump in the throat of many Ahepans as they recalled how the past 25 years has seen the growth of Demosthenes Chapter from birth to manhood.

It was in the fall of 1924 that the Supreme Governor of the Order of Ahepa visited Minneapolis for the first time. During his visit eight members of the community met with him for the purpose of establishing a local chapter. Enthusiasm ran high and by April of 1925, Minneapolis saw the birth of Demosthenes Chapter No. 66 Order of Ahepa. For years meetings were held in the Masonic Temple Building at 6th and Hennepin, and later moved to the present lodge rooms in St. Marv's Hall.

By the early 1930's the Daughters of Penelope and later the Sons of Pericles were organized. Many outstanding records are held by Demosthenes Chapter, chief of which is its present national rating of having a higher percentage of total members initiated than any other chapter in the Order. During World War II Demosthenes Chapter sold over \$2,000,000 in war bonds for which they received a national citation.

These are but samples of the records set by Demosthenes Chapter in all phases of Ahepa and civic work. On this then, its silver anniversary, we can well be proud of this distinguished organization which has reflected constant credit upon our community, the Order of Ahepa, and the entire City of Minneapolis.

Over 1,000 attended the festival, with visitors from Texas, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, West Virginia and many cities of Ohio. Distinguished guests included Past District Governor John Kras, George Geroulis, National Chairman of the Scholarship Fund, Miss Patricia Anton, District Governor of No. 12 and Mrs. Christine Johnson, representing the Daughters of Penelope of Lexington, Ky.

This magnificent affair was staged under the supervision of George T. Poo-litsan, Konstantine A. Politz and George Manos.

## Chicago Chapter No. 46 Celebrates 25th Anniversary



Demetrios Pappageorge, President of No. 46 introduces V. I. Chebithes to the crowds at Pilsen Park.



Scene from the Classic Festival at Pilsen Park in which such artists as Brothers George Bourlios, Vassos Kanellos and Minas Booras participated.



Past Supreme Pres. Van Nomikos speaking to the thousands of Ahapans and friends at Pilsen Park.

More than three thousand Ahapans and non-Ahapans from the Blue Ribbon District No. 13 honored Chapter No. 46 at Pilsen Park in Chicago on the occasion of the 25th anniversary celebration of the founding of Chicago's mother chapter. Bro. Demetrios Pappageorge president of the chapter was both the organizer and the moving spirit of the celebration and the classic festival which constituted the main event. The festival itself, an adaptation from the Odyssey

of Odysseus' visit to the court of Alcinous, was so stupendous that the local American press devoted full quarter pages to it, and the production was televised twice all over the country by the *Chicago Tribune*.

V. I. Chebithes who installed the chapter twenty five years ago came especially from Washington to participate in the event. Bro. Pappageorge was especially moved to see V. I. Chebithes with whom he toured the South

twenty five years ago spreading the gospel of Ahepa, and he introduced him to the crowds. V. I. delivered the main address on the occasion. His speech was an eloquent exposition of the meaning of Ahepa in general and of the history of the Chicago Chapter No. 46 in particular. His words were greeted with enthusiasm by the thousands present in the park. In a similar vein also spoke Bro. Van Nomikos, Past Supreme President and Chicago's own.

**CHICAGO CHAPTER NO. 46 DONATES 150 GREEK VOLUMES TO CHICAGO UNIVERSITY LIBRARY:** (Left to right) Gus Bellas, treasurer of the chapter; Prof. Ralph Marcus; Prof. Stanley E. Gwynn; Bro. George Bourlios, well-known artist; Herman H. Fussler, director of the library; Prof. John M. Dawson; Demetrios Pappageorge, president of 46; Bro. John Vassos; Bro. John Lambrakis, past president of 46; and Sam Thimos, chapter governor.



In connection with the 25th anniversary which Chicago Chapter No. 46 celebrated this year at Pilsen Park as shown above, the chapter also sponsored a series of cultural events. One such event was an elaborate and artistic Easter party with readings by the famous rhapsodist Brother George Bourlios. The funds realized from this affair were used to buy 150 volumes of the best modern Greek authors which then were donated to the University of Chicago libraries.

### Ahepa Chapter Formed at St. Joseph, Missouri

The last week in June saw the completion of the organization of a new unit of the Order of Ahepa in St. Joseph, Missouri, the name of the new chapter is the *Pony Express No. 378*. Past District Governor V. C. Beskas of the 15th District was one of the organizers of the new lodge.

Twenty-eight new members were initiated on the occasion and elections

were held for officers to carry on for the balance of the year.

The administration consists of the following:

James K. Nikes, Sr.—President.

Tom Nash—Vice-President.

John G. Sarris—Secretary.

James K. Shoras—Treasurer.

The Board of Governors: George Brown, Jack Sakellaris, Tom Athans, George Chouckas and Nick Shoras.

The Appointed Officers are: George I. Sarris, Chaplain; George Seliotes, Warden; William Nikes, Captain of the Guard and Theodore Maggas and John Vassos, Sentinels.

## Melita Chapter Helps Polio Victims

Melita Chapter, No. 119, of Hollywood started its fall philanthropic program by holding a benefit garden party at the home of Past District Governor, Margaret Cardos, with all proceeds going to the Sister Kenny Foundation at the Ruth's Home. The Sister Kenny Auxiliary has recently been organized in southern California and a number of little polio victims are now undergoing this wonderful treatment method. Neighborhood groups of the sisters are having a series of pot luck dinners and then spending the evening preparing scrap books for the children at the Ruth's Home, and the annual jam and jelly shower of Melita Chapter will further aid this worthy project.

Hellenic Cookery of Hollywood, a 92 page book of favorite Grecian and American recipes, has completely sold its first edition, and advance orders indicate that the second edition (published in October) will be fully subscribed by Christmas. Proceeds from the second edition donations will be put in United States Government Bonds.

Melita Chapter has discovered that there are untold possibilities in having a year-round card sale. They have been carrying a complete line of stationery and greeting cards in addition to the usual Christmas line so that monthly contributions from profits have gone into their charity fund. When learning of the fine philanthropic work carried on by this Hollywood group, the dealer from whom they purchase their cards gave them his profit as well on the sales they made during one month's time.

President Aglaia Zafiris, her officers and committee chairmen have been able to submit consistently active and progressive reports from Melita Chapter of Hollywood.

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spoke on behalf of the "Orphans and underprivileged children of Greece." The "highlight" of the afternoon was the spectacular fashion show presented by Dorothy Farrier's Modeling School with Armista Scoville as commentator. The professional and talented danseuse Gladys Steele, performed several numbers. Emily Tripodes added to the very delightful affair with her violin selections.

Everyone expresses their gratitude for the work performed by the various committees; Effie Choppelas, Anne Psaltis, Beatrice Lourentzos, Stamo Desalernos, Helen Sutsos, Irene Simmons, Ethel Janakes, Marie Petros.

## THANKS, MR. PAST SUPREME TREASURER

Dear Brother Thevos:

I wish to congratulate you on your election as Supreme President of our Order.

I have no doubt that your second term will be even more successful than your first one because the active participation of the Order in the displaced persons arrival to this country will be a credit to your administration and will have a favorable effect on the moral standing of the Order.

I was sorry not to be able to attend the Convention this year due to extra work which I had to do on account of my three months absence in Greece. If I were there I would not have hesitated to ask for the floor in order to praise the man who represented the Order in such a dignified manner as Commander and Chief of the Ahepa Excursion. He has done a good job and I hope the delegates thanked him for that.

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. Thevos and you.

Faternally and cordially yours,  
A. G. Georgiades

## DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

The most important legislation enacted affecting the Daughters of Penelope was the amending of the Constitution to wit: "That the Maids of Athens be the Junior Order of the Daughters of Penelope." Thus, the Maids of Athens have been placed completely under the jurisdiction of the Daughters of Penelope.

## Guest Coffee

Rich body, Pleasing aroma,  
Exquisite flavor.



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## Reactivation Of Yorkville Chapter No. 148

Supreme President John G. Thevos and Past District Governor John Kras recently succeeded in reactivating the Yorkville Chapter No. 148 of Ohio. The name of the re-organized chapter was changed to Belmont No. 148 and the seat of the chapter moved from Yorkville to Martins Ferry. At the initiation ceremony at the church hall of the "Zoidohos Pighe" at Martins Ferry the following eight candidates were inducted: James J. Georgelis, George C. Stratas, Ernest T. Frangos, George N. Menedis, Rev. George Papaloukas, George Gianaris, Steve Georgelis and George Kefalos.

The following were re-instated or transferred to the chapter:

John Georgelis, Gust Maistros, Minorcretos Manolakakis, Christ G. Velas, George J. Lillikos, Stefanos Kargatzis, Steve Benis and John Stakias.

Other members of the chapter are: Paul N. Economos, Dan Alexander, Paul Kantzes, George Kademenos, Nicholas Gerolimos, Steve Koucoumaris, Michael Stratas. Thus the chapter has a membership at the present time of 23 members in good standing.

Past District Governor John Kras of Cleveland presided at the initiation assisted by A. W. Petropoulos of Wheeling, West Va. as Vice-President; Supreme President John G. Thevos as Secretary; Peter Arslain of Wheeling as Warden; Gust Maistros of Martins Ferry as Chaplain and Mike Costas, President of the Wheeling Chapter, as Captain of the Guards.

District Governor Stratigos of Buckeye No. 11 was also present.

The following were elected to carry on for the balance of the year: Christ G. Velas, President; Ernest Frangos, Vice-Pres.; George Kefalos, Secretary and John Georgelis, Treasurer.



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**The Origin of the Ahepa  
In Australia**

Dear Brother Thevos:

In reading your annual report to the Cleveland Convention, on pages 61 to 63 "Ahepa in Australia" you read the correspondence you had with Mr. P. N. Aroney, Supreme President, Order of Ahepa in Australia, in which a mutual desire was expressed for recognition and closer relationship between the two Ahepa Bodies.

At a sudden intermission of your reading this report, if you recall, I asked you if you knew the Origin of Ahepa in Australia and you answered me "No." Then I asked you to give me two minutes that I might tell the Convention the story of the Origin of Ahepa in Australia, and although you consented, the Government representatives on Displaced Persons were awaiting to be introduced and the opportunity was lost.

In order that the record may be kept straight, and both bodies be informed, the following is the story of the Origin of Ahepa in Australia:—

"It was in 1942, when Brother Dr. George D. Tsoulos, past President of North Shore Chapter No. 94 (1930) was serving in the U.S.A. Army in Melbourne, Australia, where he met Mr. Floros Demetrie, a well-to-do Greek-Australian, to whom he explained the benefits of Ahepa to the Greeks of U.S.A.

They agreed that such an organization would be beneficial to the Greeks of Australia and could be called the Australian-Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

Dr. Tsoulos wrote to me, as Secretary of his Chapter, explaining the Australian necessity and asked me to send him two copies of the Ritual and Constitution of Ahepa. That I did promptly.

Dr. Tsoulos then initiated a group of Greek-Australians into the Ahepa and established the first Chapter in Melbourne. From the originals, many copies of the Constitution and Ritual, have been reprinted.

Later Dr. Tsoulos proceeded with the American Army to the Philippines until the end of the War, but kept no contact with the Australians.

In February 1949, Mr. George Kinas of Melbourne was visiting relatives in Chicago and mentioned that he belonged to a Melbourne Chapter, that they had several Chapters in Australia and about 600 to 700 members."

That is the story of the Origin of

**GEORGE JONES, AMERICAN**

George Jones was a typical American youth—pleasant, polite, studious and interested in military life. He was like the nice son of the folks up the street, one you liked to see make his mark in life. He went to Central High School here and his proficiency in the one thing near his heart won him the cadet colonelcy of the R.O.T.C. He entered the army and became a lieutenant in the air force. Two years ago he was sent to Japan with the army of occupation in Japan. In the country of our former enemy he showed his caliber by organizing Scout groups among Japanese boys and girls, teaching English in a Japanese school and assisting in the program of a deaf and dumb school.

After being mustered out of the service, he decided to make the army his career and, although he could have had a commission for the asking, felt his best interests would be served as an enlisted man. He was sent to Korea and won promotion to master sergeant on the battlefield. And now his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, have received the news that parents of soldiers ever dread. Their son was killed in action.

Parents and relatives of many other youths from this community, during the two world wars and the fighting in the Far East, have received the grim tidings that their loved ones have made the supreme sacrifice. Many gold stars have been sent here to grieving fathers and mothers, so the case of George Jones is not an isolated one.

But in the background of George Jones we find something that, in a sense, sets him apart. Not so many years ago his father arrived in America and in St. Joseph, an immigrant from Greece, that land which has furnished us with so many splendid and patriotic citizens. No other race, it would seem, assimilates more quickly the customs of its adopted land and assumes the full responsibility of citizenship. In the last two wars youths of Greek descent were among the first to volunteer and to fight for the country of their choice.

And among those whose valor was proven on the field of battle have been young men of Greek blood. They were real Americans, just as worthy of that distinguished rank as the scion of some family whose members had been citizens for a century or more. That is why we today proudly hail George Jones, who proved himself American to the core. He was one of the finest products of the melting pot we call the United States.—From *St. Joseph (Mo.) Gazette, October 2, 1950.*

Ahepa in Australia. Brother Dr. George D. Tsoulos' address is 10 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, and I suggest that you call on him on your next visit to Chicago.

Brother Aroney can also verify the story from Brother Demetrie of Melbourne, if he does not already know.

Fraternally yours,  
PAUL L. ALEXANDER.

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## In Memoriam

- GEORGE ALEXANDER**, Garfield Chap. No. 203 Chicago, Ill., July 12, 1950.  
**JAMES ALEXANDER**, Jacksonville, Fla. No. 8, April 8, 1950.  
**GEORGE D. ALLEN**, Lexington, Ky. No. 256, June 28, 1950.  
**NICK ANASTAS**, Kansas City, Kan. No. 372, July 13, 1950.  
**NICHOLAS ANASTASIOU**, Keene, N. H. No. 278, April 3, 1950.  
**TED ANDRE**, Toledo, Ohio No. 118, Date unreported.  
**PANAYIOTIS A. ANDREPOULOS**, Everett, Wash. No. 256, July 7, 1950.  
**GUST A. ANDROS**, Seattle, Wash. No. 177, March 5, 1950.  
**DEMOCLAS ANGELOPOULOS**, Norwich, Conn. No. 110, June 8, 1950.  
**ANTHONY ANTONAKOS**, Chicago, Ill. No. 46, March 24, 1950.  
**ARISTIDES (HARRY KOUSOULAS)**, Woodlawn Chap. No. 93 Chicago, Ill., July 23, 1950.  
**PETER ASKOUNIS**, New Castle, Pa. No. 87, April 22, 1950.  
**THOMAS P. ASTRENEDES**, North Shore Chap. No. 94 Chicago, Ill., May 25, 1950.  
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**SPIROS BACKUS**, Seattle, Wash. No. 177, April 22, 1950.  
**FOTIOS K. BERRIS**, Hollywood, Calif. No. 318, December 9, 1949.  
**JOHN JAMES BRAVOS**, Los Angeles, Calif. No. 152, March 11, 1948.  
**ANGELO J. CANNON**, Seattle, Wash. No. 177, May 9, 1950.  
**JOHN CAPPAS**, Garfield, Chap. No. 203 Chicago, Ill., June 3, 1950.  
**GABRIEL CARABATEAS**, Delphi Chap. No. 25, New York, N. Y. April, 1950.  
**THEODORE E. CARAVELLAS**, Washington Chap. No. 31 Washington, D. C., May, 1950.  
**EMMANUEL CAREKLAS**, St. Louis, Mo. No. 53, April 21, 1950.  
**APOSTOLOS B. CASCAMBAS**, Newport, R. I. No. 245, May 2, 1950.  
**PETER D. CAVADIAS**, Raleigh, N. C. No. 10, July 17, 1950.  
**PETER D. CHAKOS**, Birmingham, Ala. No. 3, May 27, 1949.  
**JOHN CHIKOS**, Bridgeport, Nebr. No. 168, March 17, 1950.  
**JAMES CHRIST**, Great Falls, Montana No. 229, June 5, 1950.  
**STEFANOS CHRISTOPHER**, Edmonton, Alta., Canada No. C3-10, February 21, 1950.  
**LOUIS CHRISTOPOULOS**, Providence, R. I. No. 106, May 12, 1950.  
**CHARLES CHUCALES**, Portsmouth, Ohio No. 12, May 25, 1950.  
**CHRIST J. COLOCOSUIS**, Brockton, Mass. No. 57, April 4, 1950.  
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**JAMES A. COLOUKIS**, Everett, Wash. No. 256, April 2, 1950.  
**JAMES G. COLOVOS**, Ann Arbor, Mich. No. 195, June 1, 1950.  
**THEODORE J. CONSTANTINE**, New London, Conn. No. 250, July 15, 1950.  
**MICHAEL CONLISS**, Wilmington, Del. No. 95, June 21, 1950.  
**DEMETRIOS COSMAS**, Birmingham, Ala. No. 3, April 21, 1950.  
**CHARLES D. COSTAS**, Golden Gate Chap. No. 150 San Francisco, Calif., April 18, 1950.  
**NICHOLAS P. DAMIANAKES**, Oakland, Calif. No. 171, August 30, 1950.  
**PETER DAOUTAKOS**, Lowell, Mass. No. 102, August 7, 1950.  
**PETER DARZAS**, Peoria, Ill. No. 234, April 4, 1950.  
**REV. BASIL DEMERROUTIS**, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada No. C3-5, February 24, 1950.  
**JAMES A. DEMETRAKOPOULOS**, Pittsburgh, Calif. No. 269, October 10, 1949.  
**CONSTANTINE DEMOS**, Detroit, Mich. No. 40, March 8, 1950.  
**TONY JOHN DEMOPULOS**, Houston, Texas No. 29, February 18, 1950.  
**GEORGE D. DEMOS**, Minneapolis, Minn. No. 66, June 14, 1950.  
**GEORGE A. DENTISTE**, Greensboro, N. C. No. 257, June 14, 1950.  
**THEOPHANIS DERVOS**, Worcester, Mass. No. 80, April 12, 1950.  
**GEORGE DEVAKOS**, Washington Chap. No. 21 Washington, D. C., March 25, 1950.  
**NICK DIAMANTOPOULOS**, Oakland, Calif. No. 171, March 31, 1950.  
**JOHN DUMAS**, San Bernardino, Calif. No. 302, May 8, 1950.  
**HIPOCRATES C. DUESLAS**, North Shore Chap. No. 94 Chicago, Ill., July 31, 1950.  
**PETER FILARIS**, Toledo, Ohio No. 118, April 13, 1950.  
**AGATHOCLES N. GAGANIS**, Charleston, W. Va. No. 309, June 5, 1950.  
**GEORGE GALANE**, Plainfield, N. J. No. 114, July 8, 1950.  
**GEORGE J. GENIS**, Walsenburg, Colo. No. 173, July 31, 1950.  
**ANTHONY GEORGE**, Newport News, Va. No. 241, April 25, 1950.  
**PANTELIS N. GIANNIRAKIS**, Welrton, W. Va. No. 103, July 22, 1950.  
**SPRIDON P. GIATRAS**, Kansas City, Mo. No. 73, June 11, 1950.  
**PETER GLAVAS**, San Diego, Calif. No. 223, May 21, 1950.  
**GUST GORZEUS (GORGOLIDES)**, Washington Chap. No. 31 Washington, D. C., July 6, 1950.  
**GEORGE GRAPHOS**, Marquette, Mich. No. 254, June 8, 1950.  
**PETE GREGORY**, Seattle, Wash. No. 177, April 14, 1950.  
**GEORGE A. GRIPARIS**, Joliet, Ill. No. 131, May 17, 1950.  
**GEORGE MILTON GRIVAS**, Shreveport, La. No. 8, April 8, 1950.  
**ANASTASIOS G. HAGGIN**, New Bedford, Mass. No. 101, May 30, 1950.  
**THOMAS HAGIAVRAM**, Boston, Mass. No. 24, July 17, 1950.  
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**JACK G. JALEPES**, Washington Chap. No. 31 Washington, D. C., April 21, 1950.  
**MICHAEL C. JONES**, Pindus Chap. No. 254 New York, N. Y., July 21, 1950.  
**THOMAS KALOUDES**, Washington, Pa. No. 156, July, 1949.  
**GEORGE KARADANIS**, Denver, Colo. No. 145, June 10, 1950.  
**ANDREW KARONES**, Albuquerque, N. M. No. 174, March 26, 1950.  
**LOUIS KARLIS**, Chehalis, Wash. No. 262, May 18, 1950.  
**DEMETRIOS KATOTAKIS**, Modesto, Calif. No. 246, May 17, 1950.  
**ANGELO D. KATSOGIANNIS**, Garfield Chap. No. 203 Chicago, Ill., July 22, 1950.  
**HARRY P. KERKONDIS**, Muncie, Ind. No. 13, May 19, 1950.  
**PETE KLENTOS**, Tulsa, Okla. No. 13, May 19, 1950.  
**STYLIANOS KLUVAKIS**, Fresno, Calif. No. 151, Unreported.  
**JOHN KONSTANTAKIS**, San Jose, Calif. No. 251, Unreported.  
**JOHN P. KONSTANTOPOULOS**, Denver, Colo. No. 331, June 11, 1950.  
**STEVE KOSMADAKIS**, Price, Utah No. 185, May 17, 1950.  
**EPSTRATIOS KOULOURIS**, Boston, Mass. No. 24, May 4, 1950.  
**ADAM KOUPFORIRIS**, Long Beach, Calif. No. 342, July 5, 1950.  
**GEORGE KOUTSOPANAGOS**, Chicago, Ill. No. 46, March 28, 1950.  
**JOHN W. KOUTSOUBOS**, Fort Worth, Texas No. 19, July 26, 1950.  
**GEORGE P. KOUVAS**, Waco, Texas No. 328, June 5, 1950.  
**NICK KRITICOS**, Houston, Texas No. 29, May 14, 1950.  
**ANDREW LEFTAKIS**, North Shore Chap. No. 94 Chicago, Ill., September 8, 1950.  
**THOMAS LEWIS**, Moline, Ill. No. 120, July 4, 1950.  
**GUST T. MADOUROS**, Long Beach, Calif. No. 342, April 26, 1950.  
**GEORGE MAKOS**, West Palm Beach, Fla. No. 18, May 25, 1950.  
**CHARLES MALEVITIS**, Woodlawn Chap. No. 93 Chicago, Ill., March 23, 1950.  
**NICKOLAS MANIATAS**, South Bend, Ind. No. 100, June 11, 1950.  
**NICK MANOLIS**, Aberdeen, S. D. No. 249, July 20, 1950.  
**HARRY L. MANOS**, Cheyenne, Wyo. No. 211, March 26, 1950.  
**CONSTANTINE MANTIS**, Springfield, Ohio No. 247, September 12, 1950.  
**MIKE MARINES**, Duluth, Minn. No. 267, February 18, 1950.  
**SOTOS P. MARIOLIS**, New York, N. Y. No. 254, May 10, 1950.  
**CONSTANTINE MELAKOS**, West Palm Beach, Fla. No. 18, June 22, 1950.  
**PETER G. MELONAS**, Harvey, Ill. No. 318, June 21, 1950.  
**GEORGE MICHAEL**, Springfield, Mass. No. 83, May 5, 1950.  
**JOHN MICHAEL**, Akron, Ohio No. 63, August 9, 1950.  
**HARRY A. MILER**, Houston, Texas No. 29, March 21, 1950.  
**GUST MONOS**, Pueblo, Colo. No. 160, March 11, 1950.  
**NICHOLAS MOSKOVITES**, Lowell, Mass. No. 102, May 28, 1950.  
**KYRIAKOS D. MOURIKIS**, Memphis, Tenn. No. 7, June 7, 1950.  
**MICHAEL NIARKOS**, Uniontown, Pa. No. 118, May 23, 1950.  
**NICHOLAS (KISSOPOULOS) JONES**, Meriden, Conn. No. 126, August 28, 1950.  
**PETE NICOLACOPOULOS**, Memphis, Tenn. No. 7, July 25, 1950.  
**JOHN P. NOTARAS**, Fond du Lac, Wisc. No. 49, July 11, 1950.  
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**EPITHIMIOS PANAGIOTOPOULOS**, Haverhill, Mass. No. 39, July 31, 1950.  
**GEORGE D. PANOS**, Charlotte, N. C. No. 2, June 8, 1950.  
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**ANDREW N. PAPPAS**, Camden, N. J. No. 69, February 12, 1950.  
**GEORGE PAPPAS**, Santa Barbara, Calif. No. 243, June 10, 1950.  
**GEORGE J. PAPPAS**, Hammond, Ind. No. 123, April 7, 1950.  
**GUST PAPPAS**, Seattle, Wash. No. 177, April 22, 1950.  
**JAMES J. PAPPAS**, North Shore Chap. No. 94 Chicago, Ill., September 8, 1950.  
**JOHN PAPPAS**, Huntington, W. Va. No. 307, August 13, 1950.  
**PETER PAPPAS**, Sioux Falls, S. D. No. 190, May 17, 1950.  
**PETER A. PAPPAS**, Ann Arbor, Mich. No. 195, July 18, 1950.  
**GEORGE PAPAVALILOU**, Las Vegas, Nev. No. 314, March, 1950.  
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**GEORGE PLASTES**, Moline, Ill. No. 120, February 2, 1950.  
**DAN PONTIKES**, Milwaukee, Wisc. No. 43, March 17, 1950.  
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**SAM FRANGOS (FRANK)**, Des Moines, Iowa No. 192, May 16, 1950.  
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I wish you good  
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J. Howard McSpaath  
Attorney General

## From the Ambassador of Greece

The Ahepa has again demonstrated its great vitality by undertaking to assist in the movement of Greek displaced persons to the United States. The recognition of the Ahepa by the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the Department of State is proof of its high standing in the United States.

With the passage of the act, it is obvious to all that some intermediary agency would be needed to help solve some of the many difficulties which would confront Greek displaced persons seeking to qualify for entry under the act. As we all know, each displaced person must provide his own travel expenses, his own incidental expenses in reaching the United States, and must be able to guarantee that he will have work and shelter waiting for him upon his arrival. This is not too difficult a task for the displaced person who has a relative or friend in this country ready, willing and able to provide all of the necessary guarantees required by the law. But what of the displaced person who otherwise qualifies but has no one in this country willing to sponsor him?

It is here that private organizations, the Church, and others, can be of great help. It is here that the Ahepa's willingness to act as a voluntary agency assumes its most important proportions.

I should like to take this occasion to congratulate Supreme President John G. Thevos, the other members of the Supreme Lodge, and the entire membership of the Ahepa for having undertaken this complicated work. I should also like to congratulate the members of the displaced persons board, Messrs. George Polos, Louis J. Dukas, James Vera, Nick Copanos, George Papanicolas, Leo Ypsilanti, Chris Anton and Charles Diamond, who have taken on the decisive work of organizing the national problem on a chapter level.

Knowing that the members of the Ahepa are always inspired by a fruitful combination of American idealism and the well-known Greek virtue of solidarity, I feel sure that the Ahepa will be successful in its efforts to bring to the United States the full number of displaced persons authorized to enter under the law.

ATHANASE G. POLITIS,  
Ambassador of Greece



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November 17, 1950

### CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to certify that Order of Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee is accepted for registration with the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the Department of State, effective November 15, 1950, and is assigned Registration No. VFA 058.

Registration No. VFA 058 shall remain valid under the terms of "Acceptance and Termination" in the Conditions of Agency Registration issued September 1, 1948, or any amendments thereto, and until the termination date as established by the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, as amended by Public Law 555 - 81st Congress.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
VOLUNTARY FOREIGN AID

FOR THE CHAIRMAN:

William T. McGowan  
Associate Executive Director

## From the Attorney General of the U. S.

No subject matter exemplifies more graphically the warmth of the heart of the United States of America than that of the Displaced Persons problem which confronts a worried and uncertain world in this period of civilization's history.

Your Government looks upon the Displaced Persons Program as an investment in humanity.

When the General W. M. Black, the first of a fleet of transports, sailed past the beaming Statue of Liberty on Bedloe Island on the afternoon of October 31, 1948, the wanderers of the earth aboard that ship wept with joy, for they knew deep in their hearts that, in a few fleeting moments they would no longer be homeless and oppressed, but would be henceforth safe from persecution.

Since that eventful day when they were welcomed to these shores by our illustrious President, Harry S. Truman, more thousands of orphans, widows, and men have found a haven on our soil. These are no longer referred to as displaced persons, for they are now residents of the United States, with the blessings of a free Country theirs to enjoy and protect and preserve.

It is gratifying to note that ere the law expires in 1952, over 500,000 men, women and children who have been driven from their homes to post in strange lands will have found a haven on American soil. And may the day soon dawn when, with the aid of our Nation, there will be no more displaced persons anywhere.

It is organizations such as AHEPA that have been instrumental in making this humanitarian activity possible; and it is organizations such as yours, together with Federal and State Commissions, volunteer local agencies and patriotic individual sponsors, working in team-like fashion, that have been doing the magnificent job with the newcomers that American society desired.

These new arrivals, forced to flee their countries because of race, religion or national origin, are making a wholesome contribution to the growth of the Nation. Their adjustment to our democratic way of life, with infinitesimal exception, has been extremely satisfactory. They have proven to be persons of excellent character and skill, with a realization of their responsibilities as well as their blessings.

Their industry and ability covers a wide range of occupations—such as farming, construction work, hotel and restaurant operations, physicians, pharmacists, nurses, forestry experts, engineers and architects. A good many of them are working at lesser grades than their highest skills, thus displaying adaptability and good will.

It is realized that a movement of such tremendous proportions cannot be entirely free of complaints, but the overwhelming majority of these people have impressed their sponsors and other workers in the movement with their genuine enthusiasm for the democratic principles upon which our Nation was founded and built, and their eagerness to "make good" in their new home.

As service to mankind has ever been the guiding spirit of your organization, I know the members of the Order of Ahepa will meet this important challenge by happily and ably doing their part of the work that is essential in making the Displaced Persons movement a complete success.

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**AMBASSADOR POLITES LAUDS AHEPA'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF  
DISPLACED PERSONS**

At the Hellenic Embassy in Washington, D. C., Ambassador Athanase G. Polites greets Executive Officers of the Displaced Persons Committee of the Order of Ahepa. Left to right, Mother Lodge member George A. Polos, Chairman; His Excellency the Ambassador; Supreme President John G. Thevos and George Papanicolas, Counsellor of the Displaced Persons Committee.

## The Displaced Persons Committee Outlines Its Program

The Order of Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee has been certified as a voluntary agency by the Advisory Committee on voluntary foreign aid of the United States Government. This action places the Order of Ahepa in a great position of trust and responsibility in aiding the United States Government through the State Department and the United States Displaced Persons Commission in the vast undertaking of effecting the migration and final settlement in the United States of more than 10,000 Greek persons, including orphans. Photostatic copy of the Certificate of Registration is reproduced in this issue as part of this article.

The Ahepa Committee of nine members headed by Mother Lodge member George A. Polos has set in motion the entire program in the 337 chapters of the Order of Ahepa and the 230 chapters of the Daughters of Penelope, as well as the junior auxiliaries of the Sons of Pericles and of the Maids of Athens. The principal office of the committee is at National Headquarters at 1420 K Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C. A

regional office has been opened at the Port of Entry at New York, located at 16 Beaver Street, New York City. The filing of Voluntary Agency forms prepared by the State Department both for displaced persons including those who qualify as preferred non-quota immigrants, and the filing of Voluntary Agency forms for orphans before the Displaced Persons Commission, will be processed by a special staff of competent and trained personnel employed for this purpose by the Order of Ahepa.

Before any consideration can be given to any applicant, two basic elements are necessary: (1) The alien must be a displaced person under the Act; (2) The alien must have a non-tarnished record, free of any communistic ties at background.

No displaced person, and/or his family, can be brought to the United States unless some American, and particularly some American of Greek descent, will assume the burden of giving the alien employment and provide living quarters. This assurance of housing and employment must not deprive any person residing in the United States of

his job or his living quarters. The Order of Ahepa then will certify this application, and based upon affidavits of the individual, will sponsor and issue an agency assurance, which will be honored by the consular officers in Greece.

The Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee intends to speed up the entire process and help to fulfill the goal of 10,000 by no later than June 30, 1951, as set by the law itself.

The United States Government has reposed its confidence in the Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee, and this, in turn, imposes a great trust in the Order of Ahepa. This trust can and will be honored by the Order of Ahepa.

### The Chapter-Mechanics of the Job

We have already requested that each Chapter shall designate its own local Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee whose first duty it will be to raise funds. Simultaneously, this Committee should obtain from the Secretary of the Chapter all pamphlets, circulars and forms sent to the Chapter by Supreme Lodge Headquarters. A study should be made of the law and the rules governing the

program by the Chairman and qualified members of his Committee. Open meetings should be held and the program explained to all Greek-Americans. Churches and other Greek-American groups should be solicited for aid in obtaining funds and sponsors.

Present indications show that very few Greek-Americans have availed themselves of the opportunity to bring their relatives who can qualify as displaced persons into the United States.

The Voluntary Agency which the Order of Ahepa has obtained is the only remaining hope to answer the pleas of the many thousands in Greece who qualify and to complete the entry into the United States of the more than 11,000 displaced persons and orphans set by the Congress of the United States.

### The Tools Are Simple

The *Agency Assurance* in both named and un-named cases which the Ahepa files is a very simplified form which eliminates much red tape to be found in the *Individual Assurance* cases. Once the Ahepa signature is affixed to the form, it is a signal to the Consular authorities in Greece that the Order of Ahepa is the sponsor for the displaced person or orphan. This means that much time will be saved and the Consul will not have to pass upon the financial responsibility of any individual sponsor. In addition to the form, a simple affidavit showing financial responsibility and including an indemnification statement as well as an endorsement by the local Chapter will be provided. The affidavit of financial responsibility will be sealed in a separate envelope by the sponsor prior to its delivery with all other papers to the Chapter Committee and will be opened only by National Headquarters and filed there permanently as a confidential document.

No assurance will be processed by the Order of Ahepa unless the affidavit of financial responsibility and the endorsement of the local Ahepa Chapter are both attached to the "Agency Assurance Form." All these documents in quantity are now available in every chapter.

### What to Do About Sponsors?

Every local Ahepa Committee must canvass all possibilities in their community for obtaining employment without displacing some other person from employment for named and un-named displaced persons. Once this is done, then, adequate housing must be provided without displacing some other persons from such housing. Then and most important, arrangements must be made for the transportation of the alien/s from their residence in Greece to their destination in the United States through the National Ahepa Committee.

In some few cases, where the local Ahepa Chapter Committee will personally certify to the National Committee that the alien/s will have a job and housing upon arrival, the National Committee may issue the Agency Assurance. In these cases, the necessary legal documents guaranteeing and indemnifying the Order of Ahepa will have to be signed personally by a member of the local Committee or any financially responsible member of the Chapter. This is necessary in order to certify that the alien/s will not become a public charge.

The cost of transportation must be collected by the local Committee in the form of a check or draft made payable to National Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee, and the Agency Assurance Form will not be signed by the National Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee until payment in full is received of the amounts listed below which should accompany the form and supporting papers. These funds will be kept in a separate bank account, in trust, by the National Committee until use for the specific purpose of defraying the cost for the emigration of the alien or aliens.

These costs are broken down as follows: Boat transportation—port to port, Greece to the United States, per person—tourist class, \$230.00; children under one year of age, no charge; children between 1 to 12 years of age, one-half fare—\$115.00.

To the above amounts there is a tax of 16½% to be considered. This is a levy of the Greek Government and we are negotiating with the Greek Government now to eliminate this tax. However, all employer-sponsors should be informed of this additional charge, which amounts to \$37.95 and will increase the total cost of transportation to \$267.95 plus of course the \$100 deposit as explained below.

### ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

*In Greece:* Food and pocket money, hotel or housing expenses while awaiting departure at port in Greece, medical and nurse services (if required).

*In the United States:* Food, hotel or housing service while awaiting train connection; pocket money for food on train while en route; hospitalization, surgical, medical expenses in event of sickness on and after arrival in the United States; provision for contingency of death of alien/s, or death, inability or refusal of sponsor to accept alien/s; cost of welfare, emigration and administrative services in Greece; and reception, welfare, resettlement and administrative services in the United States, pro-rated over each alien; Deposit per alien, \$100.00; the boat cost and deposit added together total \$330.00 (exclusive of train fare to point of des-

tinuation in the United States).

To these amounts should be added the cost of railroad transportation, coach or pullman, as required, from New York to the final point of destination. This total amount should then be remitted to the Supreme Lodge Headquarters, accompanied by all forms and documents as described in the above paragraphs. The Order of Ahepa will not sign the Agency Assurance Form and send same to the proper Consular official in Greece until the full amount per alien has been received at Headquarters. From the deposit of \$100.00 refunds will be made by the National Committee Treasury on the basis of the actual cost expended in each individual case after the alien/s' final re-settlement.

### How Can the Employer-Sponsor Be Repaid?

The Order of Ahepa, as sponsor, will obtain a promissory note of the alien/s to repay the employer-sponsor all the costs advanced to said alien/s.

### Why the Minimum Quota for Each Chapter?

The nine members of the National Committee, by unanimous action, decided to raise the sum of \$250,000.00 from the Chapters of the Order. This will mark our Order's direct contribution to the cause. In qualifying before the Department of State as a voluntary agency, your Committee had to make certain definite assurances as to the kind of services we were going to provide. We also had to commit ourselves on what our total budget would be for the coming year. Registration could not have been granted to our Committee if we did not state in detail the facilities which we were to install at the port of entry (in this case New York City) and the opening of offices at Athens and Salonika and the employment of competent personnel to staff these offices and assist the Department of State and the Displaced Persons Commission to do the work.

Simultaneous with the collection of these funds by the Chapters, the job of obtaining employer-sponsors must be instituted. These employer-sponsors will deposit \$100.00 per alien for special expenses of the alien and for their pro-rata share of the administrative expenses.

What happens to the \$250,000.00 raised by the Chapters? These funds will be used to defray the following costs:

1. The greatest portion thereof will be used by the Committee to take care of charity cases, particularly in the case of orphans. The Committee feels that all of the many hundreds of thousands of displaced persons in Greece should have

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# New Orleans Meeting Defines Procedures

John Douglas Reports on the Activities and Actions Taken by the Displaced Persons Conference Held Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1950, in New Orleans

The Supreme President has honored me, John K. Douglas, and the following delegates, namely, Constantine H. Pelias, J. K. Theo, Sam Felos, John B. Grivas and Gregory Kolivas, to act as delegates in behalf of the Ahepa at the above named conference. Of the six that were appointed, three took part in this conference, namely, Douglas, Pelias and Kolivas, the latter of Memphis. Your chief delegate, Douglas, attended all the sessions from the beginning to the adjournment.

The conference began Thursday morning with the Chairman of the Displaced Persons Commission, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Rosenfelt, and Mr. Hertz; also attended by a representative of the State Department, Mr. Burt. After the customary speeches made by the above representatives of the above Commission and the State Department, the Chairman of the Conference, Senator Guy J. D'Antonio, appointed an executive committee to draw up recommendations to be presented to the Conference for adoption and turned over the Displaced Persons Commission in order that they be guided in speeding the program of the Displaced Persons and Orphans, who after June 1st, 1951 (under the present law) will not be permitted to enter. That was the purpose of drawing up these recommendations at this time.

Report by the State Department to the conference was in reference to visas allotted to Greece under the law, which at this time are 10,000; although 10,000 were allotted, only 345 were issued by the State Department up to October 31, 1950. Of this number (345) thirteen were refugees.

The main issue during the second day of the conference was the discussion about the Greek orphans. I had requested Mr. Hertz and the chairman of the convention to make this our order of business for the day. Mr. Hertz of the Commission of Displaced Persons stated from the files of the Commission and the Report of the Greek Government that 167,000 orphans are in the Greek territory. The conference discussed this problem very seriously. Your chief delegate, Douglas, requested the Displaced Persons Commission to give us an explanation as to the Greek Orphans, if the quota was not filled in 1950. The commission chairman explained that another year is allotted for the purpose of filling this quota.

All the delegates who attended this

conference were in full accord with my request in reference to the Greek orphans and they stated that they are willing to help through the district commission officers to assist the Ahepa chapters, the Ahepa volunteer committee or any individual person that might request for the adoption of an orphan in Greece. In this report I wish to commend the following delegates who were very helpful to me and to the Displaced Persons Commission in undertaking this matter on the floor of the conference. I want to thank Mr. Roy Dillon of Oklahoma, Mrs. Jean Benson of New Orleans, Mr. Charles Gage, Chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention, Alabama, Mr. Lowell Black, the Representative of the Governor of Alabama, Miss Elisabeth Gardner, of Tennessee, Msgr. William Castel, Catholic Resettlement Agency, Msgr. E. E. Swanstron, NCWC of New York; also Mr. Ludwig Guchenheimer, Secretary of Welfare, State of Louisiana, Rev. Henry Thessing, Arkansas State Commission, and the Chairman of the Conference, Senator Guy D'Antonio. All the above persons have assured your delegation that they would do everything possible to assist us in the work that we are undertaking, as the Displaced Persons Volunteer Agency for the cause of the Greek orphans in Greece, and to help speed up the quota which is allotted to the Ahepa committee.

I want to express my personal thanks to the Displaced Persons Commission, Mr. O'Connor, Chairman, Mr. Rosenfelt and Mr. Hertz; also Mr. Burt of the State Department. I hope that I have fulfilled your trust in me in representing the Ahepa in this conference.

## Recommendations of the Second Regional Resettlement Conference of the United States Displaced Persons Commission

1. Because it is more economical for the sponsors to have displaced persons brought to New Orleans, we urge that as many boats as possible be disembarked at New Orleans.
2. To secure the additional needed assurances, it is mandatory that displaced persons be supplied to assurances long on file immediately and that further delays in the processing and arrivals be eliminated.
3. We urge that under no circumstances preference given to special assurances shall interfere with the

supply of displaced persons to assurances already at hand.

4. We urge that the control or status cards of the Displaced Persons Commission on individual displaced persons be available to qualified representatives of the voluntary agencies to determine the current status of cases and that the Displaced Persons Commission seek the cooperation of all the participating public and private agencies to provide better methods of keeping interested parties advised of the status of cases.
5. We urge that efforts be made by the Commission through appropriate media such as foreign language newspapers, churches, etc., to influence centers where there are concentrations of displaced persons to refrain from encouraging other displaced persons from leaving their employment and to aid in assuring compliance with the good faith oath. A meeting with the editors of foreign language newspapers in Chicago and Detroit is particularly recommended.

## DISPLACED PERSONS PROGRAM

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an equal chance to come to the United States. As a matter of policy, we do not want to be subject to the charge of discrimination in Greece. As Americans of Greek descent, we are not only interested in our relatives in Greece but administratively we want to bring to the United States as many of the suffering, needy people who qualify under the law. Out of the \$250,000.00 we are going to use as much as possible to bring in as many worthy cases as possible.

2. \$50,000.00 will be set aside as a reserve for a period of at least three years to be used only in cases where aliens brought to the United States under this program might become public charges.

3. \$50,000.00 will be set aside as an additional reserve and as a guarantee against loss by any employer-sponsor who has advanced costs of transportation and who has failed to collect the monies due him from the alien/s because of the death, or deportation of said alien/s.

Let us not delay another minute. Let us get on with the work. Every Chapter Committee should be functioning at top speed and funds and applications should begin to stream into Supreme Lodge Headquarters.

# Historical Facts About The Ahepa in Australia

Supreme President John G. Thevos in his report to the Cleveland Convention for the first time officially brought to the attention of the Order the existence of a similar organization in Australia. In this report there appears an exchange of letters between Brother Thevos and the Supreme President of the Australian Ahepa Brother P. N. Aroney of Brisbane. Since this correspondence was published, considerable interest has been exhibited by many members of our Order as to the actual date of establishment of the Ahepa in Australia.

In the last issue of THE AHEPAN there appeared a letter addressed to the Supreme President by Brother Paul L. Alexander of Chicago. In this communication, Brother Alexander stated that in 1912 while Brother Dr. George D. Tsoulos, past President of North Shore Chapter No. 94 (1930) was serving in the United States Army in Melbourne he met Floros Demetrie, a well-to-do Greek-Australian, to whom he explained the benefits of Ahepa to the Greeks of the U. S. A. They agreed that such an organization would be beneficial to the Greeks of Australia and could be called the Australian-Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. Dr. Tsoulos then wrote to Brother Alexander requesting him to send him copies of the Ritual and Constitution of the Ahepa. Dr. Tsoulos then initiated a group of Greek-Australians into the Ahepa and established the first Chapter in Melbourne. This is the version given by Brother Alexander as to the origin of the Ahepa in Australia.

## Discover Earlier Origin

Recent correspondence between Supreme President Thevos and Brother Aroney proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Ahepa was definitely established in Australia in 1935. The first chapter was instituted at Scone, New South Wales. We have at hand a communication of the meeting of Wednesday October 7, 1936, held at the Tamworth Town Hall (Scone). We reprint part of the President's report of that meeting:

"Dear Brothers,

"Since our last Meeting there has been a new Chapter of our Association formed at Brisbane—Chapter Hellas, No. 2. A petition was sent to the President of the Mother Lodge, requesting that a new Chapter of the Order of AHEPA be established in Brisbane. Our Secretary, Bro. C. Sourris (Stanthorpe) travelled to Brisbane, as also did our worthy Treasurer, Bro. Jas. Sourris (Uralla), Chaplain-Bro. S. Sourris (Ar-



**BRISBANE, SEAT OF THE SUPREME LODGE OF AUSTRALIAN AHEPA**  
Brisbane, the "sunshine capital" of Queensland, Australia, has a population of 400,000, is situated on the Brisbane River, 10 miles from the Pacific Ocean, 300 miles south of the Tropic of Capricorn. The river winds through it somewhat in the manner of the Thames through London. It has magnificent modern buildings, port facilities to handle overseas vessels, is linked with other Australian capitals and the rest of Queensland by road, rail and air. Greater Brisbane, under a City Council, has an area of 375 square miles.

midale), as well as the President, Bro. N. Andronicos (Scone), and on 25th August they were successful in establishing a Chapter there."

Brother Stanley Georgiades of Brisbane, Supreme Secretary of the Supreme Lodge of Queensland, in a communication dated September 25, 1950, and addressed to Brother Thevos presents historical facts concerning the origin of the Ahepa down under. In his letter he states:

"Our Order in Queensland is based on the very same lines as Scone Lodge which was founded in Scone, New South Wales, on the 22nd May 1935. I enclose herewith the constitution and by-laws of the Order and I draw your attention to Article 2A, page 4. On the 25th August 1936 Chapter Hellas No. 2 was instituted in Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland, by the Scone Lodge. We looked upon the Scone Lodge as the Mother Lodge. That is how Chapter Hellas bears the number two. AHEPA thrived in Queensland long before Dr. Tsoulos arrived in Melbourne and established Ahepa there. During the war years the Scone Lodge went out of existence and its Secretary Brother C. Sourris is now affiliated with the Hellas Chapter and is one of its most ardent members. The Officers and Brethren of Chapter Hellas have travelled miles and covered vast distances and expanded Ahepanism right through the entire state of Queensland. The Or-

der of Ahepa was registered in the State of Queensland on the 12th April 1945 under the Religious, Educational and Charitable Institution Act and was signed by the Governor on the advice of the Executive Council and the Letters Patent was issued to the Order."

Brother Georgiades then proceeds to state in his letter that presently he does not wish to deal with the affairs of other units in other states of Australia, or to contradict the statement of Brother Alexander. However, he points out, that if any other units of the Ahepa are to be formed in Australia, permission should be obtained from the Scone Lodge. Whether Dr. Tsoulos obtained permission from the Scone Lodge or from Washington to establish an Ahepa unit in Melbourne, Brother Georgiades is not aware of.

## History of Ahepa in Australia

Further information provided by the Supreme Secretary of the Australian Ahepa is as follows:

"Through the untiring efforts of our Wor. Brother, N. Andronicos, to whom the fraternity expresses gratitude, Ahepa in Australia was born at Scone, New South Wales, in the year 1935, and had the following officers:

N. Andronicos, President  
C. Sourris, Secretary  
J. Zantis, Assistant Secretary

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## ELECTRICITY TO SPELL NEW LIFE FOR GREECE

*The Greek electrification program and its several phases . . . Lighting for rural homes, power for industry and irrigation, and their probable effects on living standards, education and population distribution*

A peaceful revolution is on in Greece. The electrification program begins there this year. Hydroelectric works will rise and harness many rebellious rivers. Lean waters will become fruitful lakes; man-made waterfalls will make turbines turn and whirl and sing. Heat, light and energy will speed along high-tension wires, and from pylon to pylon they will swoot over mountains and gorges in a network zig-zagging like lightning across Greece.

The Greek peasant and his wife will now have a great, new helping hand for their farm chores. Their child in his classroom will gaze at film-strips and educational films; he will hear the radio and learn more easily. On the village square the *cafeneion* will now have a rival in the movies, and television may appear later. Factories will mushroom far from the congested towns, but they will not mar with soot or smoke the majestic landscape of Hellas. Electricity will do the work and give jobs to thousands in a land of many people, of thin earth and scarce timber, a land without coal or oil.

For Greece 1950 should mark the beginning of a new era. After the foreign-

led rebellion, a firm foundation will be set at last for rebuilding the war-torn land, thanks to ECA.

The Greek electrification program will bring into the realm of reality the dream of many Greeks: Tapping their land's hydroelectric resources, estimated at about 5 billion kilowatt hours a year, or about equal to the yearly output of Boulder Dam, and utilizing local lignite ore. Estimates on lignite reserves range as low as 500 million tons and as high as 7,200 million tons.

The first stage is an adaptation to present financial possibilities of the program prepared by an American corporation, EBASCO Services, at ECA's request, and long-range planning under Constantine Doxiades, a brilliant, young architect coordinating reconstruction in Greece. It provides for the construction of three hydroelectric plants considered as favorable for the country's development by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N. in its 1947 report on Greece. The first stage includes, too, the building of a thermo-electric

plant utilizing lignite. This mixed system for electricity production is necessary because in Greece seasonal variations require the erection of plants generating electricity from sources other than waterpower.

The hydroelectric plants on the Vodas River in northern Greece; the Louros River in northwestern Greece and the Lailion River in the Peloponnese, with a combined capacity of 95,000 kilowatts, will generate annually 331 million kilowatt hours. Added to the lignite-burning plant at Chalcis, northeast of Athens, with a capacity of 63,000 kilowatts and a yearly output of 573 million kilowatt hours, these new power plants will give Greece a total of 954 million kilowatt hours annually, twice the amount of kilowatt hours produced in 1949!

These four projects and the network for transmission and distribution of their power will cost \$79 million. Of this sum 55 per cent will be covered by Marshall Plan allocations, including Greek currency from the counterpart fund provided for in ECA agreements; 24 per cent by Italian reparations to Greece in accordance with a financial treaty between Greece and Italy; and 21 per cent by Greek consumers. The workings of the European Reconstruction Program are seldom as well illustrated as here when American aid, national self-help and inter-European cooperation march hand in hand for reconstruction.

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*Artist's conception of Kremasta hydroelectric development to be built on the Acheloos River in central Greece*



## ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM IN GREECE

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The first stage of Greek electrification is expected to end by 1953. By that date Greek consumers will have 116 kilowatt hours of electricity per capita and, by 1960, 170 kilowatt hours, almost three times the 1949 amount of 62 kilowatt hours yearly per head. Compared with the United States figure of 1,900 kilowatt hours per annum, the Greek amount appears small, but the first stage of the Greek electrification program does not exhaust the land's full potential. A second stage is expected to begin with a large power plant on the Acheloos River in central Greece (capacity 130,000 kilowatts). Moreover, if the EBASCO plan is fully followed and an additional \$135 million can be obtained, the power network will be extended to a grand total of 6,710 miles of circuits for transmission and primary and secondary distribution; a thermo-electric plant near Athens, now functioning with liquid fuel, will be converted to lignite; a barging system for lignite transportation will be organized; and necessary additional buildings will be constructed. Greek Government plans envisage ultimately the construction of seven other hydroelectric projects of a total capacity of 310,000 kilowatts.

What will be the results of this bold program for this ancient land? Let us first take agriculture, the occupation of about 60 per cent of the population. Numerous village homes to which evening means darkness or the tremulous light of the candle or paraffin lamp will enjoy electric light for the first time. Electric power will become available to villagers for pumping water from wells, for irrigation, olive-oil presses and refining, flour-mills, community bakeries, ginning cotton and for village industries generally. Agricultural income by 1970 will rise 45 per cent, according to reliable estimates, thanks to new electric power. Higher living standards in Greece, which does not produce enough wheat for its subsistence, nor enough cotton or wool, and no sugar, are a matter of survival.

Greek industry, too, producing mainly textiles and chemicals, will be able to expand. New factories will be created for food processing, for producing metallurgical and chemical goods with Greek ores, pyrite, chromite, magnesit, hauxite, lead or manganese. Nitrogen fertilizer production will be possible with a sufficiently large output of electric power and low enough costs. Thus, industrial progress will promote intensified farming. An increase of 20 per cent is estimated for Greek industry with the new power plants, and Greek labor pro-

ductivity is expected to rise by 50 per cent. And 40 per cent more jobs will be provided for Greece's 336 inhabitants per cultivatable square mile.

As for the country's balance of trade, it will benefit by foreign exchange savings estimated at \$80 million, owing to domestic production of goods formerly imported, by increased exports and by the discontinuation of imports of large amounts of solid and liquid fuels. Considering that imports exceeded exports \$349 million during 1949, the importance of such a saving in foreign exchange is obvious.

More electric power will also mean the possibility of establishing factories away from densely populated Athens, Piraeus and Salonika. The differences between city and countryside will lessen, the growth of cooperative enterprises will be stimulated and the use of audio-visual methods for teaching will improve educational levels.

By raising the Greek people's living standards, electricity will endow with new vigor a land situated at one of the most strategic points of the globe.—

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CITY HALL OF BRISBANE

## HISTORY OF AHEPA IN AUSTRALIA

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J. Sourris, Treasurer

L. Conomos, P. Pheros, Vice-Presidents

A. Christianos, J. Moulos, S. Sourry, H. Fardouly, J. Katsoulis, P. Kipriotis, Governors

Having in mind the ultimate expansion of Ahepa in Australia, the Lodge of Scone came to Brisbane, and in August, 1936, "Hellas Chapter, No. 2," was founded. The ideals and precepts of Ahepa became deeply rooted in the hearts and minds of the rank and file. Their zeal and enthusiasm led subsequently to the formation of five more Chapters throughout Queensland.

After four years of fruitful expansion, the accredited representatives saw fit to form the Supreme Lodge of Ahepa in Queensland. Consequently, in accordance with the Fraternity's Constitution, the first Convention was held in Brisbane in September, 1943. This Convention unanimously elected Wor. Brother P. Aroney as the first Supreme President of Ahepa in Queensland.

Today's progress will be marked in the records of time as a historic event which stands as a pillar of glory and shall forever light the pathway of all generations to come.

### Conclusions

It is therefore established for the record that the Ahepa movement in Australia was founded by Brother N. Andronicos at Scone (Tamworth) New South Wales on May 22, 1935 with the institution of Scone Chapter No. 1. Subsequently the idea spread to the city of Brisbane in the State of Queensland where Hellas Chapter No. 2 was formed. Brisbane is about 350 miles north of Tamworth. As Supreme Secretary Georgiades points out there are now six Ahepa chapters in the state of Queensland. Apparently, the Mother Lodge chapter Scone No. 1 is at present inactive. Concerning the establishment of an Ahepa unit in the city of Melbourne, State of Victoria, by Dr. Tsoulis in 1941 it is evident that due to the great distances involved the Greeks of Melbourne were not aware of the existence of Ahepa chapters in the northern state of Queensland, almost a thousand miles away. We do hope that the Supreme Lodge of Queensland which is the original Ahepa authority in Australia and which has gained legal recognition by the Australian Government as a Fraternal organization will endeavor to expand the Ahepa idea throughout the great Commonwealth and that it will bring under its protective jurisdiction the Ahepa unit in Melbourne.

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## ΠΕΡΙ ΤΟ ΕΡΓΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΑΗΕΡΑ

"Όλοι οι Έλληνες γνωρίζουν την ΑΧΕΠΑ. Φυσικά όχι μόνον εδώ εις την Αμερικήν. Παντού όπου υπάρχουν Έλληνες γνωρίζουν την ΑΧΕΠΑ. Εις την Ελλάδα είναι πασίγνωστος η μεγάλη αυτή Όργανωσις. Τό πρώτο πράγμα πού έκαμεν εντόπιωσιν εις την Ελλάδα ησαν τὰ κόκκινα μεγάλα φέσια πού φοροῦσαν οἱ Ἀχέπανς. Τότε ἦτο ἡ ἀρχὴ τῆς γνωριμίας τῶν Ἑλλήνων τῆς Ἑλλάδος με τοὺς Ἀχέπανς. Ἐφθάναν τ' ἀπρόοπτα εἰς τὸν λιμένα Πειραιῶς ἀπὸ ἐδῶ. Ἐβγαίνουν οἱ Ἀχέπανς ὀπλισμένοι με τὰς κομφὰς ἐνδυμασίας των, ἀλλὰ καὶ με τὰ ὄψηλά καὶ κόκκινα τῶν φέσια. Καὶ ὅλος ὁ κόσμος ἤρχιζε νὰ ὀμιλῇ γιὰ τὰ ξενιτευμένα αὐτὰ παιδιὰ τῆς Ἑλλάδος καὶ γιὰ τὴν ἀφέλεια καὶ καλωσύνη τους.

Σιγά-σιγά με τὴν ἐξάπλωσιν τῆς ΑΧΕΠΑ εἰς ὀλόκληρον τὴν Ἀμερικὴν, ἤρχισαν καὶ αἱ εὐεργεσίαι καὶ αἱ δωρεαὶ τῆς Ὀργανώσεως εἰς πολὺς πόλεις καὶ χωριά τῆς Ἑλλάδος. Πολλοὶ ἔπειτα ἀπὸ τοὺς Ἀχέπανς ἐγύριζαν ζευγαρωμένοι ἀπὸ τὴν Ἑλλάδα ὕστερα ἀπὸ τὸ πρῶτό τους ταξίδι. Καὶ ἔτσι με τὴν πάροδον τοῦ χρόνου οἱ ΑΧΕΠΑΝΣ ἔγιναν γνωστοὶ καὶ μπορῶ νὰ εἶπω ὅτι καὶ σήμερον εἶναι ἐκεῖ γνωστοὶ, ὡς ἄνθρωποι εὐποροὶ, δολλαριοῦχοι ὅπως λέγονται εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα, καὶ ὡς οἱ καλλίτεροι γαμβροί.

Πάρα πολλὰ εἶναι τὰ χωριά καὶ αἱ πόλεις τῆς Ἑλλάδος, πού ἔχουν εὐεργετηθῆ ἀπὸ τὴν Ὀργανώσιν ΑΧΕΠΑ. Πολλὰς φορές με τὰς μεγάλας δωρεὰς τῆς ΑΧΕΠΑ εὐεργετοῦνται ὀλόκληροι περιφέρειαι εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα. Ὡς παράδειγμα θὰ ἀναφέρω τὴν Γεωργικὴν Σχολὴν τοῦ Βέλλου Κορινθίας. Εἰς πάρα πολλὰς δεκάδας ἀνέρχονται οἱ νέοι πού ἐτελεύτησαν τὸ θαυμάσιον αὐτὸ πρακτικὸ Γεωργικὸν Σχολεῖον τῆς ΑΧΕΠΑ. Δὲν ἐβγαίνουν ἀπ' αὐτὰ ἐπαγγελματίαι, ἄνθρωποι δηλαδή, πού προσπαθοῦν νὰ ζήσουν με τὰς γεωργικὰς γνώσεις, πού ἔχουν ἀποκτήσει εἰς τὸ Γεωργικὸν αὐτὸ Σχολεῖον. Ἀλλὰ γεωργοὶ καὶ παραγωγαί, πού ἀφιερώνονται εἰς τὴν καλλιέργειαν τῶν ἰδικῶν των κτημάτων. Χάρις δὲ εἰς τὰς γνώσεις πού ἀποκοῦν εἰς τὴν Σχολὴν αὐτήν, κερδοῦν τὴν πλέον ἐπιτυχημένην καλλιέργειαν καὶ δίδουν τὰ ὀρειότερα προϊόντα εἰς τὴν ἀγορὰν. Ὅπως δὲ ὀλόκληρος ἡ ἐπαρχία Κορινθίας εἶναι ἐγγνώμων πρὸς τὴν ΑΧΕΠΑ, εἶται καὶ ἄλλαι περιφέρειαι τῆς Ἑλλάδος τρέφουσιν τὰ αὐτὰ αἰσθήματα ἐγγνωμοσύνης πρὸς τὴν Ὀργανώσιν αὐτὴν διὰ τὰς εὐεργεσίας καὶ τὰς δωρεὰς τῆς.

Τὸ ἔργον, ὅμως, τῆς ΑΧΕΠΑ εἶναι



### PRESENTING AHEPA'S DONATION TO ST. BASIL'S ACADEMY

On the occasion of the presentation of a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 as mandated by the Cleveland Convention for the support of St. Basil's Academy at Garrison, New York. Scene in the office of Archbishop Michael at the Archdiocese in New York, left to right, Supreme Governor Socrates V. Sekles, Supreme Treasurer George Geronlis, His Eminence Archbishop Michael, Supreme President John G. Thevos and Paul Demos.

σημαντικότερον καὶ μεγαλιότερον ἐδῶ, εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν. Κατώρθωσεν ἡ Ὀργάνωσις αὐτὴ, με τὰς σχέσεις τῆς καὶ με τὰς ἐπαφὰς με τὸν πολιτικὸν κόσμον τῆς Ἀμερικῆς νὰ συντελέσῃ εἰς τὴν ἐξύψωσιν τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ ὀνόματος εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικανικὴν κοινωνίαν. Καὶ ἀσ' ἑτέρου ἐπέτυχεν ὥστε τὰ μέλη τῆς νὰ διαπαιδαγωγηθοῦν κατὰ τοιοῦτον τρόπον, ὥστε νὰ εἰσέλθουν νὰ διεξάγουν οὐζητήσεις καὶ νὰ ὀμιλοῦν δημοσίᾳ ὡς ἄνθρωποι πολιτισμένοι, ὡς ἀληθινοὶ Ἀμερικανοὶ πολῖται. Καὶ ἐνῶ τὰ μέλη τῆς Ὀργανώσεως διαπαιδαγωγοῦνται τοιαυτοτρόπως, ὥστε νὰ ἀποκοτῶν συνέζησιν Ἀμερικανῶν πολιτῶν, ἐξ ἄλλου προσπαθοῦν νὰ εὐρίσκονται καὶ εἰς στενὴν σχέσιν με τὴν χώραν τῆς προελεύσεως καὶ τῆς καταγωγῆς των, τὴν Ἑλλάδα. Εἶναι γνωστοὶ αἱ περίφημοι ἐκδρομαὶ τῶν Ἀχέπανς εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα. Χάρις εἰς αὐτὰς, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ὀργανώσεως διατηροῦν ζωηροὺς καὶ στενοὺς τοὺς δεσμοὺς των με τὴν Ἑλλάδα. Καὶ γάρ, εἰς αὐτὰς καὶ ἡ Ἑλλάς, ὄχι μόνον ὠφελεῖται οἰ-

νομικῶς, ἀλλὰ καὶ γνωρίζει καλλίτερον τὰ ξενιτευμένα τῆς παιδιὰ. Μία δὲ τρανὴ ἀπόδειξις τοῦ ζωηροῦ ἐνδιαφέροντος τῆς Ὀργανώσεως ΑΧΕΠΑ διὰ τὴν Ἑλλάδα καὶ τοὺς Ἕλληνας εἶναι καὶ ἡ πρωτοβουλία τῆς διὰ τὴν ἔλευσιν εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν τῶν 10,000 ἐκτοπισμένων Ἑλλήνων, οἱ ὅποιοι συμφῶνως με τὸν πρόσφατον γνωστὸν νόμον, δικαιούνται νὰ ἐγκατασταθοῦν εἰς αὐτὴν τὴν μεγάλην καὶ πλουσίαν γῶραν. Ἐκ τῆς ἐπιτυχίας δὲ τοῦ σχεδίου τούτου ἐξαρτᾶται, εἰς βαθμὸν μέγαν, ἡ τόνωσις καὶ ἡ ἐνίσχυσις τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ στοιχείου εἰς τὰς Ἡνωμένας Πολιτείας. Εὐχόμεθα ὅπως ἐνίσχυσις ὁ Κύριος τὰς προσπάθειαις τῶν ἀξιωματοῦχων τῆς ΑΧΕΠΑ διὰ νὰ δυνηθοῦν ἐπιτυχῶς νὰ διεξαγάγουν τὸ μέγα τοῦτο ἔργον, τὸ ὁποῖον θὰ ἐξυψώσῃ ἀκόμη περισσύτερον τὸ γόητρον καὶ τὸ ὄνομα τῆς μεγάλης ταύτης Ὀργανώσεως εἰς τὰ ἔθνη τῶν Ἑλλήνων.

† Ο ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ ΜΙΧΑΗΛ

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# Lodge Room Uniformity and Ritual Improvement

Two of the most outstanding recommendations made by Supreme President John G. Thevos in his report to the Cleveland Convention were concerning the creation of a Uniform Ahepa Chapter Room and the Revision of the Ritual. The Convention adopted these recommendations as embodied in the report of the Ritual Committee to wit:

"That the recommendations of Supreme President Thevos, with regard to the Ritual and Uniform Ahepa Chapter Room, be adopted. That such adoption permit the application of the new ritual without the requirements of the Uniform Ahepa Chapter Room, such usage being optional to those chapters which are able and desirous of so doing."

Recommendation of the Uniform Ahepa Chapter Room:

One of the greatest weaknesses militating against the full realization by our Order of the fraternal form has been our total lack of a distinct and individual Ahepa Chapter Room which would give us a separate identity from all other fraternal orders in the United States. We need the kind of a Chapter Room that would best exemplify our aims, ideals and objectives and create an awe-inspiring and hallowed atmosphere and thus bring about a condition of solemnity and dignity presently lacking in our meetings.

The answer, upon consideration, becomes simple and obvious. We should re-create the physical appearance of a Greek Temple and by using the classic architectural forms to develop and put into practice a uniform Ahepa Temple for all Chapters to emulate in the domain of the Order.

Throughout the 387 Chapters, today, approximately sixty per cent of them have the Greek flag in their Chapter Rooms. This is the only visible evidence that we are a Hellenic Order. In the other forty per cent of the Chapters a stranger finding himself at an Ahepa meeting by some chance could never distinguish from appearances what kind of an organization was in session. This is truly an omission that is shameful and disgraceful.

This condition is highlighted even more by the constant and almost universal use in Greek-American communities of the Byzantine form in building construction. It is time for the Order of Ahepa to create an even balance by completing the full significance of Hellenism through the use of the unparalleled and generally accepted architectural beauty of the ancients.

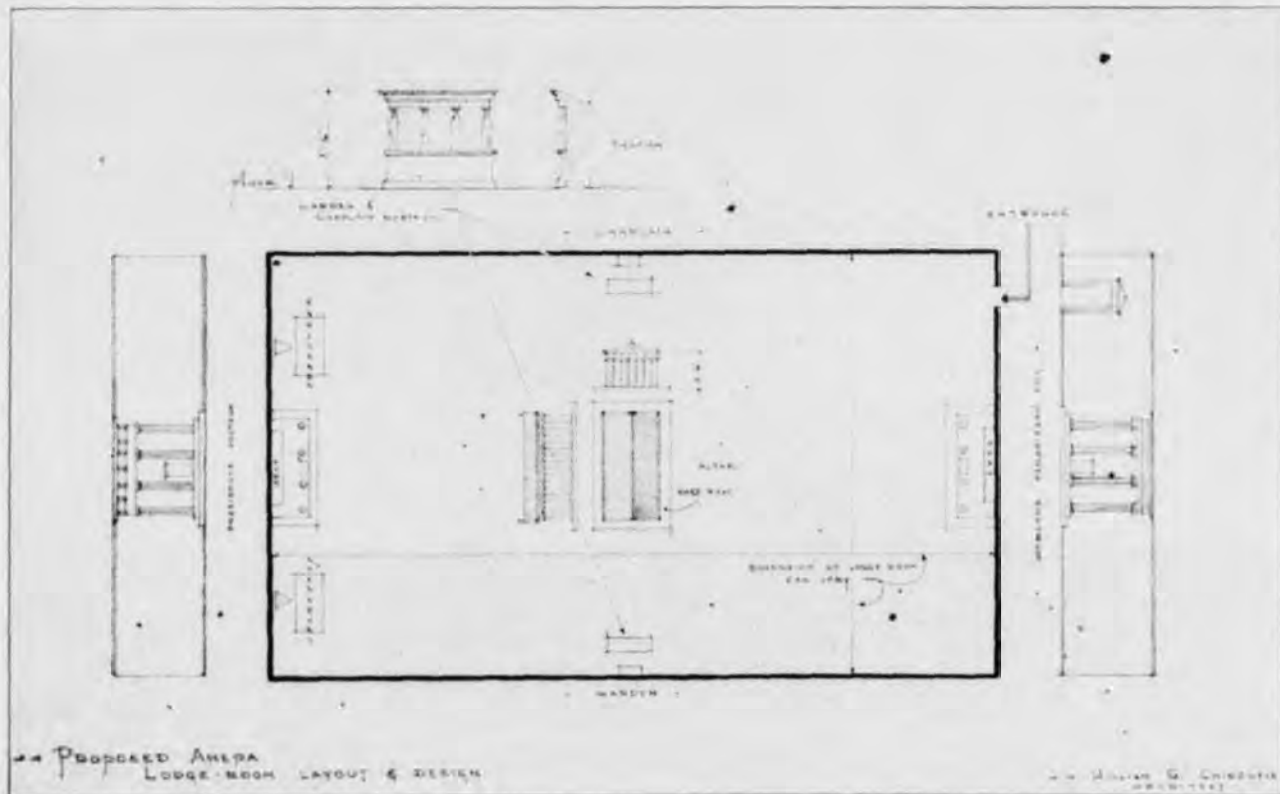
The services of one of our most successful and able architects were enlisted and the idea explained to him. He is Past District Secretary William G. Chirgotis of the Eureka Chapter No. 52 of Newark, N. J. After a thorough discussion of the problem and having in mind the requirements of a new ritual of two or three degrees we agreed with two exceptions upon the plan which was drawn by Brother Chirgotis and is reproduced below.

## Significance of New Room

Brother Chirgotis explains the drawing in the following words:

"The Doric Order is used in the design of the President's station as it was the National Order of the Greeks and it was used in the most important buildings, and temples. A replica of a historic building should be used as a motif but the Thesicon which has a six column facade would make a rather massive podium and perhaps be out of scale in any meeting room. Therefore, only four columns were used in the design.

"The refinement of the Ionic Order was used in the design of the Vice-President's station. This Order was the second most widely used and popular Order of the Greeks thereby significant-



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ly symbolic of the Vice-President's station. This design is a scale reproduction of "Nike Apteros" a small Ionic Temple built in Athens in 433 B. C. In this and the above design at the President's station it was necessary to omit the pediments or "sloping roof" as it would apparently interfere with the ceiling height of the average Chapter Room."

Upon the matter of the altar, Brother Chirgotis is agreed that the most important contribution to our Chapter Room would be the use of a replica of the Parthenon. A miniature reproduction of the Parthenon erected in the Acropolis in 451 B.C. is in order. This altar to be 36" high, complete with a knee rest and the use of the "sloping roof" for the flags and Holy Bible. The use of the Holy Bible here is especially significant because the Parthenon became a Christian Church dedicated to "Divine Wisdom" in the sixth Century.

On the proposed design of the Warden and Chaplain stations, Brother Chirgotis suggests (1) a similar treatment in order to create balance or symmetry in the Chapter Room. He has recommended a miniature replica of the Caryatid portico of the Erechtheion which was erected on the Acropolis in 420 B.C. You will note the female figures or Caryatids on the drawing at the stations of the Warden and Chaplain. It is felt that this design would be especially appropriate at the Chaplain's station because the Erechtheion was regarded with special veneration as it contained memorials connected with the religion of the State.

However, this design first would be very costly and secondly the Corinthian Order will have been omitted entirely. Although this Order was little used by the ancient Greeks, it should be substituted in place of the Caryatids in the Warden and Chaplain stations.

The Caryatids motif would also be too cumbersome and create a problem of where the Warden and Chaplain could sit in this unbroken facade. The Corinthian Order would eliminate this difficulty.

In the over-all plan, you will note that the President's and Vice-President's rostrum are on a line with the columns and that a seat is provided to the rear of the columns. This would present an unwelcome obstruction to the vision of participants at meetings and would hide those seated to the rear. The rostrum of each officer should be at least two feet in front of the middle column and the rear seats should be eliminated altogether and provide for seats in front of the columns at a distance of at least one foot.

These two changes should be made to the architectural plan as submitted.

It is strongly recommended that this Convention should adopt this uniform Chapter plan as the official "Ahepa Temple" Chapter Room, and as each Chapter purchases its own Ahepa Building or leases more permanent rooms, that this master plan should be followed. It may take many Chapters ten or fifteen years to achieve this end but we should, nevertheless, prepare and urge the acceptance of this pattern to our Chapters by an official pronouncement by our National Convention to this effect.

The cost of reproducing this Chapter Room on the basis of materials needed to do the job in wood, painted white, should not be more than \$1,500.00. These columns have universal acceptance and can be easily made by carpenters and craftsmen who are thoroughly familiar with the problems of their construction. It is possible that the "Parthenon altar" can be produced especially for our Chapters in quantity and the cost thereof be reduced considerably.

#### The New Ahepa Chapter Room Committee

Supreme President John G. Thevos has appointed the following members to comprise a committee to undertake the new chapter room improvements:

John Gazana of Knoxville, Tenn., Chairman  
Bob N. Fassoulis of Paterson, N. J.  
James Leventis of Columbia, South Carolina  
Gregory Kolivas of Memphis, Tenn.  
Sam Nakos of Birmingham, Ala.  
Louis Beles of Nashville, Tenn.

Their job will be to receive quotations on the new Ahepa Chapter Room improvements and they will present a complete set of movable pieces at the Minneapolis Convention where the first degree of the new ritual will be exemplified.

#### Improvement of the Ritual

The Supreme President in his report stated:

"For the first 25 years of the Order the ritual has been adequate. However, it needs revision to meet the present demand of the different type of candidate being initiated into the Fraternity today. With this in mind, and for the past 2 years, a great deal of study and research have been made. The amassing of a voluminous set of notes and papers adds up to the fact that the job is almost two-thirds done.

"However, the lack of time and the demands of the many departments, duties and particularly the work of reorganization have not granted me the two weeks required to prepare at least a first draft which then could have been exem-



Frank S. Land

plified and presented to you at this Convention for your consideration.

"It was intended to write a first draft. The experience of the last revision of the ritual should be avoided even though the Constitution specifically gives the Supreme Lodge power to revise or alter the ritual. It should be exemplified on a trial basis at Conventions and other large meetings of the leaders and members of the Order before it is adopted.

"The ritual should be on the agenda of the incoming Supreme Lodge and be ready for final action at the 1951 National Convention. It is highly probable that before a final draft is made that competent, expert, historical and ritualistic advice and recommendations be obtained."

We are glad to announce that Brother Frank S. Land, founder and Secretary-General of the Order of DeMolay, 33rd Degree Mason and outstanding ritualist, has graciously consented to assist the Supreme President in the revision of our ritual. Brother Land rendered conspicuous services to the Order of Ahepa when the ritual of the Sons of Pericles was prepared.

#### Background on Frank Land

At the House restaurant in Washington during World War II Frank Land looked around the table at the men who were calling him "Dad." There was Brig Gen. William F. Hall (later a major general), who was the youngest man to attain his rank since George Custer. Presiding was Representative Walter Ploeser of St. Louis. And around the table were ten other members of Congress.

All those present were senior members of DeMolay. All had received the Legion of Honor degree which is con-

ferred on senior members past the age of 22 who have shown unusual qualities of leadership.

The gathering set off something in the mind of Frank S. Land. His boys were growing up. The De Molay training in citizenship and leadership was reflected in mature men throughout a large part of the world.

At that time the oldest members were still in their middle forties. Back of them came a steady stream of men from active chapters throughout the North American continent, Australia, the Philippine islands and other spots on the globe. In varying degrees all were inevitably influenced by a movement that had started casually as a boys' club in Kansas City. To the impressionable Frank Land this was a strange and wonderful thing to stir a man's soul.

#### INFLUENCES VAST NUMBERS

Today the stream is fed by some 200,000 active members (under 21) in 1,700 chapters. With 1½ million senior members (past the age of 21) De Molay is a vast cross section of manhood and youth. All this has come since 1919 in a spontaneous movement that is a phenomenon of modern times.

Under the title of founder and secretary general, Frank S. Land directs this far-flung organization from an office in a stone building, a former residence, at 201 East Armour boulevard. It is a highly personal office, more a private study from the leather upholstered era, completely enclosed with photographs and books.

Surrounded by reminders of a multitude of human associations, Frank Land is an immaculate man in eyeglasses, the picture of the clean-cut Sunday school superintendent. No back slapper, not the usual type of extrovert, he is known to more persons throughout the United States and the world than any other Kansas Citian. His traveling engagements which normally take three weeks of every month are laid out two years in advance. To the 1,700,000 men and boys in DeMolay he is known as "Dad" Land. From them and others he receives such a steady stream of calls for help, advice or visiting that he can't do his regular work and the unanswered letters pile up on his desk. There are 3½ million Masons in the United States and it sometimes appears that the high ranking Mason, Frank Land, knows them all.

Easy mannered, pleasant, interested in other people, he is a man you think you have met in good works many times before. Yet he is unique. He has never quite understood how it came about. None of this was planned in advance. Through youth and young manhood he scattered his fire more than most men—

#### Mr. Land Accepts Invitation to Assist in the Revision of Our Ritual

My dear Brother Thevos:

It was nice finding your kind letter of October thirteenth awaiting me when I reached home. I have often wondered about your organization when I have seen it mentioned in the press. I recall with real pleasure the little help I was able to give when the Sons of Pericles ritual was re-written.

I note your desire to have me help drafting a ritual for the Order of Ahepa and, of course, I will be glad to do anything I can to aid you folks. As you are probably aware, I am away from Kansas City almost constantly and it is a real problem for me to take on any extra commitments, but with your patience and time I will do what I can.

I note that you have made an extensive study of the ancient history of Greece and have a basic idea of the theme you desire to use in writing your degrees.

I note that you would like to discuss the entire matter with me yet I hardly know when to suggest that you should come out here. I am in Washington often and if you are available on one of these occasions we might be able to get together then and save you traveling such a great distance. This is just a thought.

I note that you write relative to reimbursing me for any assistance I am able to give but this is not necessary as I would not want to receive any reward for such a service. I consider it a real honor to be asked to help you folks again.

Looking forward to seeing you and being of some real help, I am, with word of deep personal regard,  
Cordially,

Frank S. Land

usually succeeding, and never settled in his own mind.

#### BOY PREACHER AT 10

Not apparent at first meeting is his rare power to arouse human aspirations and a sense for the organization that surpasses original dreams.

At 10 he was the "boy preacher of St. Louis" with an afternoon Sunday school class of 300 children that made newspaper headlines.

At 19 he was a successful Kansas City restaurant operator with an avocation of art student.

Two or three years later he was known to Kansas City for a sideline, a highly organized and successful movement to improve the beauty of the city.

At 25 he was the director of the Scottish Rite social service.

In his early thirties (after the founding of De Molay), he was the originator of a young men's club that led him to

## Ahepa "Census" Card

Since the Miami Convention in 1949, the National Administration has laid plans to obtain and compile additional information relating to the vital statistics or personal history of every member of the Order. This information, which every member is requested to supply by filling out the blanks on the card and then mailing it back to Headquarters after he has clipped from it his membership card, will be very valuable in many ways but most especially in determining the average age of our membership and thus enabling the Convention to fix a safe minimum allocation to the Emergency Fund. The rest of the statistics, which each member is requested to supply, will enable the Administration to report to the Convention what percentage of our membership came from abroad and what percentage was born in this country. Furthermore, knowing the number of people in the Ahepa family will enable us and the delegates at the Convention to make better and more practicable provisions for the future of our Fraternity.

This form of return-card which, more properly could be called a "census card," was recommended by me to the National Convention in Cleveland and the same was approved and ordered printed for the general purposes stated above.

We are sending to each Secretary a supply of the newly adopted membership-card booklet which contains the specially designed information-card or "census" card to be filled out, detached and mailed to the National Headquarters by every member who pays his dues from now on. So, even if a Secretary has a supply of the old booklets, he is requested to lay the same aside and not use them. There are fifty cards to each booklet and additional booklets may be obtained from Headquarters as needed.

The Secretaries are requested to assist the members in supplying the information called for in the return "census" card. It is highly important that these cards be used exclusively and filled out completely. It is believed that the value of the information when compiled is too obvious to require further explanation.

the distinction of co-founder of Metro-Clubs International.

Through these years his interest in Masonry was such that he received the thirty-third degree at the almost unprecedented age of 35.

In all this there was a pattern, but not a pattern easy to see until time and events produced the world Order of De Molay.

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# National Director Clentzos on the Athletic Program

## National Basketball Tournament

The National Ahepan Basketball Tournament will be held in Chicago under the auspices of the Ypsilanti Chapter of Chicago. Although official confirmation is pending, the tourney is being scheduled sometime in April as has been the custom in the past. Last year the great Ypsilanti basketball team defeated the powerful Gary five in a bitter contest. The tournament this year will attract a considerable number of teams that could not attend due to conflict in dates. As soon as the official dates for this important athletic event are known they will be announced to all Chapters in a special bulletin.

## Zone Directors

The following Zone Directors were appointed by the National Director to assist the Ahepan Athletic Program. These Zone Directors are well qualified to assist in any athletic event in your area. Chris Matsagas, Eastern official, is well known for his athletic work when the first Olympiad was staged at Providence, Rhode Island. He lives at 373 Crown St., New Haven, Conn. Anthony Demetro, Western Zone Director, held the Olympiad 12-lb. shotput record at 54 feet. He is a handsome youth and a great athlete. His home is at 109 School St., Pittsburg, Calif. George Hondros is one of our best known Ahepans and sports enthusiasts and is well-qualified for the job of Mid-Western Zone Director. He lives at 910 Kent Street, Rockford, Ill. In the great Southwestern Zone lives James Pethiviotes at 4515 McKinney St. in Houston, Texas. James was a fine athlete himself and knows his athletics. Finally, Bill Dillas the South Eastern Zone Director and Chairman of the Committee on Athletics at the National Convention has been doing a fine job as Athletic Advisor for the past few years. He is very conscientious in his work and eager to help in any athletic function. He lives at 1043 Art Hill Pl. in St. Louis, Mo.

The National Advisory Board for the Department of Athletics is composed of the following Ahepans: Mike Giourgas, Sam Karakostas, George Cazana, Angelo Martini, James Skufakiss, Louis Manesiotis, Nick Rekas, Sam Nakos, Constantine Pelias, and George Loucas.

Honorary National Director and the Founder of the Ahepan Athletic Department is Van A. Nomikos, past Supreme President and a great supporter of athletics.

## Comments in the Realm of Ahepan Sports

Nick Conteas former National Athletic Director and grid great from Northwestern University is now in business in Los Angeles. . . . George Bacalles, noted sports authority for Ahepa from Corning, New York is busy raising a family and doing fine with his restaurant business. . . . At the last Olympiad in Cleveland, Johnny Karras, the dynamic grid star from the University of Illinois, put on a pair of tennis shoes and beat out a fast field for first place in the 220 yard dash in 23.3 seconds, and around a curve to boot. . . . Van Nomikos' pet hobby has been "fathering" the Ypsilanti athletic teams since 1928. Many an athlete will remember Van for his kindness and philanthropic aid in times of need. . . . Harry Sautrivos of Minneapolis who set a new discus record in the Cleveland Olympiad looks like he will be the Chairman for the Minneapolis Olympiad in 1951. . . . We hear a lot about the activities of the Great 13th District in athletics. . . . What's going on in other Districts? Let's hear from you. . . . In a survey made in 1949 it was discovered that basketball is the king of Ahepan and Sons sports. Softball, baseball, bowling, golf, track, and even football are in prominent spots. Ahepan teams rate high in practically every community. The average Hellenic youth is a fine

eager athlete and seldom do you ever see him fold up in an athletic contest. That is a great tribute to our race and heritage. May it always be that way.

## When Greek Meets Greek

"The Greeks are getting in my hair," stated Coach Peter Clentzos, football coach of Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles and National Director of Athletics for the Order of Ahepa. In the season's opener at Tucson, Arizona, on September 22nd in a night contest, Roosevelt's Rough Riders were leading 19 to 13 with one minute left to play when a Greek lad on the Tucson High Badgers eleven named Sam Kavanthos got snagged a long pass behind the safety man and scored the tying touchdown and the game ended 19-19. In the tough Southern League in Los Angeles, it was a Greek youth Sam Tsagalakis who kicked two field goals, for Manual Arts High School to defeat the Roosevelt team 6-0 in a rough contest. And still another youth named Kulonis got into Clentzos' hair by scoring for Fremont High School. But the Rough Riders evened up things by defeating a favored Washington High team 6-0 in which a young chap named Cokas almost upset things. All in all Hellenic fans around the Western part of our great country are proud of the hundreds of Greek youths who are playing a great game of football, and making themselves famous.

## FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ATHLETES

Peter D. Clentzos, National Director of Athletics, in a pep talk to Hellenic Youth at an Athletic Meet.



# Report to Ahepa on the Activities of the GWRA

From JOHN MANTA, President  
Greek War Relief Association

The Annual Meeting of Members of the Greek War Relief Association was held on November 2nd. This meeting marked a decade of service to the Greek people. It was also one of the most interesting meetings we have ever had because it was literally a stock-taking and evaluation of all that has been done since the inception of the organization in 1940. To aid us in our deliberations the Treasurer and the Executive Committee had prepared a detailed audit of all accounts together with a check of operations in Greece and the shipment and end use of all supplies sent to Greece. Mr. Hardaloupas' report as Treasurer of the Association was in effect a detailed financial history of the Association's operations, supported by the audit of Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery and the special investigation made by the auditors of the Bank of Greece.

These reports, which were distributed to every person attending the meeting, are a public record of a great humanitarian effort involving a contribution of forty million dollars in supplies and services. They will bring great satisfaction to every person who has aided in the work of the Association for they show not only the magnitude of its accomplishments but the sound and efficient manner in which the operations of the Association have been conducted.

## Review of Accomplishments

Since this year marks the fourth transition in the program of the Association, before I talk of the future I would like to summarize briefly the accomplishments of the three periods of its activities.

### THE WAR PERIOD—NOVEMBER, 1940, TO JUNE, 1941

Cash remittances to Administrative Committee in Athens, \$3,336,700.55. Used for the relief for the bombed districts, aid to destitute families, food, blankets, clothing and hospital supplies, construction of bomb shelters, operation of canteens and soup kitchens.

### THE OCCUPATION—JUNE, 1941, TO OCTOBER, 1944

Supplies and Services, \$8,012,331.35. Swedish Fleet Operation; Relief to Greek refugees in Middle East; Food, medical supplies and equipment; Contributed clothing; Shipment of food from Turkey.



CANADIAN JURISDICTION PRESENTING CONTRIBUTION FOR ITS HEALTH CENTER AT FARSALA

Left to right, George Xanthaky, Executive Vice-President of GWRA; John Manta, President; Stanley Galanos, Supreme Governor of Canada and Spyros P. Skouras.

### LIBERATION—OCTOBER, 1944, TO JUNE, 1950

Relief disbursements and gifts in kind, \$27,308,401.78. Child feeding program; Orphan support and child welfare; Mobile Clinics and community clinics; Construction of 11 health centers and 4 hospitals.

In terms of services to the Greek people here are some of the achievements of this vast relief project:

During the Occupation the Greek Relief Program brought more than \$125,000,000 of supplies to Greece and saved the lives of 2,000,000 Greek men, women and children.

The Child Feeding Program provided supplementary food for 1,200,000 school children and nursing and pregnant mothers.

The Orphan Support Project cared for 17,000 orphans.

Cows, horses and mules were contributed to 10,000 Greek farmers.

200,000 Greek families received food and clothing packages.

The mobile clinics and community clinics served more than a million people.

The 15 health centers and hospitals provide modern American hospital service for half the population of Greece. They are a lasting contribution to the future welfare of the people.

The detailed story of these accomplishments is, I believe, one of the finest records ever achieved by a private organization. The thousands of AHEPANS throughout the country who have given generous leadership in the affairs of the Association may well be proud of the magnificent contribution they have made possible.

### Looking into the Future

WHAT OF THE FUTURE? I and other officers and leaders of the Association have been asked many questions: will the Association continue; is it needed; how will it be financed; what will its program include? I shall here summarize for you some of the answers.

The Greek War Relief Association will continue so long as its services are needed by the Greek people. At our Annual Meeting, not one member questioned this policy or suggested an alternative. On the contrary there was an eagerness to plan for the future that was healthy and vigorous in spite of the fact that many of us have for long carried a heavy burden in conducting the affairs of the Association.

The services of the Association not only are still needed but are as vital as at any time in its history. I need not tell you who know Greece why this is so. I do want to emphasize, however, that one-tenth of the population of Greece is living in the crudest of shelters, poorly nourished and clothed in rags, 200,000 Greek farmers lost their tools, their farm animals and all their possessions in the Communist war and are without any means of self-support. Schools and churches have been destroyed in hundreds of villages and the whole fabric of normal home life is disrupted. And in spite of these critical conditions the Greek Aid Program has been seriously cut.

The program of the Association has always been determined by the need and conditions in Greece. This summer Mr. Skouras and leaders of the Association explored with Greek leaders and Government officials and with our own Em-

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**KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY HONORS SUPREME PRESIDENT AND SUPREME TREASURER**

The ladies of the First District honored the visiting members of the Supreme Lodge at a tea. Left to right, Supreme Treasurer George Geroulis; George N. Cazana, President of the renamed Knoxville Chapter Thevos No. 346; Miss Koula Sideris; Supreme President John G. Thevos and Dr. Nicholas D. Pappas.



**LT. GENERAL JAMES A. VAN FLEET HONORED BY JACKSONVILLE AHEPANS**

At luncheon in honor of the General, left to right, Jerry D. Dragones, Past District Governor, U. S. Deputy Marshal; Admiral A. E. Montgomery, Commandant, U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville; Lt. General James A. Van Fleet and Sam G. Felos, District Governor, Citrus District No. 2.

### KNOXVILLE CHAPTER RE-NAMED THEVOS NO. 346 IN HONOR OF SUPREME PRESIDENT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Honoring John G. Thevos, Supreme President of Order of Ahepa, Knoxville Chapter 346 unanimously voted to adopt the name Thevos Chapter 346 as a tribute to the outstanding work President Thevos has done in behalf of his countrymen.

The tribute to Thevos was made Sunday, Dec. 3, when the supreme president visited a Knoxville meeting of First District Greeks to further Ahepa's displaced persons program.

George Cazana is president of the Knoxville chapter.

Approximately 200 Greeks from six Southern states attended the day's meetings and heard their national leader speak on the problems and plans centering around Ahepa's campaign to bring displaced persons to a new home of hope and security in America.

Among other distinguished visitors at the meeting were Gregory Kolyvas, district governor from Memphis, and George Geroulis, supreme lodge treasurer from Indianapolis.

A banquet in honor of President Thevos was held Sunday afternoon, at which time the supreme president paid particular tribute to Frank Regas, prominent Knoxville restaurant man, for his efforts in bettering the conditions for Knoxville Greeks and raising them to a new level of prestige in their community.

Regas is a leader in Knoxville civic affairs and is prominent in Tennessee politics.

Ladies of the First District were

### AID TO GREECE PAID RETURNS, GENERAL SAYS

The United States got full return for the money it spent in Greece, Lieut. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, who commanded the American Military Mission to that country, said here yesterday.

General Van Fleet, now commanding general of the Second Army, told how the Greeks, with American aid, successfully fought off efforts of Communist-supported guerrillas to take over the birthplace of democracy. He spoke at a luncheon of the Order of Ahepa here yesterday in the Seminole Hotel.

The United States spent a lot of money in Greece, both for military and economic purposes, but got back more than 100 per cent value on each dollar, General Van Fleet stated.

"And," he declared, "the Greeks to a man are grateful for American assist-

ance, and made effective use of it."

The general said the American expression, "You can't shove me around," fits perfectly the people of Greece. The Greeks of the modern age, he said, have said "no" to the Italian Fascists, the German Nazis and the Russian Communists.

"Greece," he continued, "which showed the world how to live in ancient days, in this modern day shows the world how to die in a noble way. They love liberty enough to give their lives for it."

General Van Fleet said the Western trend of communism was stopped in Greece and said that fact was of political, if not military, importance. All is now quiet in that country, although there is a threat of another outbreak from Bulgaria, he added.

General Van Fleet also pointed to the success of the military mission to Greece as an important move in this country's foreign policy, which, he said, is to defend the American way of life and bring peace to the free peoples of the world. Americans, he stated, are aroused to the point where they realize the need for more preparedness.

General Van Fleet was introduced by Jerry D. Dragones, a deputy United States marshal and a past district governor of the Order of Ahepa, as "a man who did so much in preserving the democratic system of government in the land where democracy was born."

Mrs. Van Fleet was presented with an orchid from the Daughters of Penelope, the auxiliary to the Order of Ahepa. *Florida Times-Union*, Oct. 17, 1950.

hostesses Sunday afternoon at a tea honoring President Thevos and Supreme Treasurer Geroulis at Whittle Springs Ball Room. Miss Koula Sideris, Knoxville, was chairman in charge of the tea.

Rev. Matthew Papavasiliou, pastor of St. George Greek Orthodox Church who was leaving the city to return to Greece, delayed his departure a day in order to be present for the district meeting and give his blessing to the Ahepan displaced persons program and the newly-named Thevos Chapter 346.

A committee of three was appointed by Thevos Chapter 346 to direct local efforts in the displaced persons program. They were George Mitchell, chairman; Angelo Moss, and Nick Pasiakos.

—Knoxville Journal

# For the Union of Cyprus with Motherland Greece

## Ahepa Chapters Urged to Support Cyprus Resolution When Introduced in Congress

The Cleveland National Convention passed a resolution endorsing the union of Cyprus with Greece.

Under this Convention mandate an Ahepa Committee of three has been appointed. The Chairman of the Committee is Brother Paul Ralli of Las Vegas, Nevada, and his associates are Brothers Basil Vlavianos of New York City and Soterios Nicholson of Washington, D. C.

The Supreme Lodge at its last meeting received a request from the Committee asking that the Chapters of the Order of Ahepa be circularized, to the end that resolutions may be adopted by all Ahepa chapters endorsing the union of Cyprus with Greece which resolutions the Chapters are to send to their Senators and Congressmen. The Supreme Lodge voted unanimously on this request and urged that all Chapters take immediate action.

Here follows a brief statement on the "Cyprus Question," as prepared by the Committee. Also a proposed draft of a letter that can be used by your Chapter in writing to your Senators and Congressmen. It would be wise if your resolution or letter varies from the proposed draft enclosed.

### The Cyprus Question

1. Cyprus, historically and ethnologically a Greek island, has been under the British rule since 1878. Its population of approximately 500,000 inhabitants consists of 81% Greeks, 18% Turks and 1% other minorities. From the first day of British occupation Cypriots continuously demanded Union with Motherland Greece. In spite of promises given during the two world wars and sacrifices made by Greece and Cyprus for the principles of liberty and self-determination, Cypriots still remain under foreign rule, the only European people under colonial status.

2. The Greek Cypriot people, exercising their right of self-determination, demanded the union of their island with Greece in a plebiscite held on the 15th of January, 1950. Out of 224,747 who were entitled to vote 215,103, (95.7%), voted for Union with Greece. The small number of other Greeks who did not vote represents civil servants, police officers, and school teacher who were instructed by the Cyprus Government not to vote.

3. The lists of the plebiscite were signed in four copies; one copy is kept by the church of Cyprus and one copy



CYPRIO NATIONAL DELEGATION AT HELLENIC ARCHDIOCESE

At press conference held October 10th at the Archdiocese in New York by His Eminence Kyprianos, Metropolitan of Cyprus, to stress the case for the return of Cyprus from British to Greek control. Left to right, N. K. Lanitis, member of delegation; Archbishop Michael; Spyros P. Skouras, President of 20th Century-Fox Corp.; Metropolitan Kyprianos; Savas Loisdos, member of delegation; and Paul Ralli, Secretary of the delegation and President of Chapter No. 314 of the Order of Ahepa.

has been ceremoniously received by the Greek Parliament, which accepted the plebiscite and appealed to the British Parliament to respect the will of the Greek Cypriot people. The third copy was taken to Great Britain by the Cypriot National Delegation but the Secretary for the Colonies refused to accept it and denied to grant an audience to the Delegation. The fourth copy has been submitted by the Cypriot National Delegation to the United Nations.

4. Cypriots in demanding Union with Greece are not animated by any anti-British feelings but, on the contrary, as Greeks, they are always on the side of the western world. Let it be noted that the non-realization of the rightful claim of the Cypriots will allow the Communists to exploit this matter not only in Cyprus and Greece but also internationally.

5. The Greek Cypriot people, and with them the whole Greek Nation, appeal to the freedom-loving people of the United States of America for support to the just cause of Union of Cyprus with Motherland Greece, and the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa appeals to all its chapters to send the following draft or similar drafts to their Representatives and Senators in Washington, D. C., requesting them to help the Cyprus Resolution when it is introduced in Congress at the next session after January 1st.

### For the Guidance of Chapters

Draft of Letter to be sent to Senators and Representatives in Congress, Wash-

ington, D. C., by Chapters of the Order of Ahepa.

The Cypriot National Delegation submitted on the 29th day of September, 1950, to the Secretary General of the United Nations the fourth copy of the Cyprus Plebiscite, showing that 96 per cent of the Greek population voted in favor of the Union of Cyprus with Greece. They ask for union with Greece, exercising their rights of self-determination.

Cyprus has been under the British rule since 1878. This historic island, Greek since Homeric times, is the only place in Europe today under a Colonial status. We hope that you will support this just cause when the question is brought before Congress for a resolution in favor of Union of Cyprus with Greece.

## Thomas N. Christie Re-Elected State Representative

It is with pleasure that we announce the re-election of Brother Thomas N. Christie to the Minnesota House of Representatives. For the past several years he has been representing the thirtieth District in the Legislature. Brother Christie is an outstanding Ahepan and well known at National Conventions of the Order. He distinguished himself in the efforts of the Ahepa to amend the Displaced Persons Act so as to permit 10,000 Greeks to come to the United States.



**U. S. CONGRESSMAN LANTAFF**  
Congressman William C. Lantaff of Florida  
gratulated by John T. Manos, President of  
At right Sentinel Mike Mel

## Miami Chapter No. 14 Initiates Congressman Lantaff

William C. Lantaff, newly elected U. S. Congressman from this district, was initiated into the ranks of the Order of Ahepa recently.

In an impressive candlelight ceremony, the oath was given to the new members by Spero G. Pappas, initiating officer. Pappas, a past District Governor of the Order, was assisted in the ritualistic work by Stephen Stefanou, Vice President; Dr. George Stampelos, Warden; N. T. Nickas, Captain of the Guards; N. E. Nicolaides, Chaplain; M. Meligrinis and Louis Hadgis, Sentinels; and George Heropoulos and V. Liappas, Guards.

Addressing the assembly after the ceremony, John T. Manos, president of the chapter, stated that the Ahepa—the word being derived from the title letters of American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association—was founded 23 years ago in Atlanta, Georgia, and "has today grown into one of the largest and most outstanding patriotic bodies in the United States, with over 375 chapters." He stated that among numerous other accomplishments, the Ahepa during the war, as an authorized agency of the Treasury Department, sold over \$20,000,000.00 worth of Series E. Bonds, and that \$1,000,000.00 was raised from 1946 to 1948 by the organization to assist in the rehabilitation of Greece. The organization has been responsible for financing health centers and hospitals throughout Greece.

Manos advised that there are no "honorary memberships" in the Ahepa—President Truman, Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, and others are all

## Lynchburg, Va., Ahepa Help Blind in Greece

Hill City Chapter No. 134 The Ahepa, at its regular meeting held Monday Nov. 6th, 1950 followed the example set by our Convention at Cleveland, and voted to donate the sum of One Hundred Dollars \$100.00 to the American Friends of the Blind in Greece, Inc.

We sincerely believe, and hope that our action will be duplicated by all of our sister Chapters in the Ahepa domain.

Dr. Alexander P. Cambadhis, and his associates, are to be congratulated for their philanthropic efforts, to assist the poor blind people of Greece. However, to perform the services needed they must have support, and a little donation from Chapters, as well as from individuals, will assure these handfull of workers that their efforts are appreciated, and that we want them to continue in their noble undertaking.

## Initiation Fees

Since the termination of the membership drive as of June 30, 1950, the initiation fees prescribed in the constitution prevail, except in cases of newly organized or reorganized chapters when an initiation fee of \$10.00 may be charged, five dollars of which comes to the National Headquarters with the membership application and \$5.00 remaining with the chapter.

"dues-paying members."

G. D. Johnson, District Secretary, was also present at the ceremony. In addition to Lantaff, others initiated were George Russell Crofton, George C. Morgan, George Baxas and Panos Seker.



**DIAN DISTRICT LODGE NO. 24**  
anos, Marshal; William Theodoris, Lieut.  
s, District Governor and John G. Trehas,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## GREEK WAR RELIEF

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bassy and ECA Mission the most urgent problems of the country. As a result of these investigations we are planning our program along the following general lines:

- a) Building of additional health stations, especially in the northern area of Greece
- b) Rehabilitation of destroyed villages
- c) Aid to Greek agencies and institutions such as The Queen's Fund, The Greek Red Cross to aid its educational work in the fight against tuberculosis, Schools for the blind.
- d) Aid to American agencies and institutions, including Athens College, Pierce College, Anatolia College and the American Farm School, the Y.W.C.A. and the Y.M.C.A.

The details of this program and the priorities are at present being worked out in relation to our planning for a nationwide campaign and in consultation with Greek and American officials. You will be kept fully informed as our plans develop both with respect to program and to the plan of campaign.

In concluding this brief report may I again express to the Members and Officers of the Order of AHEPA our deep gratitude for the long and effective relationship between the two organizations and our best wishes for the new year.

## Ahepa Excursion to Greece, March 26, 1951

Last minute information as we go to press is that the Ahepa Excursion to Greece this year is scheduled for March 26 on the S.S. NEA HELLAS. Ahepans interested should contact a ticket agency of their own choice for accommodations.



IRENE MARINAKE  
Grand President



ZOE W. RUMMEL  
Grand Secretary

## THE GRAND LODGE OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

IRENE MARINAKE, Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, has rendered outstanding services to our senior auxiliary over the years. Charter member of Ithome Chapter No. 132 of Springfield, Mass. which chapter she served as Secretary, Lt. Governor of the Yankee District No. 9, 1945-1946, District Governor for two terms 1946-1948, Grand Governor 1948-1949 and Grand Treasurer 1949-1950. At the Cleveland Convention she was elected to the Grand Presidency. She served as Chairman at the Los Angeles and Detroit National Conventions of the Daughters.

POTA SARATSIS, Grand Vice-President, is a sister of many activities. Attended the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in Sociology. Organized and became first president of the Daughters of Penelope chapter of Pittsburgh and was the first District Governor of the Daughters of District No. 4. At the Miami Convention was elected Grand Governor and at Cleveland was elevated to the Grand Vice Presidency, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Maids of Athens. She is also Director of the Philoptobos.

ZOE W. RUMMEL, Grand Secretary, is a charter member of Medea Chapter No. 123 of Chicago. Held the posts of Vice-President and President in her chapter. Served 13th District Lodge in capacity of Secretary, Lt. Governor and Governor, respectively. Attended Wilson Jr. College in Chicago. Active in P.T.A. and Church organization.

Married to William Rummel who is an active Ahepan of the South Chicago Chapter. Mother of three daughters.

ELAINE KITROS, Grand Treasurer, is a native Californian. Charter member of the Dilas Chapter No. 103 of Santa Barbara and now a member of Hyperia Chapter No. 94 of Ventura. She has held offices in both of these chapters and on the El Camino Real District Lodge No. 20 she held the posts of Marshal, Lt. Governor and District Governor. Prior to her elevation to Grand Treasurer she held the office of Grand Governor of Zone 4. Active in the Eastern Star and The Court of Amaranth, Elaine is married to Anthony Kitros and they have two children.



TULA ZOTALEY  
Grand Governor, Zone No. 3

ELEANOR STAMOULES, Grand Governor of Zone 1, is a member of the Niobe Chapter of Jamaica, New York. She served her chapter as Vice President and on the District Lodge of the Empire State District No. 6 held the posts of Lieut. Governor and District Governor. Sister Stamoules for many years has been interested in the Maids of Athens and has been their Advisor over a long period. She is the wife of Brother E. J. Stamoules, Past President and one of the founders of the Long Island Chapter No. 36.

PATRICIA ANTON, Grand Governor of Zone 2, is a member of the Nausicaa Chapter No. 7 which is the oldest Daughters Chapter east of the Mississippi. Served her chapter as Vice-President and President. Elected District Governor of Hoosier District No. 12 twice and during her tenure of office introduced many projects. Instituted the Laertes Chapter No. 212 at Indianapolis. Founded the Hoosier Herald and has served on the National Scholarship Committee. Miss Anton is a graduate of DePauw University.

TULA ZOTALEY, Grand Governor of Zone 3, is a charter member of Antigone Chapter No. 35. Served in practically all offices of this chapter, including the presidency. In 1939, 1940, and 1949, she served the Grainfield District No. 14 as Lt. Governor, and was elected District Governor in 1950. Soloist of St. Mary's church choir; Volunteer worker for Community Chest, Red Cross, Sister Kenny Foundation, P.T.A. Married to Past Lt. Governor Leo J. Zotaley. They have one son, Byron.

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**ELAINE A. KITROS**  
Grand Treasurer



**ELEANOR STAMOULES**  
Grand Governor, Zone No. 1



**PATRICIA ANTON**  
Grand Governor, Zone No. 2

### MESSAGE OF THE GRAND PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters:

I am writing you on a very serious and urgent matter. As you all know, the Order of Ahepa was instrumental in having legislation passed by Congress to allow 11,000 Displaced Persons and orphans to enter the United States from Greece. Of this total, 10,000 must obtain their visas before June 30, 1951.

The Order of Ahepa has been registered as a voluntary agency by the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the Department of State.

During the Ninth National Convention, the Daughters of Penelope went on record stating that they would support anything that the Order of Ahepa should decide to do in connection with the matter of Displaced Persons.

The Order of Ahepa has accepted a challenge. It is up to every Greek American to see that our quota is filled. Let us join forces with our Brothers and help them in every way possible. They have undertaken a tremendous task, and I am sure any help you can give them will be welcomed and much appreciated. At this time I want to urge each and every chapter of the Daughters of Penelope to appoint a committee to work with our Brother Ahepans on this worth-while project.

I feel confident that you will all do your part to see that this program is carried out to a successful end.

CLEO S. TSAPRALIS, Grand Governor of Zone 4, is a native of Tacoma, Washington, First President of Icaria Chapter No. 175 of that city, District Governor of Firwood District No. 22 1949-1950. Although her elevation to the Grand Lodge took place only two years after her initiation in the Daughters, Sister Tsapralis has been associated with the Maids of Athens since the first chapter was instituted in Tacoma over twenty years ago. Active in Eastern Star, White Shrine, Daughters of Nile, Greek School and Church Committees and Greek War Relief. Married to Dr. Paul C. Tsapralis.



**CLEO S. TSAPRALIS**  
Grand Governor, Zone No. 4

### APPRECIATION

At the close of the Daughters of Penelope Convention at Cleveland a silver service was presented to the outgoing Grand President, Sister Helen Karagianis, as a token of appreciation in behalf of the entire order. National Headquarters has received the following message which we take pleasure in printing.

Dear Sisters:

I want to thank all the members of the Daughters of Penelope for the beautiful gift which was presented to me at Cleveland. It is a treasure I shall always cherish not only as a symbol of friendship and affection, but also as a memento of a period marked by that sincere fraternal cooperation and harmony which makes for service and progress.

Helen D. Karagianis  
Past Grand President  
Daughters of Penelope  
Laconia, New Hampshire

### \$500 Scholarship Award

This year the Daughters of Penelope will award its second Scholarship. Following are the requirements and necessary information regarding the awarding of the scholarship.

1. The amount of the Scholarship will be \$500. Payment will be made to the University or School selected by the recipient.
2. The Scholarship will be awarded to a young lady immediately related to a member of the Ahepa Family in good standing.
3. Application for scholarship must be made on recommendation of the principal of the High School from which the student is graduating or has graduated from in the last year.
4. All applicants must be among the upper 10% of their graduating class in High School.
5. Special emphasis will be made on character and intelligence; capacity in chosen

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EUGENIA G. STATHIS, Governor Citrus District No. 2



BESSIE L. WALLACE, Governor Capital District No. 3



FLORENCE LIADRAKIS, Governor Power District No. 4



HELEN MILLAS, Governor Garden State District No. 5

## ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICTS OF OUR SENIOR AUXILIARY

### DISTRICT NO. 2

The District Lodge Officers of the Order of Ahepa and the Daughters of Penelope of Citrus District No. 2 held a combined meeting in Tampa, Florida at the Hellenic Center, Sunday, November 26, 1950 at 5 p. m. District Governor Sam Felos of the Order of Ahepa presided. All district lodge officers and the presidents of the Ahepa Chapters were present. Progress of the district was discussed and as a result the First Annual District Lodge Banquet will be held in Tampa, Florida in the latter part of January. Discussions were held in regards to the Displaced Persons Act and the Scholarship Fund. This meeting was very successful and fruitful.

District Governor Eugenia G. Stathis of the Daughters of Penelope accompanied by the District Lodge of the Order of Ahepa and Mother Lodge Member Spiros Stamos visited the chapters of the west coast section on Sunday, November 26, 1950.

Sister Stathis is a member of Tenedos Chapter No. 65 of Jacksonville. Served as Secretary and as Vice-President of her chapter. Has Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce from Florida State University. Active in Jacksonville Panhellenic Association, St. John's Youth League and Florida State University Alumnae Association.

Other members of the District Lodge are: June Mack, Lt. Governor of Tarpon Springs; Janet Gout, District Secretary of Tampa and Helen Derwech, District Treasurer of Clearwater.

### DISTRICT NO. 3

This 19th Annual District Convention was officially opened by District Governor Helen Pappas. In attendance were delegates from the following chapters: Alcmene #27, Baltimore-Hermione #11, Washington, D. C.; Klauene more, Md.; Alkimos #164, Bluefield, W. Va.; #70, Greensboro, N. C.

Convention results elevated Sister Bessie Latsios Wallace to the office of District Governor, Capital District #3. Prior to her elevation in the office of District Governor, she had served her chapter in various capacities, among which were Board of Governors and

Vice-President. She is a member of the Hermione Chapter #11.

Formerly associated with the American Red Cross, Sister Wallace firmly believes that to be a part of a community is to be active and participate in worthy activities.

Serving with Sister Wallace on the third District Lodge is Lt. Governor Christine Getney of Alcmene Chapter #27; Secretary-Treasurer Margaret Williams of the Hermione Chapter #11.

The recently elected District Lodge Officers were installed with the District Lodge Officers of the Ahepa and the Sons of Pericles at the Grand Ball in the O'Henry Hotel Ballroom in Greensboro, North Carolina.

### DISTRICT NO. 4

Florence Liadrakis is the District Governor of Power District No. 4 for the year 1950-51. Served her local chapter as Vice-President and as President. Chairman of the women's division of the 1939 Ahepa Excursion to Greece. Has a Bachelor of Arts degree and was a High School instructor before her marriage. Organized and directed Little Theaters and Children's Theaters and for two years had her own music program over radio station WMEG. Active in civic and scholastic societies.

Other members of the District Lodge are: Lt. Governor, Elsie Ganakis, Philadelphia; Secretary, Josephine Paulus, Pittsburgh; Treasurer, Sophie Notarys, Harrisburg; Marshal, Helen Maragos, Harrisburg.

### DISTRICT NO. 5

District Governor Helen Millas is a native of Trenton, N. J. Served as President of the first chapter of the Daughters in New Jersey, the Altes No., 163. Prior to her elevation to the Governorship, she held the post of Lt. Governor for two years. The Daughters of Penelope in the 5th District number ten chapters, all of which are functioning with great progress and enthusiasm. Sister Millas is the wife of Past District Governor James Millas who was instrumental in organizing the Daughters in the Garden State District. They have two sons, Arthur and Lee. Arthur is now the Lt. Governor of the Sons of Pericles of the Fifth District.

### DISTRICT NO. 6

Sister Mary Gladis of Flushing, Long Island, was a member of the Maids of Athens, Castalia Chapter of New York City and was one of the organizers and charter members of Rhene Chapter No. 154 of Corona. She has served her chapter as Secretary and Vice-President. Her fine work was recognized and in 1947 was elected as District Marshal and the following year was elevated to Secretary. This year the delegates to the District Convention elected her to the Governorship. The other District Lodge officers are: Helen Mitsakos of Athens Chapter No. 39, Lt. Governor; Dorothy Angels of Evryklea Chapter No. 36, District Secretary; Suzanne Collis of Alkippe Chapter No. 46, District Treasurer; and Helen Christodoulou of Pallas Athene Chapter No. 30, District Marshal.

Under the capable leadership of Sister Gladis, the other officers of the District Lodge and previous officers, these new chapters have been organized this past year with another chapter scheduled to be organized in the very near future. There is now a total of seventeen chapters with a membership of approximately eight hundred members in the District.

Empire State District No. 6 has been one of the most progressive Districts in the past three years, which is indicative of the cooperation of all the members of the Daughters of Penelope.

### DISTRICT NO. 8

District Governor Diamond Bicoles was born in Fitchburg, Mass., daughter of Brother and Mrs. Fred Bicoles. Brother Bicoles is a prominent Ahepan of that city having served as President of his chapter and District Treasurer. Sister Bicoles is a charter member of the Actira Chapter No. 153. She served as Treasurer of her chapter and at the Lowell Convention was elected District Marshal. The following year she was elected Lt. Governor and in 1950 was elected to the Governorship. Since her graduation from High School, Sister Bicoles has been employed in the office of the City Clerk of Fitchburg.

Other members of the District Lodge are: Ann Rhoads, Lt. Governor, Dorchester; Toula



MARY CLADIS, Governor  
Empire State District No. 6



DIAMOND BICOLES, Gov-  
ernor Bay State No. 8



NELLIE I. COUTSONIKAS,  
Governor, District No. 9



LUCILLE KOKEN, Governor  
Automotive District No. 10

Linnios, District Secretary, Haverhill; Helen Tasis, District Treasurer, Fitchburg; Eva Panagopoulos, District Marshal, Lowell.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9

District Governor Nellie I. Coutsonikas is a charter member of the Thisbe Chapter No. 148 of Nashua, N. H., and served as its first President. Elected District Treasurer in 1947, District Secretary in 1948, Lt. Governor in 1949 and District Governor in 1950. A very active member of the Y.W.C.A. and present President of the Ayuda Club of the YWCA, which is the local Business Girls' Club. Enjoys club work, dancing, bowling, baseball and other sports and reading.

The Thisbe Chapter No. 148 of Nashua has continued to hold the reputation of being one of the most active chapters in our District. A citation is to be received from the state for having sold \$25,000 worth of bonds in our locality. Supper meetings with guest speakers and socials have created considerable interest not only amongst members but also with our other American friends for our organization is the most publicized and regarded as the chief Greek women's club in this city. A high ranking High School student of Greek descent was sent to the University of New Hampshire for a work to study Government. We sponsored a student for the second successive year.

Other officers of the District Lodge are: Lt. Governor, Bessie Frangoulakis of Lewiston; District Secretary, Hazel Barbouris of Auburn; District Treasurer, Katherine Harris of Dover; District Marshal, Elizabeth Doukas of Concord.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10

A charter member of Caosmos Chapter No. 174 of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Sister Lucille Koken was re-elected to the office of District Governor of Automotive District No. 10. She served her chapter as its first President and is active in the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of the White Shrine, and is serving as an officer in the Eastern Star. She is the wife of Attorney Paul Koken, past District Governor of Automotive District No. 10.

Other District Lodge Officers are: Lt. Governor, Jane Tsatsanis of Pontiac; Sec. Treasurer, Jeanne Doukas of Kalamazoo; Dist. Marshal, Alice Papageorge of Detroit.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11

The District Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope in Buckeye District No. 11 is as fol-

low: Miss Elaine Patsiavos of Springfield, Ohio, District Governor; Mrs. Christine Johnson of Lexington, Ky., Lt. Governor; Mrs. Florence Stathopoulos of Springfield, Ohio, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Katherine Carlos of Toledo, Ohio, District Marshal; Mrs. Helen Lambrou of Massillon, Ohio, District Advisor. This is the second term for both District Governor Patsiavos, and her Secretary-Treasurer Florence Stathopoulos. Mrs. Johnson was elevated to the office of Lt. Governor from District Marshal.

Prior to serving as District Governor, Miss Patsiavos served her District as District Marshal for one year. She has been in the Order for seven years, serving her chapter, Iliaca

Chapter #22 of Springfield, Ohio, as Secretary for two years, and as Treasurer for one year, prior to going into District Lodge work. She graduated from Springfield High School and attended Wittenberg College for two years majoring in Business Administration.

District Governor Elaine Patsiavos is happy to announce that the 16th chapter of the Daughters of Penelope in Buckeye District #11 was added on October 1, 1950, in Lima, Ohio, sponsored by the Lima Chapter Order of Ahepa #359 which is but two years old itself. She and her District Lodge are quite confident that this chapter shows great promise of becoming one of the most active chapters in the District in months to come.



AT REACTIVATION CEREMONIES OF LAMPETE CHAPTER NO. 83

District Governor, Florence Lindrakis at Installation Rites of re-organized Daughters of Penelope unit at Easton, Pa., on October 29th. Officers shown in the above picture are Esther Lirakis, President; Dorothy Masouras, Vice-President; Mary Frangulis, Secretary; Annetta Youvas, Treasurer; Koula Masouras, Warden; Ethel Limneos, Priestess; Stella Frangulis, Marshal; Anna Frangulis and Mary Pappas, Sentinels; Rona Masouras, pianist; Constance and Irene Hriskos, Guards; and Hrisanthi Lirakis, Chairman of the Board of Governors.



BEATRICE RORRIS, Governor Hoosier District No. 12



ADELINE GEOKARIS, Governor Cornbelt District No. 13



SIMEON AGNOS, Governor Oil Center District No. 15



HELEN GALEOTOS, Governor Silver District No. 17

### DISTRICT NO. 12

Miss Beatrice Rorris, Daughter of Sylvia Rorris and the late Charles Rorris, is Governor of the Daughters of Penelope of District No. 12.

She has been an active member of the Pleiades Chapter No. 50 of Hammond, Indiana, serving as Priestess, Treasurer, and President. She has also served the Hoosier District as Secretary.

Miss Rorris, who holds a Bachelor of Music Degree, is a talented young lady. She has her own music studio where she teaches piano and voice. She was recently presented in a successful Vocal Debut in Chicago. Her music aspirations do not limit her time for she takes a great deal of interest and gives much of her energy to the Daughters of Penelope.

Members of Daughters of Penelope District Lodge No. 12: Lt. Governor—Miss Estlin Zaphiriou, Laertes Chapter, No. 212, Indianapolis; District Secretary—Miss Suzanne Calhoun, Kirke Chapter No. 26, Fort Wayne; District Treasurer—Miss Connie Lukas, Achilles Chapter No. 73, East Chicago; District Marshal—Mrs. Martha Phillips, Megara Chapter No. 113, Muncie, Indiana; District Daughters Advisor—Mrs. Lottie Michaels, Pleiades No. 50, Hammond; District Advisor Maids of Athens—Mrs. Alexandra Lamberson, Gaia No. 60, South Bend.

### HOOSIER DISTRICT NEWS

The Daughters of Penelope are sponsors of a District project which keeps the chapters in touch with one another. They publish a monthly four-page newspaper known as the Hoosier Herald. The Editor-in-Chief is a Daughter. The Ahepa and Sons of Pericles have Associate Editors on the Staff. It is supported jointly by the Daughters of Penelope and the Ahepa District Lodges.

Another joint project of the two Lodges is a District Scholarship. Each year four scholarships (two to high school students and two to college students) are awarded to successful applicants. The Scholarship committees are appointed by the District Governors. Those active on this committee this year are: Ahepans, Chairman Harry Argus of Hammond; Rev. Anthony Kanavos of Indiana Harbor and Ed Pappas of Gary; Daughters, Chairman Lottie Michaels of Hammond, Fay Kalafat of Fort Wayne and Ethel Maxrick of Peru.

The District Lodges are cooperating this year in a Mid-Winter Conference which will be held at the Hotel Antler in Indianapolis on February 4, 1951. All chapters of the District will be represented at this meeting. The Sons of Pericles will participate also. The business of the day will be climaxed by a Scholarship Ball in the evening.

The Daughters of Penelope are sponsoring a Baby Clothes Drive, similar to that of last year. All the chapters are collecting new and used clothing for children. The clothing will be sent to Greece.

### DISTRICT NO. 13

District Governor Adeline Geo-Karis is a young lady who has attained an enviable position in her community and certainly reflects great credit on the Hellenic name. Sister Geo-Karis has a law degree from DePaul University and she was the only woman in a class of 120 in the February class of 1942 of the University. After a year with a Chicago law firm, she enlisted in the Waves and rose to the rank of Lt. Commander in charge of the legal and discipline department of enlisted personnel at the separation center of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Recently she was elected Justice of the Peace in Zion, Illinois, the first woman to hold public elective office in that city. In addition to her many other duties, she finds time to teach Spanish at the University of Illinois Extension School; she is leader of the choir of St. Demetrius Orthodox Church in Waukegan; charter member of the American Legion, Lake County Women's Post No. 1122; member of civic and legal associations and founder of the Daughters of Penelope Chapter No. 203.

For the first time the Daughters in this District are publishing a monthly news bulletin consisting of Daughters' information and news items for our chapters and circulated to all chapter members. District Governor Geo-Karis states that the aim of her District Lodges this year is to strengthen the existing chapters before they attempt the formation of new ones.

Other members of the District Lodge are: Ellen Kueharis, Lt. Governor of Chicago, Ill.; Theodosia Dimas, Treasurer of Milwaukee, Wis.; Christine Caldwell, District Marshal of Rockford, Ill.; Theodora Koulos, District Historian of Aurora, Ill.; Em Lee Lamitins, District Athletic Director of Chicago, Ill.

### DISTRICT NO. 15

Mrs. Simeon Agnos is once more District Governor of Oil Center District No. 15. Mrs. Agnos for many years has been very active in the Daughters of Penelope movement in her district. She served the chapter Electa No. 3 in many capacities, including the Presidency on several occasions. She previously held the office of District Governor in 1937 and at the Rhode Island National Convention in 1939 was elected Grand Governor. Other members of District No. 15 are Lt. Governor, Helen Katopolis of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Chrys Malissos, Secretary-Treasurer also of Tulsa.

### DISTRICT NO. 17

District Governor Helen Galeotos is a member of the Olympus Chapter No. 6 of Cheyenne, Wyoming. She served her chapter as President and her district as Secretary-Treasurer for two years. Sister Galeotos is very active in P.T.A. and served as Vice-President of the Junior High School P.T.A. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Royal Neighbors of America, and the proud mother of four sons.

District No. 17 is made up of six chapters with a total membership of 240. The distance from the farthest chapter in the north which is Sheridan, Wyoming to the southernmost chapter which is Albuquerque, New Mexico is almost a thousand miles, but in spite of the great distances involved a very close contact is maintained.

The other Members of the District Lodge are: Lt. Governor—Marie Pedaris, Casper, Wyoming; Secretary—Tula Zarakos, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Treasurer—Virginia Saris—Denver, Colo.; Marshal—Daisey Ellis, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Advisor—Murel Gatsoso, Denver, Colo.

### DISTRICT NO. 18

District Governor Olga Pappas is a charter member of Orestes Chapter No. 78, instituted in May 1939. She is one of the organizers of the chapter and served as its first President. She also held the post of District Governor once before, in 1941. Sister Pappas is an ardent worker for the Daughters in her own chapter as well as throughout the district. The District Convention in 1951 will be held at Missoula, Montana. The other members of

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HELEN XIDES, Governor  
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GENE GANAKIS, Governor  
Power District No. 4



RAE LAZAROU, Governor  
Empire State District No. 6



VICKY N. CARRAS, Governor  
Firwood District No. 22

## ACTIVITIES OF THE MAIDS OF ATHENS

### DISTRICT NO. 1

Helen Xides, District Governor, is a charter member of Lydia Chapter No. 91 of Montgomery which was organized in 1946. She has served her chapter as Secretary and twice as Loyal Maid. Active in community affairs, having served as President of the Greek Orthodox Church Choir, organist and Sunday School teacher. Born and reared in Montgomery, Miss Xides graduated from St. Mary's of Loretto High School and in 1949 received her B.A. degree in Sociology from Huntington College.

Other District Officers are:

Lt. Governor—Betty Routsos, Atlanta, Ga.

Secretary-Treasurer—Edna Sanidas, Memphis, Tenn.

Editor, "Dixie Maid"—Bessie Turner, Greenville, S. C.

On October 3, District Governor Helen Xides and Lt. Governor Betty Routsos, organized a new chapter of the Maids of Athens in Spartanburg, S. C. Elected officers are:

Worthy Maid—Mary Costas

Loyal Maid—Mary Patterson

Secretary—Martha Bobotas

Treasurer—Mary Gounaris

### DISTRICT NO. 4

District Governor Gene Ganakis is a native Philadelphian, a graduate of the West Philadelphia High School. Has been a member of the Maids of Athens for five years and has held the offices of Secretary and Worthy Maid in her chapter. Before her elevation to the Governorship, she served her District as Lt. Governor. She enjoys attending

District and National Conventions and likes sports. She is also a member V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, Greek American Federation, Greek Theater Guild and the Church Choir.

The other members of her District Lodge are, Lucy Pikolas, Lt. Governor; Angeline Pappas, Secretary-Treasurer; Connie Vallas, Athletic Director.

November 11 and 12, 1950, the Maids of Athens District Lodge, Power District No. 4 held a District Conference in Harrisburg. The purpose of this meeting was to determine a schedule of events for the 1950-51 term. Many chapter problems were brought up and discussed and answered to the best ability of the District Lodge.

Our main topic of discussion was Sports. Our District has become very sports minded. Schedules were made for Basketball games between chapters and also for playoffs for District Championship at the end of the season. At the coming District Convention to be held in Philadelphia a trophy will be presented to the District Basketball Champions. Other sports were discussed and schedules for bowling, volley ball and soccer were to be made by each individual chapter.

Also at the recent District Convention it was resolved that a Maids of Athens District News Bulletin be published. This is to include any announcement of events in the chapter such as birthdays, engagements, weddings, etc., of the Maids. An Editor-in-Chief was elected who would be in charge and each chapter elected a reporter who was then put on the Editorial staff, and is re-

sponsible for her chapter news. The first issue was sent out in October. At this time a membership drive is going on throughout the District. Also a "Pay Your Dues for '51" campaign.

### DISTRICT NO. 6

The Maids District Lodge consists of the following: Ray Lazarou, District Governor; Josephine Yiatras, Lt. Gov.; Katherine Korovisis, Secretary-Treasurer; and Tacy Perdaris, Assist. Secretary-Treasurer.

### DISTRICT NO. 22

District Governor Vicky N. Carras was born in Seattle and is the daughter of Brother N. Carras and Mrs. Carras of that city. Last June she graduated from the University of Washington and at present is doing graduate work in education at that institution. Her two younger sisters are also Maids and attending the University. Miss Carras has served as Secretary, Vice-President and President of Alethea Chapter No. 2 of the Maids of Athens, the chapter which was awarded "The Palace Trophy" at the 1950 District Convention. The Palace Trophy is awarded to the Maids Chapter in the district with the outstanding activities record for the year.

District Governor Carras comes from a family of Abepans. Her father is a Past District Governor and her Mother is at present District Treasurer of the Daughters of Penelope. Her brother, an attorney, is Secretary of Chapter No. 177 and her sisters are officers of the local Maids of Athens chapter.



**GEORGE J. PIPENTACOS**  
Supreme President



**GREGORY KOSMOS**  
Supreme Vice-President



**JAMES SKUFAKISS**  
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer

## THE SUPREME LODGE OF THE SONS OF PERICLES

**SUPREME PRESIDENT GEORGE J. PIPENTACOS:** member of the Phocion Chapter No. 41, Albany, New York. He became a member of the Sons in 1941 and served his Chapter as Secretary twice and as President. The Empire State District No. 6 elected him to the office of Lieutenant District Governor and District Governor. As District Governor in 1948, he reorganized a number of Chapters and arranged for the publication of the Sons District periodical, "The Periclean." He was elected Supreme Secretary-Treasurer at the Miami National Conference in 1949 and at the Cleveland National Conference last August he was elevated to the office of Supreme President. He graduated from Siena College with a B.A. Degree in Sociology.

**SUPREME VICE-PRESIDENT GREGORY KOSMOS** is a Navy veteran, presently in Reserve as a physical instructor, Sports-minded, playing semi-pro baseball . . . all around athlete during high school and college years . . . has just finished graduating from San Francisco State Teachers' College. . . Served as president of Oakland, Calif. Sons for two successive years . . . this is fourth year on Supreme Lodge . . . Travels thousands of miles annually in great Pacific and Far West in behalf of Sons organizing. . .

**SUPREME SECRETARY-TREASURER JAMES SKUFAKISS** has been in the Sons since 1944. . . Past District Governor of Hoosier District and twice District Secretary-Treasurer. . . Serving as Supreme Secretary-Treasurer after two terms as Supreme Governor.

. . . Re-organized Indianapolis Sons and has aided in organization in Ohio and Michigan since becoming Supreme Lodge member. . . An Ahepan, he has served as Hoosier District Athletic Director. . . Attended University of Illinois and Calumet Center of Indiana University. . .

**SUPREME GOVERNOR GEORGE GUST** attended South High in Detroit, graduated in 1947 . . . now attending school in Milwaukee. . . Son since 1944. . . son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Gust of Detroit. . . Sister Diana is an active Daughter of Penelope. . .

Has done organizational work in Wisconsin and Michigan . . . has participated in last three National Conventions . . . tireless worker for the Sons. . .



**JOHN C. SEDELL**  
Supreme Governor

**SUPREME GOVERNOR JOHN LEGEROS** became active in the Sons of Pericles during the reorganization of Olympus Chapter 66 of Minneapolis. He was elected president of the newly reorganized chapter, and served for two successive terms.

He served as District Governor of the Grainsfield District 14, during which time he attended the national conventions held in Miami, Florida, and Cleveland, Ohio.

He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and is now doing graduate work at the University of Chicago.

**JOHN STEPHANOS, SUPREME GOVERNOR** from Washington, D. C., has been a member of the Sons of Pericles since 1946. He held various appointed offices in the Pythagoras Chapter No. 9 and also was elected Vice President for the 1947-'48 fiscal year and President for two successive years, 1948-'49 and 1949-'50. At Greensboro, N. C., in June of 1950 he was elected Governor of District No. 3 and, immediately following in August of 1950 at Cleveland, Ohio, was elected Supreme Governor. He heads Districts No. 1-4 inclusive.

**SUPREME GOVERNOR JOHN C. SEDELL** is a member of the Stergios B. Milonas Chapter of Brockton, Mass. Served his chapter as Secretary and District No. 8 as Marshal, Lt. Governor and District Governor. Member of the Lord Byron Chapter of Ahepa, Member of St. George Lodge, A.F.&A.M. Graduate of Brockton High School, Attended Burdett School of Business Administration in Boston.



GEORGE GUST  
Supreme Governor



JOHN C. LEGEROS  
Supreme Governor



JOHN STEPHANOS  
Supreme Governor

## Supreme President of Sons of Pericles Makes Plea . . . .

Dear Brothers:

Both the Miami National Convention and the Cleveland National Convention of the Ahepa this year devoted much time to the needs of the Junior Order of the Ahepa—The Sons of Pericles. Last year the Sons of Pericles made some progress. However, more progress is required to strengthen the Sons into a National Order. To this task the present Supreme Lodge of the Sons has pledged itself.

The Order of Sons of Pericles has proven itself as a well recognized character building agency. It provides our Greek youth with the proper environment in which to carry out its social, athletic, and educational programs. At the age of 21 years the Sons graduate into the Ahepa. A large percentage of the Ahepans of today were former Sons of Pericles. Many of the present chapter, district, and national officers of the Ahepa are graduate members of the Sons of Pericles. So you see, the Ahepa has much to gain by helping to keep up a strong and active Sons of Pericles. For these reasons our goal this year is to have an active Sons chapter wherever we have an Ahepa chapter.

During the next few months I will call upon several of the Ahepa chapters in your district for the purpose of re-organizing the Sons of Pericles. I therefore, appeal to you, the officers and members of the Ahepa, to give some thought and consideration to the well being of the youth of your community and make it possible for them to have a strong chapter of the Sons of Pericles. With your help it can be done.

## Sons of Pericles Are Ready

We who attended the last National Conference at Cleveland, Ohio worked with Sons of Pericles of both district and national rank from all over the country; we were impressed and certain that the harmonious way by which we worked was indicative of the way that Sons all over the country strive for the betterment of our Fraternity.

Many new plans and ideas were brought forth, discussed, modified, and finally approved in the spirit that they would be conducive to the reaffirmation that the Sons of Pericles is a good progressive organization that is here to stay among the Greek Youth of America. The most important issue decided by the delegates to the Conference and ultimately approved by the general body of Ahepan Delegates was the amendment to our Constitution providing for a National Convention for the Sons of Pericles to replace the Conferences which were held previously and to which only Supreme Lodge Officers and District Governors were allowed to attend as delegates. From here on, one delegate from each chapter shall have the right to attend as a full-fledged delegate and shall have all privileges thereof—to debate, to express his views, to be elected to any of the Convention Officers as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or Secretary. The first post-war Convention of the Sons of Pericles, which is to be held at Minneapolis, is truly something for every Son of Pericles to look forward to and to try and qualify himself in the eyes of the members of his chapter for election to the position of delegate. Second in importance of the things decided was the membership drive that is now in progress and will last until April 30, 1951.

It is hoped by every true Son of Peri-

cles that we will be able to carry out our far-reaching plans but now we find in our path a formidable adversary—the threat of draft which will affect most of our active membership. But, although this will set the Sons of Pericles as a Fraternity back to the state of inactivity that we were in during the last war, we are ready to heroically answer the call of our country just as our predecessors did in 1912 when 98% of us was called and just as our world-famous ancient ancestors did in their day. We all hope and pray that another war is averted but we know and want everyone else to know that, if and when necessary, the Sons of Pericles are ready!!!

JOHN STEPHANOS,  
Supreme Governor,  
National Publicity Director  
NICK KARAYIANIS,  
District Governor No. 3,  
Asst Nat'l Publicity Director

## Sons of Pericles National Conference Cleveland, Ohio 1950

During the week of August 13th, the Order of Sons of Pericles held their annual National Conference. This marked the end of the era of National Conferences for the Sons of Pericles, for with the Minneapolis Ahepa National Convention in 1951, it will mark the beginning of National Conventions for the Sons of Pericles. The success of this Conference can be attributed to the enthusiastic attendance of 10 District Governors from the 13 organized districts.

The following governors and districts were represented, John Stephanos, No. 3; George Gekas, No. 4; Peter S. Maglilos, No. 6; Andrew Margolis, No. 7;

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NICK THEODORE, Governor  
Mother Lodge District No. 1



NICK KARAYIANIS, Govern-  
nor, Capital District No. 3



GEORGE W. GEKAS, Govern-  
nor Power District No. 4



DEAN P. VLASSIS, Governor  
Empire State District No. 6

#### DISTRICT NO. 1

Our District consists of five very active chapters at the present with plans in progress to re-organize the Spartanburg and Columbia, S. C., Sons of Pericles. The chapters in good standing at the present time are Memphis, Tenn., Savannah and Atlanta, Ga., Charleston and Greenville, S. C.

District No. 1 has certain customs and traditions which have been carried on for a number of years. One of our pride and joys is the Periclean Herald, which is our Sons paper published every other month. The various chapters are allowed to offer and receive suggestions, also a closer relationship is kept through the Periclean. Charleston, S. C., is sponsoring the paper during this present administration with Harry Speliopoulos acting as Editor.

Nick Theodore is the District Governor. He is a member of the Greenville, S. C., Dixie Chapter of the Sons which chapter he served as President before his elevation to the Governorship.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3

Nick Karayianis, Governor of District No. 3, has been a member of the Sons of Pericles since 1945 and has been very active in the Pythagoras Chapter No. 9, Washington, D. C., serving as its Treasurer in 1948-49 and Vice President in 1949-50. At Greensboro, N. C., in June 1950 he was elected District Secretary-Treasurer and was elevated to Governor when the governor-elect was elected to the Supreme Lodge at Cleveland. Has established a paper which is now the official publication of the Sons of Pericles of District No. 3, "The Capital News." At present employed at Ahepa National Headquarters and attending George Washington University.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4

Twenty year old George W. Gekas was elected to the governorship of his district during the annual district convention, held this past summer at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Having previously served at the various chapter offices and as Lt. Governor, Brother Gekas was deemed experienced enough to undertake his new duties.

George has won local and state recognition as a public speaker. Now in his Junior year at Dickinson Pre-Law school; President and Director of the Greek Orthodox Choir and active in college dramatics and fraternity work.

Power District No. 4 is busily engaged in the rebuilding of our membership under the "Marshall Plan," a plan instigated by our District Marshal, Nicholas Nicholas. Visitations and correspondence are the order of the day. A monthly periodical is printed and distributed by the Sons, publishing articles of interest and entertainment. A thorough and highly competitive sports program, including basketball, softball, table tennis and bowling is in the process of attaining reality.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6

Our plans for the coming year are as follows: the second Annual Basketball Tournament to be held in Syracuse February 10th and 11th. An all out membership drive trying to concentrate on 14 to 16 year olds due to the draft situation. We are striving to re-activate former chapters and to form new chapters. Our District Sons paper, the Periclean which was bankrupt is to function under a new system of finance. An outstanding Son award. An outstanding Sons Chapter award. Formation of a Chapter Degree Team.

District Governor Vlassis was primarily responsible for the organization of a Sons chapter in Syracuse. He was elected President when the chapter was formed in 1948. Before his elevation to the Governorship he was District Treasurer.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7

Andrew J. Margoles is a native of New Haven. Attended New Haven State Teachers College and at the present attending the University of Connecticut. The District Governor intends to make law his career and plans to attend the Yale Law School. He is a member of the New Haven Chapter of the Order of De Molay.

Activities for his district in his program include, bowling tournament, membership drive, district dance and combined installations with Ahepans and Daughters.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8

The Bay State District No. 3, Sons of Pericles held their first District Meeting of the year on Sunday November 5, 1950 at the beautiful Ahepa Home, Boston, Mass. (site of the 1952 National Convention?). At this meeting plans were discussed for the formation of a District Debating team. This idea has proven to be very promising, and every district should inaugurate such a plan. At the conclusion of the meeting we were honored by the presence of Supreme Vice-President of the Ahepa Brother Leo Lamberson. He gave a very interesting talk to the assembly.

District Governor Arthur G. Dukakis was born in Boston. He is a graduate of Burdett College and at present attending Clark University working towards a B.B.A. degree.

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ARTHUR G. DUKAKIS, Governor Bay State District No. 8



STEVE J. DEMETRIOS, Governor Buckeye Dist. No. 11



JIM COSSE, Governor Delta District No. 16

### DISTRICT NO. 11

District Governor Steve J. Demetrios was the first President of the newly organized Middletown, Ohio, Sons of Pericles Chapter No. 166. Before his elevation to the District Governorship at the Steubenville Convention he served as Lt. Governor. At present he is a junior at Miami University, majoring in Marketing and Merchandising.

### DISTRICT NO. 12

The 1950 Sons of Pericles District Convention was held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on July 9, 10, 11, at the Van Orman Hotel, the Hammond, Gary, and Indianapolis chapters attending. District Governor Peter Sotos of Hammond was Convention Chairman. In the absence of District Secretary-Treasurer George Bikos of Gary Brother Peter T. Sofos of Indianapolis served as Convention Secretary.

Peter Sotos of Hammond has been reelected to the office of District Governor for the forthcoming year 1950-51. Other new District officers elected by the convention are: James Bikos of Gary, District Lieutenant Governor; Peter T. Sofos of Indianapolis, District Secretary; Peter Carthinos of Hammond, District Treasurer; and Chris Vambakas of East Chicago, a member of the Hammond chapter, District Marshal.

### DISTRICT NO. 16

District Governor Jim Cosse is a native of Shreveport, La. At present a High School Senior, he is planning to go into the field of dentistry after graduation. President of the Senior class and voted most popular boy. Very much interested in the Sons of Pericles and hopes

to be an Ahepan someday.

Other members of the District Lodge are Gus Zgourides, Houston, Lt. Governor; Nick Demeris, Houston, Secretary, and Steve Demetri, Houston, Treasurer.

### SONS CONFERENCE

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Nicholas Liacopoulos (Dist. Treasurer), No. 8; Steve Demetrios, No. 11; Pete Sotos, No. 12; Peter Stacy, No. 13; George Margelos, No. 14; and George Kaplanis, No. 21.

A formal initiation, held Sunday afternoon, was performed by a degree

team from the Cleveland Sons Chapter. This initiation officially opened the week's activities which included meetings, National Olympiad, Luncheons for the delegates, and a gala social event every evening of the week.

The greater part of the Conference's deliberations were spent on revising the Sons Constitution and the National Program. The delegates unanimously adopted a new Constitution, which has been approved by the Ahepa Supreme Lodge. Before the year is out, we will have a new Sons Constitution. On the national programs, the following points were approved: National Membership Drive, from November 1, 1950 to March 31, 1951; National Essay Contest; National Publicity Program; Educational Program; and Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day Commemoration.

The Conference ended Friday afternoon with the election of the following Supreme Lodge officers for the coming year: Supreme President, George J. Pipentacos, Albany, N. Y.; Supreme Vice-President, Gregory G. Kosmos, Oakland, Cal.; Supreme Secretary-Treas., James Skufakiss, Hammond, Ind.; Supreme Governors, John Stephanos, Washington, D. C.; John C. Sedell, Brockton, Mass.; George C. Gust, Detroit, Mich.; John C. Legeros, Minneapolis, Minn.

The host chapter of the Sons in Miami are to be congratulated for their many kindnesses and services rendered the delegates. Similarly, the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles wishes to thank the Cleveland Ahepa chapter for providing excellent facilities for the Conference meetings and for furnishing the Sons delegates with complimentary tickets to all the social events of the Convention.

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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

For many centuries, countless millions of thankful men and women and happy children of past generations have prayed to God and rejoiced at Christmastime.

This year is in keeping with the same tradition, for Christmas, 1950 is hallowed with prayer and bright with laughter in our land.

This, though our nation is at grips with the foe in a distant land;

This, though we know that the enemy desires to put an end to all future Christmases for us and our children;

This, though we sense the gathering of more ominous clouds of danger and evil which aim to envelop and destroy us, our great nation and all the other good and freedom-loving people and nations of the world.

We thank God for this hour and day of respite from these dire troubles and sinister forebodings which beset us.

We pray to God to keep and preserve the fighting men of America and the United Nations in Korea and every other place in the world where they face and contain the forces of evil.

These are our thanks and prayers.

We state unequivocally that we seek a peace based on justice.

A freedom supported by democracy and

A belief in God, rooted in the heart and mind of every individual, not only for ourselves but for all humanity.

These are our principles. We adhere and subscribe to them because we have faith in these truths as prescribed by our ancestors. Through this abiding faith, we know that the good, the right and the truth will prevail; the evil, the wrong and the lie will perish. It has always been thus, because this is the priceless heritage of mankind. It will always be thus, because these values are eternal.

We Ahepans, like all Americans, are dedicated to these ideals. This preservation will triumph in the present struggle to save civilization and Christmas will continue to be celebrated by young and old for centuries to come, forever and ever.

Sincerely and fraternally  
JOHN G. DEXOS  
Supreme President

## Ahepans in the Service

Pursuant to a resolution passed at the Cleveland National Convention, members of the Order of Ahepa, who are in good standing at the time they are called into the Armed Forces of our country, should be kept in good standing with

the National Headquarters by their respective Chapters. The Chapters are requested to waive their share of such members' dues and remit their full annual per capita tax to National Headquarters.

## MRS. GEORGE BRAHOS MOURNED

HAMMOND, Ind.—Mrs. George Brahos, whose immediate family includes more Ahepans, Daughters of Penelope and Sons of Pericles than any other family in the state of Indiana, died Nov. 11 after a long illness. She was 59 years old.

Mrs. Brahos herself was a member of Pleiades chapter of the Daughters of Penelope in Hammond before stricken ill. Her husband, a Hammond business man, was one of the first Ahepans to join Hammond chapter No. 123.

Four of her sons—James, Chris, Harry and Dean—are members of Hammond chapter No. 123, James and Harry being past presidents and James also being Hoosier district governor in 1947. A fifth son, Peter, is a member of the Pygmalion chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

Her three daughters—Mrs. S. J. Senus, Mrs. Nick Bobis and Mrs. Gus Kavadias—likewise, have been affiliated with the Daughters of Penelope.

Hundreds attended funeral services Nov. 14 in St. Demetrios church at Hammond with Rev. Louis Greanias officiating. Burial was in the family lot at Elmwood cemetery.

## ATTENTION

District and Chapter Secretaries and Editors of District Publications

You are invited to send news and stories of your chapters and districts for publication in The Ahepan. Special articles and interesting features will be given consideration. Mail your contributions to Headquarters or directly to the Editor, George Dimas, 105 Haven Avenue, New York 32, N. Y. Where pictures accompany story, original photographs should be sent to facilitate the making of the cut.

## THE HOST

The genial brook, the cordial ground,  
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Of graciousness these splendid leaves attire,  
Swing wide a door, beyond whose threshold man  
Meets his host, Prowl and warms beside his fire.

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## In Memoriam

The following deceased members have been reported to Ahepa National Headquarters from September 20, 1950, to December 10, 1950.

**NICHOLAS ANTHONY**, Hamilton, Ont., Canada, No. CJ-2, August 29, 1950.  
**GEORGE AGINITIS**, Miami, Fla., No. 14, February, 1954.  
**ANGELOS B. ASTERIADES**, Hartford, Conn., No. 58, April 4, 1950.  
**MIKE ATHANASOPOULOS**, Reading, Pa., No. 61, November 13, 1950.  
**GUS D. BACKUS**, Sacramento, Calif., No. 152, May 15, 1950.  
**ALEX E. BERRY**, Santa Fe, N. M., No. 264, July 14, 1950.  
**GEORGE S. BOUEGETIS**, Saginaw, Mich., No. 216, November 13, 1950.  
**LOUIS BREGOU**, Worcester, Mass., No. 80, July 29, 1950.  
**XENOPHON BRIGIS**, Hamilton, Ont., Canada, No. CJ-3, October 28, 1950.  
**RICHARD P. CANNING**, Lansing, Mich., No. 142, September 1, 1950.  
**GEORGE COLOVOS**, Fresno, Calif., No. 151, September 26, 1950.  
**GEORGE CONTOS**, Chicago, Ill., North Shore Chapter No. 94, September 19, 1950.  
**GUST DALIANES**, Eureka, Calif., No. 269, June 8, 1950.  
**ANDREW DAVELIS**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, No. 194, October, 1950.  
**CHRISTOS DEANAS**, Moline, Ill., No. 120, October 8, 1950.  
**JOHN D. DIAMOND**, Chicago, Ill., North Shore Chapter No. 94, October 28, 1950.  
**GUS DROUDES**, Roanoke, Va., No. 137, December, 1949.  
**GEORGE E. ELLIS**, Minneapolis, Minn., No. 66, August 5, 1950.  
**GEORGE N. FRANKISKOS**, Syracuse, N. Y., No. 37, April 29, 1950.  
**GREGORY GEORGIADIS**, Huntington, W. Va., No. 307, June 20, 1950.  
**JAMES GLAVAS**, Detroit, Mich., No. 40, September 28, 1950.  
**ALEXANDER HRISTODOLOS**, Newark, N. J., No. 52, August 28, 1950.  
**STEVE HYT**, Calgary, Alta., Canada, No. CJ-11, October 7, 1950.  
**NICHOLAS JONES**, Meriden, Conn., No. 126, August 28, 1950.  
**GEORGE P. KANNES**, Salt Lake City, Utah, No. 324, September 22, 1950.  
**NICHOLAS KAPITANAKIS**, Reno, Nevada, No. 281, September 6, 1950.  
**GEORGE KARAMETROS**, Detroit, Mich., No. 40, July 2, 1950.  
**PETER P. KARAMPALAS, SR.**, Haverhill, Mass., No. 39, August 12, 1950.  
**THOMAS KOLLAS**, Akron, Ohio, No. 63, October 30, 1950.  
**ARISTIDES KOUSOVLAS**, Chicago, Ill., Woodlawn Chapter No. 93, July 23, 1950.  
**ATHANASIOS LAMBROS**, Chicago, Ill., Pullman Chapter No. 205, April 25, 1950.  
**PETER LATSONAS**, Denver, Colo., No. 145, October 11, 1950.  
**NICHOLAS LETROS**, Toronto, Ont., Canada, Chapter No. CJ-1, November 15, 1950.  
**EARL LIFE**, Baltimore, Md., Lord Baltimore Chapter No. 364, September 29, 1950.  
**DEMETRIOS K. MANOS**, Washington, D. C., Washington Chapter No. 31, August 29, 1950.  
**ARISTIDES A. MAVRIDES**, New York, N. Y., "Delphi" Chapter No. 25, October 13, 1950.  
**JOHN MITAKES**, Chicago, Ill., North Shore Chapter No. 94, November 12, 1950.  
**WILLIAM MORPHIS**, Buffalo, N. Y., No. 91, October 1, 1950.  
**THEODORE P. NIKAS**, St. Paul, Minn., No. 370, June 2, 1950.  
**GEORGE NICHOLAOU**, Durham, N. C., No. 277.  
**NICHOLAS PALOS**, Quincy, Ill., No. 320, September 19, 1950.  
**TOM PANAGOS**, Des Moines, Iowa, No. 193, September 12, 1950.  
**CHRIS C. PANTAGES**, Modesto, Calif., No. 246, November 11, 1950.  
**GEORGE PAPADOS**, New York, Hermes Chapter No. 186, N. Y., April 6, 1950.  
**GEORGE H. PAPPAS**, Baltimore, Md., Worthington Chapter No. 30, September 15, 1950.  
**NICHOLAS A. PAPPAS**, Toledo, Ohio, No. 113, October 6, 1950.  
**PETER G. PARRIS**, Minneapolis, Minn., No. 60, September 15, 1950.  
**HARRY PETRIDES**, Hackensack, N. J., No. 295, October 30, 1950.  
**SAM N. POLITES**, Bridgeport, Nehr., No. 168, September 21, 1950.

**JAMES K. ROSSAS**, Oakland, Calif., No. 171, September 9, 1950.  
**CHRIS SAGRIS**, Portsmouth, N. H., No. 215, November 18, 1950.  
**MICHAEL C. SARANTOS**, St. Paul, Minn., No. 270, August 20, 1950.  
**PETER SARANTOS**, Schenectady, N. Y., No. 125, November 17, 1950.  
**THEODORE J. SARRIS**, Atlantic City, N. J., No. 169, September 9, 1950.  
**JOHN SIDERIS**, Lansing, Mich., No. 142, September 8, 1950.  
**JOHN SIMOS**, St. Paul, Minn., No. 270, July 24, 1950.  
**JOHN SMYRNIS**, Indianapolis, Ind., No. 235, September 22, 1950.  
**PETER STATH**, Mansfield, Ohio, No. 203, October 14, 1950.  
**PETER STAVROPOULOS**, Freeport, New York, No. 170, October 31, 1950.  
**STEVE STEPOS**, Oakland, Calif., No. 171, September 22, 1950.  
**TOM SUTTER**, Fayetteville, N. C., No. 9, June 8, 1950.  
**NICK TOPOLOS**, Portland, Ore., No. 154, July 21, 1950.  
**CHRISTOS TREKERIS**, San Francisco, Calif., No. 235, Unreported.  
**DEMOSTHENES VASILIOU**, Lynn, Mass., No. 50, October 3, 1950.  
**JOHN K. VEDES**, Watertown, N. Y., No. 136, September 6, 1950.  
**ANDREW J. VLACHOS**, Oak Park, Ill., No. 104, Unreported.  
**GUST VLACHOS**, Steubenville, Ohio, No. 92, May 19, 1950.  
**CONSTANTINOS VOULGARAKIS**, Ottawa, Ont., Canada, No. CJ-5, November 4, 1950.  
**CHRIST ZACHARELLIS**, New Haven, Conn., No. 98, September 27, 1950.  
**DENNIS C. ZAKAS**, Atlanta, Ga., No. 1, June 30, 1950.

## The Greatest Single Move

It is too often taken for granted, especially by our young people, that the Greek name has always enjoyed the position of respect and admiration it now holds. Not so. At the turn of the century immigrant Greeks upon arriving in America faced the problem of all foreigners. They were looked down upon, disrespected, and often mistrusted. That was the lot of all immigrants coming to America. And what could they do to retaliate? Very little. Their prime interest was in finding a job, earning a living, learning the language, and establishing themselves in this new country. The early 1900's found in Minneapolis, as in all other parts of America, a unanimous opinion among local Greeks upon one common need—the need of a Greek Orthodox Church community. And, as in many other parts of the country, Minneapolis made its modest beginning in the year 1900 by establishing the first Greek Orthodox Church of Minneapolis. From then on things began to improve. It was a long, hard grid, however, because everyone was busy with his own job and few had time for the community and church except on Sunday morning. Many Greeks were now becoming independent businessmen; they married and bought homes, families were raised. With the coming of World War I, the spirited voluntary enlistment of young Greek immigrants brought a new era of respect and interest by Americans for the Greek immigrant. The year 1921 saw in Minne-

apolis the organization of the first American Legion Post in the country made up of veterans of Greek descent, Hellenic Post No. 129.

It was in 1922, however, that the greatest impact to affect the Greeks in America was born. In that year a small group of men met in Atlanta, Georgia, and resolved themselves to the principles of a new fraternal order that they hoped would soon engulf all the Greeks of America—AHEPA was born! The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association was established to give the Greeks of America an organization through which they could better understand, appreciate, and aid their beloved country of adoption—America.

This was the greatest single move to elevate the name of the Greeks in America that had ever been attempted, and little did its founders realize that their efforts would someday encompass an international organization counting its members in the tens of thousands. Minneapolis was quick to see the advantages and need of such an organization, and Demosthenes Chapter was organized early in 1925. Since then its record has been one of justifiable pride culminating in this, its silver anniversary.

The Greek Orthodox communities of the nation owe much to Ahepa and its auxiliaries. In Ahepanism there is room for everyone. The Daughters of Penelope seeks its members in the wives and daughters of Ahepans, while the junior order of the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athens provide our young people with wholesome activities. It is true that some of the fundamental purposes of Ahepa are now in the process of modification. Instead of the former primary purpose of Americanizing Greek immigrants and aiding them in finding their place in the American way of life, Ahepa is now faced with the program of educating its younger members in the appreciation and understanding of their heritage and culture. It is very proper that Ahepa should undertake this educational task, for from it both our young people and America stand to gain immeasurably. Our young people will lead fuller and richer lives by knowing the basic historical and traditional facts of their heritage. Our nation will gain by absorbing better educated citizens who appreciate their country and way of life by possessing the knowledge and insight as to how their forefathers, as those of every other nationality, have contributed towards it.

Ahepa is a great organization that has and will contribute much to each of us. Let us then do our part by playing an active role in this great fraternity of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. *Minneapolis Hellenic Herald.*