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To *Mother Hellas*

John G. Thevos, Commander



Sailing with the Greek Flag

on majestic

QUEEN FREDERICA

from New York, March 27, 1957

The Role of The Greek Flag Liner "QUEEN FREDERICA" in The Promotion of Greek Tourism

The National Hellenic American Line whose Greek flag liner "Queen Frederica" is in regular service between Piraeus and New York, has made great strides during the last two years in promoting tourism in Greece. Keeping in mind the high ideals of the Line's founder, the late Eugene Eugenides, and perpetuating his hopes and aspirations, the National Hellenic American Line was not moved by motives of profit alone in operating the S/S Queen Frederica. They have happily combined the pursuit of business with a deep sense of national pride. For one of the goals of this luxurious Greek flag liner has been to attract American tourists to Greece and also to encourage Greek-American organizations to visit their motherland. The contribution of the National Hellenic American Line in promoting national tourism and publicizing Greece as a hospitable, picturesque, and inexpensive country, has already given fruitful results.

One of the special endeavors of the National Hellenic American Line has been to further Greek culture and the arts. The S/S Queen Frederica, famed for her truly Greek atmosphere, Greek personnel, Greek cuisine and Greek entertainment, brought Greek culture to these shores with each visit in the guise of the "Greek Literary Exhibit" which displayed all the important literary works of Greek authors. Greek Americans were now able to browse around and buy the latest best sellers or old classics whenever the ship was in port.

The "Queen Frederica" was instrumental in bringing to Greece during the Athens Festival a large group of European intellectuals who represented a cross section of the world of letters, politics and art from Italy, France and Germany. The benefits derived by this cruise were lauded



Admiral C. D. Condoyannis, Captain of the S/S Queen Frederica and a beloved personality with Ahepa excursionists, is shown with 1956 Ahepa Queen Kalliope Berkas.

by the Greek press as these European notables who were guests of the Greek Government, publicized Greece as a tourist paradise in their respective countries.

Another worthy contribution of the National Hellenic American Line to the cause of tourism has been the recent excursion of American Mayots with the S/S Queen Frederica. This excursion was a great success and helped immeasurably towards the future flourishing of Greek tourism.

The popular Greek Liner Queen Frederica was chosen by many Greek-American organizations for their annual excursions to Greece during the past two years. In 1957 this fine ship was again chosen exclusively by many organizations, spearheaded by the Order of Ahepa.

Their sailing dates will be as follows:

Order of Ahepa	Mar. 27, 1957
Kastorian Soc. "Omonia"	Apr. 24, 1957
Korinthian Society	May 19, 1957
Pan-Samian Society	May 19, 1957
Pan-Messinian Society	May 19, 1957
Pan-Lesbian Society	May 19, 1957
Pan-Cretan Society	July 13, 1957
Pan-Anatolian Society	July 13, 1957

For the excursions of the Pan-Messinians and the Pan-Cretans, the S/S Queen

Frederica will make special stops at Kalamata and Chania, respectively, en route to Piraeus. This deviation from the ship's regular schedule burdens the Line with very high operating costs. However, since the "Queen Frederica" is the "national" ship of Greece, in spirit as well as in fact, it is natural that the Greek Americans visiting their mother country should be facilitated in every way. Also, the National Hellenic American Line is not overlooking the prestige and financial assistance which these two fine ports would enjoy by playing host to an ocean liner the size of the "Queen Frederica." It might eventually lead to developing the potentialities of these fine and historic sites to the thriving, busy sea ports that they ought to be.

The National Hellenic American Line has announced that the "Queen Frederica," which returns to service in March after spending almost four months in the shipyard, will undergo extensive reconstruction and refurnishing. A large number of new Tourist class cabins with private shower and toilet will be installed, which will make it possible for the "Queen" to carry more passengers in spaciousness and comfort.

The sailing of March 27, 1957, will be a gala, festive occasion. On the one hand because it will be the year's first sailing and on the other because the ship will carry the Ahepa Easter Excursion to Greece.



Port of Piraeus.



Island of Myconos.

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The 1957 Excursion to Greece

Once again the Annual Ahepa Excursion to Greece is scheduled to sail on the S/S Queen Frederica from New York on Wednesday, March 27, 1957. Commander of the 1957 excursion is Past Supreme President John G. Thevos, currently serving with great distinction as Administrative Director of Law Enforcement and Public Safety of the State of New Jersey. With Brother Thevos at the helm, we know that the leadership of the excursion has been entrusted to one who is admirably equipped by training, personality and service to our fraternity to represent the Order of Ahepa on this goodwill mission and be its eloquent spokesman in the land of our fathers.



JOHN G. THEVOS

This pilgrimage to our Motherland is now an established Ahepa tradition and is the annual precursor of the influx of tourists that visit Greece to enjoy a holiday of relaxation amidst the glorious Hellenic antiquities in unsurpassed settings of natural beauty and in a salubrious climate renowned the world over.

The choice of S/S Queen Frederica to carry the Ahepa excursionists to Mother Hellas again in 1957 is based on the satisfactory services rendered to the Ahepa excursionists in 1955 and 1956, on the fact that it is the largest and fastest liner under the Greek flag, and on the further fact that all profits from this ship go to the Eugenides Foundation for the education of Greek youths in Greece and abroad. This luxuriously appointed ship has been recently remodeled and redecorated to make it more spacious, more comfortable and more beautiful for the accommodation, comfort and pleasure of the Ahepa excursionists.

The Queen Frederica will sail with the Ahepa excursionists from New York Harbor on March 27, 1957, and will pay brief visits to the most famous ports on its way to Piraeus. All Ahepans, members of the Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens, Sons of Pericles, their relatives and friends are cordially invited to join the 1957 Excursion on this truly great floating palace flying the Greek flag, with the most congenial, considerate and conscientious leader ever to serve Ahepa. Please make your reservations for accommodations NOW.

The important role education should have in Ahepa's program has been given emphasis anew by Supreme President John L. Manta. In his talks before small and large groups and in his communications to the chapters, Brother Manta has vigorously expounded the benefits to be derived by the younger generation through an expanded educational program on our part. It is his contention that now that Ahepa has fulfilled most of its obligations in the field of naturalization and Americanization, the time is propitious for us to embark on a major educational endeavor the objective of which would be the creation of a Hellenic Cultural Fund for the financial implementation of our Greek language community schools. The Supreme President feels strongly that such a movement is imperative if we are to preserve here in the United States the Hellenic language, culture and traditions for the generations that are to come after us.

For the past several years, the Order of Ahepa through its Justice for Cyprus Committee and the columns of THE AHEPAN has been championing and promoting the cause of the Cypriote people to achieve their rightful aspirations through the application of the principle of self-determination. The policy of the Order as enunciated at the New York National Convention is to continue its efforts in behalf of Cyprus until the bar of public opinion compels Great Britain to recognize the just claims of the Cypriotes to self-determination. It is, therefore, with pleasure that we present in this issue the article on the Cyprus question by Mr. George N. Rossides, one of the eight members of the inner council of the Cyprus Ethnarchy. It is timely, interesting, and informative.

The management of THE AHEPAN is making a systematic effort to increase its advertising volume. Brother Jack Zarcadoolas of New York has been appointed Advertising Manager and we are desirous of appointing regional representatives to solicit advertising in their respective areas on a very liberal commission basis. THE AHEPAN has the largest circulation of any Greek American periodical in the United States and Canada and reaches the most important and most influential segment of the Hellenic element in America. It is an ideal advertising medium for the products and services of national organizations. For further pertinent information, please communicate with George Dimas, Editor, 105 Haven Avenue, New York 32, N. Y.

AHEPA FAMILY PROTECTIVE FUND

By GEORGE J. MARGOLES

Counsellor, Bd. of Directors

MUCH FAVORABLE INTEREST and comment has been generated since the establishment of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund. Such a reaction is understandable and reflects the desires of the membership to participate in a protection program which will benefit ALL members of the entire Ahepa Family alike.



GEORGE J. MARGOLES

Of particular interest is the plan adopted by the New York National Convention whereby every good-standing member of the Order of Ahepa and its auxiliaries has the right to purchase death benefit protection in units of \$100.00 each at the rate of \$2.00 a unit a year up to a total of \$1,000.00. The important features of this plan are:

- (1) Maximum protection at minimum cost and equal benefits for equal payments.
- (2) Benefits are available to every member of the Order of Ahepa and its auxiliaries upon payment of 1957 chapter dues in full, regardless of age or condition of health.
- (3) Certificates issued will have no cash or loan values and draw no dividends. Proceeds are payable at face value on the death of the participating member if not more than 90 days in arrears with the current year's dues.
- (4) Benefits are in addition to the \$200.00 Emergency Death Benefit now in effect and available to eligible members.
- (5) The Fund at all times will be under the jurisdiction and control of the Order of Ahepa. The resources, prestige and good-name of the Order of Ahepa are pledged solidly behind every certificate issued.

As the name suggests, the plan recognizes some of the basic inescapable needs of every member of the Ahepa Family toward themselves and their families by providing a fund which can be used for the immediate aid to distressed wives, children, relatives and friends, or for the benefit of their chapter.

The plan incorporates sound and tested features of the group life protection principle, which is the cheapest potential protection dollar available. Leading commercial companies long ago recognized the soundness of this principle and offer pure protection to private industry, on an employer-employee basis, irrespective of age and without physical examination, at rates comparable or higher than those being charged by the Ahepa Family Protective Fund.

By eliminating the profit motive incentive, broker and agency commissions, and utilizing existing administrative facilities now available within the framework of the Supreme Headquarters, the Order is able to offer on a group basis, low-cost benefits to the membership that cannot be secured elsewhere. Rates being charged under the new plan are sound, safe and will provide adequate reserves and cushion to guarantee the payment of all death benefits when payable.

Our experience over the past 20 years with the Emergency Death Benefit Fund attests to the soundness and feasibility of our new plan. Since its inception in 1935, the Emergency Death Benefit Fund has paid out \$855,813.34 and still has an over-all surplus. This phenomenal undertaking, based on a \$200.00 certificate, has been successfully operated at the rate of \$1.00 per hundred—half the amount being charged under the Ahepa Family Protective Fund. Had the new rates been in effect since 1935 the Order would have a cash reserve of over one million dollars today!

The Ahepa Family Fund plan is a good "buy" for the entire membership of the Ahepa Family, irrespective of age. An examination, analysis and comparison with other fraternal and commercial plans substantiates this statement. This becomes crystal clear in view of the fact that a subscribing member must pay \$20.00 per year for 50 years before cash outlay will exceed a death benefit of \$1,000.00. Such a cash payment would carry every member, even the youngest, beyond his or her normal life expectancy.

The Ahepa Family Protective Fund is a progressive step forward. The plan is fraternal, benevolent and treats all members as equal and alike. It is consistent with the aims, purposes and objectives of the Order of Ahepa. It recognizes the proposition that through mutuality of interest and cooperation, every member, young and old alike, can help to secure the well-being of another member by extending a fraternal hand of assistance, and at the same time enable his or her father, mother, son, daughter or relative, who are members of the Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope, to enjoy sound, low-cost protection not otherwise available.

Aside from the foregoing considerations, the plan will do much to stabilize our existing membership, will induce and attract Hellenes to join our ranks and will create a healthier and stronger organization. It makes Ahepa a truly FRATERNAL Order.

Now is the time for the entire membership—officers and members alike—to join forces and to collectively work together in executing the mandate of the New York Convention. The net result will be a sound protection program, a vibrant and progressive Ahepa fully responsive to the needs and desires of the membership.

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I, _____, age _____,
a good standing member of Chapter No. _____,
City of _____, State _____,
residing at No. _____

_____ having paid my chapter
dues for the year 1957, apply for \$1,000.00 participation
in the Order of Ahepa Family Protective Fund for which
I enclose my first annual contribution of \$20.00. I also
agree to both contribute \$20.00 annually and to pay my
chapter dues by no later than the 30th day of March of
each year after 1957, for the benefit of my _____

_____, whose name and address is:
(Relationship)

I also agree that said \$1,000.00 shall become payable
to my beneficiary only if my death occurs when the pay-
ments herein mentioned shall have been made according
to the terms of this application; and that neither I nor my
beneficiary shall be entitled to any loan, dividends or in-
terest from said benefit:

I further agree that the terms in this application may
be amended by the Directors of this Fund or by the Ahepa
National Convention to comply with the laws of my state
or province and that such amendments shall have the
same force ad effect as if in this application when I sign
it, or in the Benefit Certificate evidencing my beneficiary's
rights of participation.

I further agree that my beneficiary's rights to partici-
pate shall commence upon compliance with the terms of
this application and will continue as long as both my chap-
ter dues and \$20.00 contribution to said Fund are paid
annually by not later than the 30th day of March after
1957.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my
name this _____ day _____ 19 _____

(Applicant's Signature)

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"An All-Out Drive" to End All Drives For The Ahepa School and Dormitory For Orphan Boys

THE PROJECT ADOPTED by the Houston Convention in 1953, and paraded through the Ahepa Domain perennially thereafter in search of support, must be brought to a complete and successful termination in the coming year.

Aside from the priceless personal services freely given, and the unrecorded monies spent privately by all who have labored unselfishly to raise money for this project, the gross collections by the various National Committees, from individual donors, from lotteries and other methods, amount to \$129,048.81.

The expenses incurred in their respective efforts—for printing, mailing, postage, advertising, clerical services, travel and the like—total, to date, \$57,865.26; leaving \$91,183.55 available for the project. Out of this sum our predecessors have already paid \$7,200.00 for architectural plans. Therefore, the net balance in the fund, as of September 1, 1956, amounted to scarcely \$84,000.00.

At this rate, if the methods of our predecessors are followed, and are met with the same measure of success, it will take another 6 or 7 years to raise the amount necessary to complete this undertaking.

Given implicit confidence, loyal cooperation and faithful performance by our Districts, Chapters and veteran leaders of our Order, we have adopted a plan through which the maximum amount needed to complete the Ahepa School and Dormitory for Orphan Boys, will be raised on the eve of March 25, 1957.

The main features of our plan are:

1. To invite the whole of Hellenism in the United States, Canada and the Bahamas to join the Order of Ahepa in celebrating the 136th Anniversary of Greek Independence with a banquet for the benefit of the proposed School and Dormitory for Orphan Boys.
2. As a first step towards the accomplishment of this purpose, each chapter president will appoint now, a committee of 5, himself included, and will designate the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. The Chairman will, within 5 days after his appointment, invite the priest and president of the Orthodox Community, and the president of each Hellenic organization within his Chapter's jurisdiction to meet with his Committee at a certain time and place to plan the joint celebration with a banquet for the benefit of the proposed School and Dormitory for Greek Orphan Boys.

The important step to be taken at this meeting is to appoint a committee of 5 to secure a hotel, hall, or other suitable place to accommodate the number that can be reasonably expected to attend the banquet. The number should not be underestimated, because we are confident that the Church and all other Hellenic Organizations of both sexes will cooperate with us in this worthy cause.

Before adjourning this meeting, a definite time and place must be designated for the next meeting to be held within a week to receive the report of the Banquet Hall Committee, and to definitely decide the place of the banquet.

4. Each Chapter President is hereby requested and urged to take the steps outlined above, and to report to the Supreme Headquarters the names and ad-

resses of the officers and members of his Committee, the organizations represented by each, and the name, address and capacity of the place where the combined banquet will be held. The menu will be simple—"Orphan's Fare"—Bean Soup, Olives, Cheese, Salad, Lamb, Retsina, Greek pastry and coffee. All of these steps are requested to be taken and the reports, including the approximate cost of such a dinner served at the place chosen, mailed to Headquarters without waiting for further directions.

5. All of the details—including posters, releases for local publicity, tickets and prices of admission, seating arrangements, speeches, speakers, and all other items connected with the banquets, will be furnished and/or handled through Supreme Headquarters under the direction of a Top Committee which is presently organizing with the following:
Archbishop Michael, Honorary Chairman;
Supreme President John L. Manta, Chairman;
Harris J. Booras, Vice-Chairman;
George J. Margolis, Secretary;
George D. Raptieu, Corresponding Secretary;
Louis Christopoulos, Treasurer;
Van Nomikos, Steve Scopas, Chris Karafotias, James Zolotas, Costas Herouvis, John A. Kiamos, Theo Costas, George E. Johnson, Aristides Georgiades, George Adamakos and William Gargulis, Committee Counsellors.

6. The members of each District Lodge are automatically members of each Banquet Committee in their respective jurisdictions and are charged with the duty and responsibility of making sure that each and every chapter in their jurisdiction complies with this plan and with the directions of the Top Committee issued through the corresponding secretary.

7. The heart and soul of this plan are: *Unanimity of Purpose and Uniformity of Action.*

It is the first time that all sacred and secular Hellenic Organizations are asked to do the same thing at the same time for the same purpose. Imagine the entire Hellenic family on this continent sitting to the same meal, on the same night, listening to the same speeches—and doing it all for the benefit of the same mutually precious purposes—the presentation of family ties and the perpetuation of Hellenic culture, language and religion.

The extreme novelty of the idea is a challenge to intrigue us into doing it. Once it works—as we are sure it will—our power, prestige and potential progress will be unlimited.

Please take the first step *now*, at this meeting, and notify Headquarters of your action with the names and addresses of your Committee.

Reprinted from the November 15, 1956, Supreme Lodge Bulletin for the information and guidance of the chapter officers and membership of the Ahepa, the Daughters of Penelope, the Maids of Athens and the Sons of Pericles.

The Ahepa And The Sons Of Pericles

By PETER T. KOURIDES, *Supreme Vice-President*

I WELL REMEMBER thirty years ago the birth of the Sons of Pericles in Manchester, New Hampshire for I was one of the ten boys that were gathered together by Dr. Alexander P. Cambalhis to form its Mother Lodge. I recall the hopes and the dreams that its idealistic founder had for this organization. I know personally of the blood, sweat and tears that were put into it during that formative period.

In a very short time this fraternity spread throughout the country and the Philadelphia National Convention of the Ahepa in 1926 adopted it as its official junior auxiliary. As a result, its growth became even more accelerated so that within a few years it had nearly 200 chapters.

II

It was not long thereafter when the Ahepa started receiving its accumulated dividends from the small investment it had made in nurturing the Sons of Pericles through its infancy. Into the Ahepa came the former Sons of Pericles, who had graduated from their basic fraternal training in this junior organization, to give to us not only members but leaders. The last four Supreme Presidents, who have preceded the present incumbent, have all been Sons of Pericles. Many of our present most distinguished Ahepa leaders have served their apprenticeship and acquired their experience in fraternal affairs through the Sons of Pericles. To be perfectly blunt, the Sons of Pericles have been the very life blood of the Ahepa. Without the Sons of Pericles during the last three decades, it is seriously to be doubted whether the Ahepa would have had within its ranks sufficient vitality to have survived.

III

Though the Ahepa has gladly taken the leadership that the Sons of Pericles had prepared and supplied, it has sadly neglected its responsibility to its junior order. As a result of this neglect and general lack of interest, the Sons of Pericles have reached a new low in membership and effectiveness. As of June 30, 1956 its paid membership for the first half of 1956 was only 656. Out of 244 chapters that have been organized, there are but thirty-four in existence and of these only twelve have more than twenty members. Eight entire districts with seventy chapters do not have a single paid up member in good standing. District number 9, which covers four New England states and includes the Mother Lodge chapter of Manchester, New Hampshire, does not have any active



Patian Bachrach, New York

PETER T. KOURIDES

chapters whatever even though it is situated in an area which is heavily populated by our people. Its total income from its chapters for the last fiscal year was \$1,710.00. It is obvious from these startling statistics that the Sons of Pericles exists in name only and that in fact the Order of Ahepa does not have at the present time a junior auxiliary.

IV

The sooner we realize the full significance of this development and all of its implications, the better it will be both for the Ahepa and the Sons of Pericles. The time has come when we must review our entire relationship with our junior order and determine once and for all as to whether the Ahepa really needs the Sons of Pericles. If it is decided that the Sons of Pericles are necessary to the continued existence and growth of the Ahepa, then we must completely change our entire attitude towards our junior auxiliary.

It must be realized at the outset that we can have a junior order only if we are willing to assume the responsibility of administering its operation and completely financing the same. It is obvious that you cannot have a national fraternity on an annual budget of \$1,710.00. It is my opinion that the Sons of Pericles will require \$25,000.00 per year for its maximum operation and that the entire cost thereof should be borne by the Ahepa.

The Sons of Pericles should not be expected to have to worry about financing its operations. This should be done by the Ahepa in the same manner as parents assume full responsibility for the financial requirements of their children.

V

Much has been said of late as to the phenomenal growth of the Greek Orthodox Youth Association, more popularly known as GOYA. It is certainly true that it has established itself throughout the country but this has been accomplished because the Archdiocese has been willing to spend thousands of dollars thereon, realizing fully that the future of our church in America depends on our ability to hold our younger generation to the fold.

VI

It must be further noted that paying the bill in full of the Sons of Pericles operational costs will not suffice. It will also be required that for the next two or three years the reactivation of our junior order must become the primary objective of our fraternity. This cannot be done by the boys. It must be accomplished by the Ahepans themselves. Each district and each chapter must take full responsibility for gathering our youngsters together in each community and supervising the entire organization and operation of the Sons of Pericles chapter that is locally established. Though the boys will be given freedom of action within their chapters, tactful supervision must be maintained by the Ahepa so that these chapters once they are reactivated continue to survive. Like indulgent parents, the Ahepans must cater to the Sons of Pericles in their locality so that we may never again hear from our youngsters the dreadful charge of neglect and abandonment.

VII

At national headquarters in Washington a separate office should be established for the Sons of Pericles and a well paid permanent executive secretary should be engaged who can devote his entire time to the administrative and organizational work of the junior order. On a district basis legislation should be approved at the St. Louis National Convention creating the office of District Supervisor of the Sons of Pericles in every district lodge and whose sole duty shall be to supervise the activities of the Sons of Pericles in his district. It is not possible to expect that such national or district supervision can be done by youngsters who are at school and who have neither the time nor the means thereof.

VIII

Unless the Ahepa is willing to assume the heavy financial and supervisory obligations outlined in this article, it will be best if we openly admit that we cannot afford the luxury of a junior order and promptly dissolve the Sons of Pericles.

Η ΠΡΟΩΘΗΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΠΡΙΑΚΟΥ ΖΗΤΗΜΑΤΟΣ ΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΞΕΛΙΞΕΩΣ ΤΩΝ ΤΕΛΕΥΤΑΙΩΝ ΓΕΓΟΝΟΤΩΝ

Υπό ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ Ν. ΡΩΣΣΙΔΗ

Μέλους του Έθναρχικού Συμβουλίου και του Γραφείου Έθναρχίας Κύπρου

ΜΕΧΡΙ πρό ολίγων ημερών αι διαθέσεις της 'Αμερικανικής Κυβερνήσεως ως προς τὸ ζήτημα τοῦ Κυπριακοῦ Λαοῦ διὰ τὴν αὐτοδιάθεσίν του, ἦσαν ἀμφίβολοι. Ἐν καὶ ἡ ἀπελευθέρωσις τῶν ἀποικίων ἦτο καὶ εἶναι βασικὴ ἀρχὴ τῆς ἐξωτερικῆς πολιτικῆς τῶν Ἠνωμένων Πολιτειῶν, ἐν τούτοις ἡ ἀντιμετώπισις τῆς 'Αμερικανικῆς Κυβερνήσεως κατὰ τὴν συζήτησιν τοῦ Κυπριακοῦ ζητήματος ἐνώπιον τῆς Γενικῆς Συνελευσεως τῶν Ἠνωμένων Ἐθνῶν κατὰ τὸν Δεκεμβρίου 1954, καθὼς καὶ τὸν Σεπτέμβριον 1955, ἐφαίνεται ὅτι ἐπηρεάζετο ὑπὸ τῶν Ἀγγλο-Ταυρικῶν ἀναληθῶν ἰσχυρισμῶν καὶ τῶν ἐγκλημάτων τῆς Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, Σμύρνης καὶ Κύπρου, φοβουμένη τὴν διατάραξιν τῆς εἰρήνης, καὶ ὅτι παρεσύρετο ὑπὸ τῆς Βρετανικῆς πολιτικῆς, πράγμα τὸ ὁποῖον ἐξεμεταλλεύετο ὑπὲρ τῆς Ἡ Μεγάλῃ Βρετανίᾳ.

Ἐν τούτοις μετὰ τὴν ἐξορίαν τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Μακαρίου, αἱ ἐκ μέρους τῆς Κυβερνήσεως του ἐκφράσεις συμπάθειας τοῦ ἐν Ἀθήναις Πρεσβευτοῦ τῶν Ἠνωμένων Πολιτειῶν, Κάων, αἱ ὁποῖαι τόσον δυσηρέτησαν τὴν Μεγάλῃν Βρετανίαν, ἀφῆσαν νὰ διαφανῇ ὅτι ἡ Ἀμερικὴ ἤρχισε νὰ ἀντιλαμβάνεται τὴν βλάβην τὴν ὁποῖαν ἐπροξένουν εἰς τὸν κόσμον αἱ ἱμπεριαλιστικαὶ χῶραι ἐκμεταλλεούμεναι τὴν σιωπὴν τῆς.

Ἡ Μεγάλῃ Βρετανίᾳ βλέπουσα μὲ φθόνον καὶ ἀγωνίαν τὴν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἡγεσίαν τῆς νὰ μεταβιβάσεται εἰς τὰ Ἠνωμένα Ἐθνη καὶ εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν, προσεπάθη διὰ παντός τρόπον νὰ κλονίσῃ τὴν ἐμπιστοσύνην καὶ πίστιν τοῦ κόσμου πρὸς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν καὶ τὰ Ἠνωμένα Ἐθνη. Πρὸς τὸν σκοπὸν τοῦτον ἔθεσεν εἰς ἐφαρμογὴν τὴν πολιτικὴν τῆς ἀπομονώσεως τῶν Ἠνωμένων Ἐθνῶν, καὶ συστηματικῶς ἐμῆφιζεν ὅπως σχεδὸν πᾶν ζήτημα τὸ ὁποῖον παρουσιάζετο ἐνώπιον τῶν Ἠνωμένων Ἐθνῶν μὴ συζητηθῇ ὑπ' αὐτῶν, ἀλλὰ ὅπως τοῦτο παραπεμπεται πρὸς διακανονισμὸν μεταξὺ τῶν ἐνδιαφερομένων, ἐκτός τῶν Ἠνωμένων Ἐθνῶν εἰς τὰ σκοτεινὰ μυστικὰ παρασκήνια τῆς μεσαιωνικῆς διπλωματίας. Περιπλέον διέδιδε διὰ τῶν ἐπισήμων καὶ ἀνεπισήμων πρακτόρων τῆς ὅτι τὰ Ἠνωμένα Ἐθνη δὲν ἔχουν δικαιοδοσίαν νὰ ἀπονέμουν Δικαιοσύνην, ἀλλ' ὅτι ὁ σκοπὸς τῶν εἰ-



Supreme President John L. Mamtz (center) with Mr. George Rossides, member of the Inner Council of the Ethnarchy Council of Cyprus (left); and Mr. Spyros Kyprianos, Cyprus Ethnarchy Council Representative.

ναι ὅπως προστατεύονται τὰ συμφέροντα τῶν Μελῶν Ἐθνῶν τοῦ Ὄργανοιμοῦ.

Αἱ προσπάθειαι αὐταὶ τῆς Μεγάλῃς Βρετανίας ἐφθάσαν εἰς τὸ κατακόρυφον σημεῖόν των, καὶ ἐν ἀνεπινοήσει μετὰ τῆς Γαλλίας καὶ τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ ἀπέφασαν νὰ δώσουν ἐνὶ αὐτοφασιστικῷ κτύπῳ διὰ τῆς καταλήψεως τοῦ Σουεῖς, τῆς γερρανοῦσι Σινά ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰσραηλιτῶν, καὶ τῆς ἐξουδετερώσεως, ὡς ἠλπίζον, τοῦ κορροῦ τῶν Ἠνωμένων Ἐθνῶν καὶ τῆς ἡγεσίας τῶν Ἠνωμένων Πολιτειῶν. Πρὸς τὸν σκοπὸν τοῦτον ἐξέλεξαν τὰς παραμονὰς τῶν ἐκλογῶν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, ἐλπίζοντες ὅτι ἡ Ἀμερικανικὴ Κυβέρνησις δὲν θὰ εἶχεν οὔτε καιρὸν οὔτε συμφέρον νὰ ἀντιδρῶσιν, ἀλλὰ ἠπατήθησαν οἰκτρῶς. Ὡς πραγματικὸς ἡγετῆς τοῦ φιλελευθέρου, δημοκρατικοῦ καὶ εἰρητικοῦ κόσμου, ἀντιδρῶσεν ἀμέσως καὶ ἀποτελεσματικῶς ἡ ἰδίᾳ καὶ ἐκίνησε δεόντως τὸν μηχανισμόν τῶν Ἠνωμένων Ἐθνῶν. Δὲν ἐνδιεφέρθη διὰ τὰ ἐκλογικὰ τῆς συμφέροντα οὔτε ἐλάσεν ὅτι ὅσιν τῆς τὴν βεβαίαν ἀπόδειξιν τῶν μῆφων τῶν Ἰσραηλιτῶν τῆς Νέας Ὑόρκης καὶ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἐν γένει, Ἀπεναντίας, διὰ τῆς ἀνευ φόβου ἡ προκαταλήψεως ἀμέσῳ ἐνεργείᾳ τῆς, ἐκέρδησε τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ἐπανάκτησεν εἰς μίαν μόνον ὄραν τὴν πίστιν καὶ ἐμπι-

στοσύνην τῶν φιλελευθέρων λαῶν, ἐσταθεροποίησε τὴν Ἀμερικανικὴν ἡγεσίαν τῆς, καὶ ἐπανάφερον εἰς τὰ Ἠνωμένα Ἐθνη τὸ μειωθὲν κύρος των. Περιπλέον ἐκτύπησε καιρίως τὸν ἀποικισμὸν καὶ ἱμπεριαλισμὸν, τὰ δύο κυριώτερα αἷτια τῆς ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἐξαπλώσεως τοῦ κομμουνισμοῦ, καὶ ἡ δικαιολογία τῆς ἐν Οὐγγαρίᾳ ἐπεμβάσεως τῆς Ρωσσίας.

Ἐκ τῆς ἀποδείξεως αὐτῆς ὑποθέσεως, ἀπεδείχθησαν ὡς μόνον γεγονότα τὰ ὁποῖα συνηγοροῦν ὑπὲρ τῆς ἀπελευθέρωσεως τῆς Κύπρου ἐκ τοῦ Βρετανικοῦ ἱμπεριαλισμοῦ. Ἀπεδείχθη εἰς ὅλον τὸν κόσμον:

1. Ὅτι ἡ Μεγάλῃ Βρετανίᾳ κατακρατεῖ τὴν Κύπρον διὰ ἱμπεριαλιστικούς σκοποὺς εἰς τὴν Μέσην Ἀνατολήν,
2. Ὅτι ἡ Κύπρος ἐχρησιμοποίηθη ὑπὸ τῶν δύο μεγαλητέρων Ἀποικιακῶν Δυνάμεων δι' ἔνοπλον εἰσβολὴν εἰς τὴν Αἴγυπτον ἀνευ προκλήσεως,
3. Ὅτι οἱ Ἀγγλο-Γάλλοι εἰσέβαλον εἰς Αἴγυπτιανὸν ἔδαφος διὰ κατακτητικούς σκοποὺς, ἦτοι τὴν κατάληψιν τοῦ Σουεῖς, ἀπόλυτον ἰδιοκτησίαν τῆς Αἴγυπτου,
4. Ὅτι οἱ Ἀγγλο-Γάλλοι περιεφρόνησαν καὶ παρέθησαν τὰς ἀρχὰς τῶν Ἠνωμένων Ἐθνῶν, πλήξασαι καιρίως τὰ Ἠνωμένα Ἐθνη,
5. Ὅτι ἐὰν ἡ Ἀμερικὴ δὲν ἐλάμβανεν ἐγκαίρως τὰ ἀναγκαῖα μέτρα συμφώνως τῶν ἀρχῶν καὶ προσιῶν τοῦ Χάρτου τῶν Ἠνωμένων Ἐθνῶν, ταῦτα θὰ διελύοντο, πρὸς ὄφελος τῶν ἱμπεριαλιστῶν καὶ τῶν Ἀποικιακῶν Δυνάμεων, ἢ θὰ κατεστρέφετο ὁ κόσμος διὰ τρίτου πολέμου.

Ἡ ΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΕΩΣ Εἰς τὴν ΜΕΣΗΝ ΑΝΑΤΟΛΗΝ Εἶναι ἓν μίᾳ, ΕΠΕΙΓΟΥΣΑ ΚΑΙ ΑΠΛΗ.

(α) Ὅπως ἀνευ χρονοτριβῆς ἐφαρμοσθῇ ἡ ἀρχὴ τῆς ΑΥΤΟΔΙΑΘΕΣΕΩΣ Εἰς τὴν ΚΥΠΡΟΝ.

(β) Ὅπως παραχωρηθῇ ἐν Κύπρῳ ΒΑΣΙΣ ΤΩΝ ΗΝΩΜΕΝΩΝ ΕΘΝΩΝ ΜΟΝΟΝ, πρὸς ἐγκατάστασιν ἐκεῖ Ἀστυνομικῆς Δυνάμεως τῶν Ἠνωμένων Ἐθνῶν πρὸς προστασίαν τῶν γειτονικῶν χωρῶν ἀπὸ σιανδήποτε εἰσβολῆς ἢ διακινδύνουσις τῆς Εἰρήνης τῆς Ἀνατολικῆς Μεσογείου.

Why We Need The American Museum Of Immigration

By DAVID SARNOFF, *Honorary Chairman*
Greater New York Committee, AMI

THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF IMMIGRATION project is stirring the imagination of thousands of our people because The Museum will fill a definite need in our historic-cultural pattern. It will complete the great achievement in the name of human liberty begun by the French people, and carried forward by our own when the Statue of Liberty was erected in the 1880s. We have had Miss Liberty all these years, but there has never been a central, functional gathering place, nor has there been an educational element involved at Liberty Island. We have done a little less than justice to Miss Liberty. The AMI will have an auditorium for all our people, and The Museum's archives will house the best works on the heroic immigration story. And from the island in the harbor will go forth an extension program to American schools and libraries, carrying the unending story of our unity out of diversity.

We can appreciate what it will mean to millions of our people to have this story centralized for the first time. There has been a concern in many minds lest our children forget what went before us. No longer will our children have this saga offered them only piecemeal. Here, in the AMI, they will have the united story of a united people, the greatest romance in human history—the glamour of their ancestor's audacity. It will be the story of the Indians and the strange white aliens, the tale of Swedish log cabins in the colonial wilds, of the immigrants' Russian wheat that saved almost entire nations from starvation; it will be the story of all our Joes, Petes, Alfs, Mikes and Maries who slashed away the wilderness to build new forms of free civilization that still provoke the astonishment of the world.

I cordially invite every child, man and woman in the nation to join in supporting this magnificent concept of a living, functional, instructive shrine at the feet of The Lady at the Golden Door.

FACTS ABOUT THE MUSEUM

Purpose

A museum to commemorate the contributions of all immigrants—no matter when or whence they came—to the growth and culture of America.

There is no such memorial now.

Site

On Liberty Island (formerly Bedloe's Island) in New York Harbor within the walls of the former Fort Wood, where the Statue of Liberty stands.

Campaign

The campaign is known as OPERATION UNITY, signifying the united effort of all Americans behind The Museum.

The public appeal began on October 28, 1956 (the seventieth anniversary of the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty). The goal: \$5,000,000.

Contributions are asked as birthday presents to the Statue of Liberty. (*All contributions are tax deductible.*)

Only this one general appeal is made; the public will not be solicited again.

Contributions

Send any amount—large or small—to The American Museum of Immigration (or AMI), Statue of Liberty, U.S.A.

Campaign Leaders

Pierre S. du Pont, 3rd, secretary of E. I. du Pont de



Pierre S. du Pont, 3rd, Co-Chairman of the national fund-raising appeal for The Museum of Immigration, congratulating Jobu L. Manta, Supreme President of the Order of Abepa, upon becoming one of the Founders of the shrine to immigration which is to be established at the foot of the Statue of Liberty, on Liberty Island.

Nemours & Co., Inc., and David J. McDonald, president of United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, are co-chairmen. Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, U.S.A. (Ret.), is president of the Board of Trustees, and Alexander Hamilton is secretary-treasurer.

Use of Money

To build The Museum, and endow its educational and patriotic program and make it available free of charge to people throughout the country.

Basis of Participation

Individuals, corporations, national organizations, groups of any sort are invited to support The Museum. Many nationality groups are already conducting active campaigns among their members. The names of all contributors will be preserved in the archives of The Museum. Contributors of substantial sums will be specially recognized.

Operation of Museum

The National Park Service of the Department of the Interior will build and equip The Museum under the supervision of The Museum's Trustees. After The Museum is built and equipped, it will be administered and maintained by the National Park Service as an integral part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument.

Contribution Through the Order of Abepa

I am glad to contribute the amount of _____ for the establishment of the American Museum of Immigration.

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to: THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF IMMIGRATION
STATUE OF LIBERTY, U.S.A.

John Manta Outlines Revitalization Program At Great New Jersey Ahepa Meeting

It was a beautiful fall evening, cool and crisp, exhilarating and ideal for the commencement of the fraternal season, on Wednesday, October 3, 1956, when John Manta, Ahepa's Supreme President landed at Newark Airport to make an official visitation to the enthusiastic New Jersey Ahepa in extraordinary District Meeting in the lodge rooms of the venerable Eureka Chapter No. 52 of Newark.

The large auditorium of the Odd Fellows Hall was filled to capacity with over 300 Ahepans from every chapter in the Garden State District No. 5. The District Governor, able attorney and distinguished personality, George J. Andresakes, was presiding when the supreme leader, accompanied by his entourage, made his entrance to the tumultuous acclaim of the assembled brethren and upon recognition by the presiding officer he was accorded one of the most spontaneous ovations in the annals of the Ahepa, a demonstration emanating from the heart and unmistakably denoting love and affection for John Manta, the man and for the ideals and principles he so fervently espouses.

In his address to the assembly, the Supreme President outlined his inspiring program for the revitalization of the Ahepa so as to render greater services to its membership, the respective communities in which the chapters are located and to our beloved America. Moreover, he emphasized the important role Ahepa should play as the champion of Hellenism in the United States and particularly in the field of promoting Hellenic culture amongst our youth. It is fundamental, Brother Manta stated, that we should embark on

an educational program the objective of which should be the strengthening and reinforcement of our educational institutions so that the Hellenic language and traditions may be perpetuated for the benefit and enrichment of generations to come.

Expanding on his program, the Supreme President declared that it is imperative that every effort be made to increase the membership of the fraternity and to this end, together with his associates on the Supreme Lodge and in the Ahepa Districts, he will devote the major part of his activities. He further asserted that the adoption of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund is a step in the right direction which will act as an inducement towards the maintenance of good standing membership in the chapters and called upon all brothers to avail themselves of the opportunity to subscribe to this Protective Fund.

Touching on administrative procedures, his program calls for budgetary controls, elimination of waste and strict economies in the operation of the fiscal structure of the Ahepa. Finally, Supreme President Manta forcefully reiterated that Ahepa will continue to be the vigilant spokesman of Hellenism in the United States and to give eloquent voice to the ambitions, hopes and aspirations of our people.

No more auspicious setting could have been selected for the initial appearance of Brother Manta in the East than the lodge rooms of the historic Eureka Chapter, the Mother Lodge of the New Jersey Ahepa, and since its establishment in 1924 one of the bulwarks of Ahepanism on the

eastern seaboard. It was inspiring to see the array of distinguished New Jersey Ahepans and the beloved rank and file of the great Fifth District that had assembled to honor Ahepa's Supreme President. There was Past Supreme President John G. Thevos of Paterson, now serving with distinction New Jersey as Director of Law and Public Safety. It is always a privilege to listen to the dynamic and inspiring oratory of John Thevos, one of Ahepa's great and New Jersey's greatest contribution to Ahepa leadership. Then there were the Past District Governors, James Argyros, now Mayor of Roselle; Nicholas Saros, Peter Caravoulias, Edmund Matsoukas, George Stathakis, Xenophon Mircoutsicos, James Pappas, William Economides, and veteran of many Ahepa conventions, Peter Adams.

Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes headed the out-of-town visiting delegations. Included were Sam Nakos of Birmingham, Alabama, and Gus Nicholas of Brooklyn, New York. Members of the Ahepa Board of Trustees; George Dimas of New York, Editor of THE AHEPAN; George J. Margoles of New Haven, Connecticut, General Counsel of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund; Past Supreme Treasurer Constantine J. Critzas of New York; and Seraphim Pappas and Gus Margoles of New Haven, Connecticut.

All New Jersey chapters were represented, to wit: Paterson, Atlantic City, Vineland, New Brunswick, Jersey City, Plainfield, Trenton, Perth Amboy, Hackensack, Dover, Asbury Park, Elizabeth, Orange, Camden and, of course, Eureka.

The officers of the Eureka Chapter for the current fraternal year are: Peter Kattamados, President; Paul Christopher, Vice-President; Anthony J. Staikos, Secretary; Thomas C. Manos, Treasurer. Board of Governors: George P. Cuyulis, Chairman;



DISTINGUISHED PERSONALITIES at Eureka meeting. First row, left to right: Gus Nicholas of Brooklyn, N. Y., member of the Ahepa National Board of Trustees; Supreme President John L. Manta; Sam S. Nakos of Birmingham, Alabama, Secretary of the Ahepa National Board of Trustees; and William Economides, Treasurer of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund. Second row: Past Supreme President John G. Thevos, Commander of the 1957 Ahepa Excursion to Greece; George J. Margoles of New Haven, Conn., General Counsel of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund; Garden State No. 5 District Governor George J. Andresakes; and Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes. Second photo: Past District Governor Peter Caravoulias (right) presenting District Governor George Andresakes with gavel for District Lodge.



THE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS of Garden State District No. 5 welcome Supreme President John L. Manta on his first official visitation to the New Jersey Ahepa. First row, left to right: William C. Economides, Xenophon K. Microutsicos, Peter A. Adams, Supreme President Manta, and James G. Argyros. Second row: George J. Stathakis, Milton Marikakis, J. N. Pappas, Edmund Matsukas. Third row: Nicholas Saros, John G. Thevos.

Dr. Charles Critides, Dr. Charles Coniaris, Harry Monas and Arthur Staikos. Appointed officers are: George Katramados, Captain of the Guard; Harry Monas, Warden; Spiro Poulos, Chaplain; and Harry Staikos, Inside Sentinel. Eureka Chapter has given two District Governors to the Garden State District, James Pappas and Steve Kargakos.

Just before the meeting closed, Past District Governor Peter Caravoulas presented to the District Lodge as his personal gift a gavel to be used by the District Governor.

The pleasant and delightful evening was concluded with a reception and refreshments.

YOU CAN HELP

We can all help at this time in the task of informing our fellow Americans as to the facts and issues in the Cyprus question and its importance to the United States as the leader of the free world. Some of the methods are: letters to our elected representatives, newspapers and magazines; sponsoring lectures and discussions; appearing on local radio and TV programs; for those persons in high school and college, writing term papers and essays on the problem, etc.

Those interested in our reading materials and bibliography or who wish to be placed on our mailing list, write to Committee on the Cyprus Question, Cyprus Federation of America, 147 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.

EUGENE T. ROSSIDES

Associate Chairman
Committee on the Cyprus Question

Vancouver, B. C.

Our first regular meeting in September, after a two month holiday, was turned into a social evening with the Daughters of Penelope attending with their husbands as our guests. Past Supreme Governor for Canada Nick Kogos covered the highlights and gave his impressions of the events during the Ahepa National Convention in New York City. Right from the beginning, the interest of his audience was aroused as they knew what Nick had to say was of supreme importance not only concerning the Order of Ahepa but as a pleasant recital of events amongst our people at their best.

Nick's impressions of the fraternal and social affairs staged by our fraternity during the convention, presented an unbelievable cavalcade of the progress and achievements of our highest traditions and aims, which so much impressed our good Canadian and American friends that they paid tribute to Ahepa as a fraternity that embodies the fundamental democratic principles of the world's civilization and follows the pattern of the Canadian and American way of life.

by Aleck Gregory

Bridgeport News

The Bridgeport, Conn., Chapter No. 62 is now located at its new quarters at 670 State Street, Bridgeport.

Officers for the current year are: Nicholas Keffas, President; Nicholas Angel, Vice-President; C. J. Fotkiotis, O.D., Secretary; George Achilles, Treasurer; James P. Mellas, Athletic Director, Board of Governors; Louis Spiliotis, Chairman; Harry Zieckas, Nicholas K. Pappas, Peter K. Constandy, Kostas Pappaconstantinou.



GARDEN STATE DISTRICT LODGE and officers of the Eureka Chapter No. 52 of Newark, N. J., pose with the supreme leader. First row, left to right: Thomas Balsamides, District Treasurer; James Katramados, Lieut. Governor; Supreme President John L. Manta; Brother Phillias; and District Governor George J. Andresakes. Second row: Harry P. Karis, District Secretary; Peter Katramados, Eureka Chapter President; Nicholas J. Stroumtsos, District Athletic Director; and Nicholas Marini, District Advisor. Third row: Paul Christopher, Chapter Vice-President; Harry Monas, Warden; and Tom Manos, Treasurer.

Supreme President John L. Manta At Delphi-Upper Manhattan Installation

Supreme President John L. Manta made his initial official appearance before the New York Ahepa at the Public Installation of the Delphi and Upper Manhattan Chapters and their auxiliary, the Eryklia Chapter No. 36 of the Daughters of Penelope, on Friday, October 19, 1956.

The event took place in the beautifully decorated Roosevelt Room of New York's Pythian Temple with over 400 Ahepans, Daughters and their friends packing the room to make it one of the greatest meetings in the annals of the metropolitan Ahepa. Members of Delphi No. 25 and Upper Manhattan No. 42 were out in full force along with delegations from all the sister chapters in the area to greet and pay their respects to the supreme leader of our fraternity. Dignitaries galore were on hand to honor Brother Manta and to acclaim him for his outstanding contributions over the years in every worthwhile cause and to pledge their wholehearted support in his efforts to strengthen the Ahepa and expand its work.

The Supreme President was given a rising ovation upon his entrance into the lodge room and his introduction to the happy assembly by Empire State District Governor Nicholas Coffinas. Escorted to the rostrum, he was warmly greeted by Past District Governor George Dimas, the presiding officer of the evening, and the distinguished assemblage of honored guests.

The Installation Rites then proceeded with District Governor Coffinas conducting the Ahepa section and District Governor Beatrice Anagnos of the Daughters of Penelope presiding over the Daughters part. Assisting in the rites for the Ahepa were District Secretary Gus Cherevas, District Marshal Angelos Chaoush and District Advisor John Linakis. Assisting Miss Anagnos were District Treasurer Connie Lerangis and District Marshal Ann Tsiamas.

Following the installation, the speaking program commenced with the following participating: President Louis Ferris of Delphi; President Cosmos C. Cosmos of Upper Manhattan; President Penelope Veras of Eryklia; District Governor Beatrice Anagnos of the Daughters; District Governor Nicholas Coffinas, Gus Nicholas, member of the Ahepa National Board of Trustees; Past Supreme Presidents Dean Alfange and Stephen S. Scopas; Supreme Vice-President Peter T. Kourides, and Supreme President Manta.

In his well received address, Brother Manta outlined his philosophy regarding the programs and policies of the Ahepa at this juncture in its existence and pre-



Supreme President John L. Manta addresses New York Ahepa at huge Delphi, Upper Manhattan meeting. In background, Past Supreme President Dean Alfange; George Dimas, Editor of THE AHEPAN; and Supreme Vice-President Peter T. Kourides.

sented his ideas and plans for coping with the pressing problems confronting the Order and Hellenism in general in America. Once more he emphasized the importance of a dynamic educational program on the part of the Ahepa with particular stress on implementing the efforts of the Greek Orthodox Church for the preservation of the Greek language amongst our youth. The Supreme President concluded his remarks by commending the New York Ahepa for the excellent leadership it has provided the organization and ap-

pealed to all for support and cooperation in putting over his constructive and beneficial program for the good and welfare of every member in the Ahepa Family.

The meeting was also honored with the presence of Mr. George Rossides, member of the inner council of the Cyprus Ethnarchy, and Mr. Spyros Kyprianos, representative of the Ethnarchy Council, and New York State Supreme Court Justices Joseph A. Cox and Samuel DiFalco. Also, Past Supreme Treasurers Aristides Georgiades, John A. Kiamos and Constantine J. Critzas; Past Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas; Past Grand Secretary of the Daughters Eleanor Stamoules; George J. Margoles, Past Governor of Yankee District No. 7 and General Counsel of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund; Daughters Past District Governors Mary Zarcadoolas and Mary Gorgas; Pericles Lantzounis, President of the Federation of Greek American Societies of Greater New York; Gustave Coffinas, Brooklyn Chapter President; Harry Savas, Pindus President; Theodore Varlas, Long Island President; Nicholas Anest, Bay Ridge President; Nicholas Tsardakas, Washington Heights President; Harry Zourdos, Bronx President; Jack Zarcadoolas, Estia President; George Gary, Hermes President; Dr. Pandelis Camesas, Queensboro President; and Paraskevas Zavoyiannis, Coney Island President. James A. Poll, Past President of Delphi, very capably served as Captain of the Guard and John Travers of Upper Manhattan as Chaplain.

Delphi officers installed are: Dr. Louis Ferris, President; John Krones, Vice-President; Zachary Marantis, Secretary; George Laskaros, Treasurer. Board of Governors: George Ellison, Chairman;



AT THE GRAND INSTALLATION — Supreme President John L. Manta surrounded by Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope dignitaries at the Delphi, Upper Manhattan, Eryklia ceremonies. Left to right: National Trustee Gus Nicholas; District Advisor John S. Linakis; Past Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas; District Secretary Gus Cherevas; Past Supreme President Dean Alfange; District Governor Nicholas Coffinas; Daughters District Governor Beatrice Anagnos; Supreme President Manta; Chaplain John Travers; Supreme Vice-President Peter T. Kourides; George J. Margoles, Past District Governor, Yankee District No. 7; District Marshal Ann Tsiamas; Upper Manhattan President Cosmos C. Cosmos; Eryklia Chapter President Penelope Veras; District Treasurer Connie Lerangis; and District Marshal Angelos Chaoush. The induction rites were attended by over 400 persons.



NEW YORK VISITATION — Supreme President John L. Manta poses with New York Ahepans. In left photo, the Supreme President is shown with Past District Governor George Dimas (left) and Empire State District Governor Nicholas Coffinas. In center photo with Delphians, left to right: James K. Zolotas, Brother Manta, Nicholas Lekas and Past Supr. Treasurer Aristides Georgiades. Right photo shows the supreme leader with Dr. Louis Ferris, President of Delphi No. 25 (left), and Cosmos C. Cosmos, President of Upper Manhattan No. 42.

James Zolotas, Demetrios Dritsas, Chris Poulos, John Pappangellis, members. Trustee to 1961: Aristides Georgiades.

Upper Manhattan officers installed are: Cosmos C. Cosmos, President; George Sakellarios, Vice-President; George J. Cashoty, Secretary; Constantine Orfanos, Treasurer; and Christ Christakis, Athletic Director. Board of Governors: Vasilios Kassimatis, Chairman; Capt. Philip N. Vlassopoulos, George Marinakis, John Travers and Constantine Trilivas.

After the meeting was adjourned, an informal period followed giving everyone an opportunity to meet and talk with Supreme President Manta. Refreshments and dancing to the band of George Mirros completed the memorable evening.

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Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee Now in Process of Liquidation

The following report has been submitted by Past Supreme Treasurer Constantine J. Critzas, who is in charge of liquidating the operations of the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee.

Following the decision of our National Convention in New York which abolished the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee, Supreme President John L. Manta appointed Brother Constantine J. Critzas, who is familiar with the work of the Committee, to carry out this mandate, wind up all pending cases, close the Athens office and liquidate the operations of the ARRC. In addition to this, instructions were given to assemble all the records and files of the Committee from Athens and South Bend, Indiana, at the National Headquarters, examine the operations and financial transactions from its inception to the date of liquidation and render a complete report to the Supreme Lodge.

Former Chairman of the ARRC Brother Leo Lamberson, was advised to send all his records, files and books to the National Headquarters and Brother James J. Starr of Hartford, Connecticut, familiar with the operation of the Athens office, was sent to Athens, Greece, on October 10, 1956, to liquidate that office and ship all the records to our National Headquarters.

The Athens office has been closed, its operations have been terminated and two trunks, containing all the records and files, arrived on November 15, 1956, on board the S.S. Queen Frederica and are now at the Headquarters. Former Chairman Lamberson advised that he is forwarding the records, books and files of the Committee in his possession, but up to November 25th they were not received at the Headquarters and this delay unfortunately holds back the work of winding up the pending matters of the ARRC.

The examination of the records that are available at the Headquarters is now being conducted by Brother Critzas, in order to ascertain (1) the amounts that are due to sponsors who have deposited money for ocean transportation for the purpose of making the proper refunds after verification; (2) certain deposits partly refundable to applicants at the Athens office; (3) the number of cases applied for and, if possible, how many refugees have received visas and came to the United States through the Ahepa.

The Refugee Relief Act of 1953 is to terminate on December 31, 1956. All the cases of refugees, preference cases of relatives and adopted orphans under this act, that have qualified, passed the final examinations and were granted visas must depart from Greece before the expiration of that date.

The quota for Greece has been oversubscribed long ago and applications are no longer accepted by the State Department. According to recent official reports, assurances for 32,980 applicants from Greece have been filed with the State Department, through all the Agencies, voluntary or private, and directly by the sponsors themselves or through their attorneys; of these 19,054 have obtained their visas for admission to the United States; 2,183 visas have been denied, 23 are still in process and 11,919 are on the waiting list.

If the law is extended and amended when the Congress convenes after the first of the New Year and a new quota is granted for Greece out of the unfilled quotas of Germany and Holland, then there may be a chance for those who are now on the waiting list, if they qualify by passing the final examinations, to obtain visas and come to this country, otherwise the R.R. Act of 1953 shall be considered terminated and immigration under this act closed.

1956-1957 DISTRICT GOVERNORS

JERRY G. FELOS District No. 2

Citrus District Governor Felos is a native of Jacksonville, Florida, and has been a member of the Socrates Chapter No. 6 of that city for the past ten years. After serving his chapter in many posts, he advanced to the District Lodge and held the office of Secretary in 1955 and at the 1956 conclave he was elected to the leadership of his district. Brother Felos is very active in the civic and political life of Jacksonville, Florida. He is a member of the Duval County Executive Committee and Treasurer of the Young Democrats of Duval County. Has served as treasurer of the local Greek Orthodox Church and is an Elk.

He recently returned from an extended visit to Greece where he went in the capacity of representative of the Mayor of Jacksonville in the American Mayors Excursion to Greece. There he met many public officials and exchanged ideas on the common governmental problems of municipalities in the United States and Greece.

PETER H. CARDIGES District No. 4

Brother Cardiges was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and reared and schooled in the city of Baltimore, Maryland. In 1946, after having served with the United States Army in the Southwest Pacific for five years, he moved to the city of Pittsburgh to make his home. He has served the Aristoteles Chapter No. 34 in every elective office, climaxed by becoming its President during the two most colorful years in the chapter's history. While preparing for and hosting the Ahepa National Convention in 1954, he served as the Executive Vice-Chairman of the Convention Committee. He was elected to the office of Lieut. Governor in 1955 and at the Wheeling, West Virginia, Convention in 1956 was elevated to the Governorship.

He is a Past-Commander of the Pittsburgh Hellenic Post No. 595 of the American Legion; member of the Board



of Directors of the Hellenic Political Alliance of Allegheny County; member of the Masonic Order; and member of the Board of Directors of the newly formed "Holy Cross" Greek Orthodox Church of Mount Lebanon.

Active in the Insurance field since 1946, he has been recently appointed to the Examining Division of the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Brother Cardiges is married to the former Liberty Paschales of Pittsburgh and they are the proud parents of a daughter, Joyce Maria, age 6.

GEORGE J. ANDRESAKES District No. 5

District Governor George J. Andresakes is a life long resident of Montclair, New Jersey. He attended elementary school there and was graduated from Montclair High in 1932, receiving the Randall Spaulding Scholarship. In 1936 he was graduated from Lafayette College with honors. Brother Andresakes was active in dramatics, the choir and the Kirby Government and Law Society while at college. He was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity and in his senior year was elected head of the cheer leading squad. He was graduated with an A.B. degree, *cum laude*. After Lafayette he entered Harvard Law School and was graduated in the top half of his class in 1939 with an L.L.B. degree.

He was admitted to the bar of the State of New Jersey in 1940 and became a counsellor-at-law in 1945 and is associated with Raymond C. Connell in the practice of law in his home town. Our learned Brother is serving his second term as President of the Visiting Nurse Association of Montclair, a member agency of the Community Nursing Service of Montclair and the Community Chest of Montclair. He is also a director of the Bar Association of Montclair.

Brother George was destined to become an Ahepan. He was among the first to sign an application for membership to the newly formed Eagle Rock Chapter No. 300 and was its second president. He took to the Ahepa way of life like a duck takes to water and now never misses a meeting or a convention. He has served the District as Marshal, Treasurer, Secretary, Lieutenant Governor and Governor and has attended a number of district and



national conventions. He is married with four children, Michael four months, Patty four, Jimmy eight, and Mary Lou nine. He has a very charming wife, Louise, and is the son of an "old time" Ahepan, James G. Andresakes.

JAMES TALAS District No. 10

A charter member and one of the organizers of the Furniture Chapter No. 196 of Grand Rapids, Mich., Brother Talas has been continuously active in the Ahepa since 1928. A pillar of his chapter over the years, he has diligently served in every office, including the presidency. For a long time active on the district level, he has successively held the posts of Marshal for five years, Lieut. Governor for two years and is currently serving as Governor. He has represented his chapter at numerous district and national conventions.

During the past three years, Brother Talas was solely responsible for proposing thirty-five new members into his chapter, indeed an outstanding achievement. He supported the Ahepa Refugee Program and through his initiative three Greek orphans recently came from Greece and found homes in Grand Rapids.



MANOS SALEVURAKIS District No. 19

Veteran Ahepan Salevurakis has been a resident of Price, Utah, for the past forty years. A member of the Price Chapter No. 185 since 1929, he has rendered many services to his chapter and has held every office, including the presidency for four times. A pioneer in the Ahepa movement in the Mountain States, he has participated in every worthwhile cause for the advancement of the Ahepa.

In 1952 he was elected Lieutenant Governor of the Mormon District and at the 1956 District Convention at Price he was chosen Governor. In addition to his Ahepa responsibilities, Brother Salevurakis is active in the civic affairs of his community.



NICHOLAS COFFINAS
District No. 6

Brother Coffinas was born and raised in New York City. After graduating from Alexander Hamilton High School, he attended the City College of New York and then St. John's College and St. John's University School of Law where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. At New York University School of Law, he earned the degree of Master of Laws.



At the inception of World War II, Nick was drafted into the U.S. Air Force as a private. He served for two years as a Special Staff Officer at Army Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D. C., and in 1944 separated from the armed forces with the rank of Major and started upon his legal career in Brooklyn, N. Y.

In 1955 Brother Coffinas was appointed Field Supervisor of the Bureau of the Census for the Eastern New York District, embracing the counties of Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk, and headed an office with sixty employees in conducting the census operations for that area. In February 1956, he was appointed an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern New York District.

A member of Brooklyn Chapter No. 41, he has rendered services to that great Ahepa unit in many posts, including two years as President. Advancing to the Empire State District Lodge, he held the office of Lieut. Governor prior to his elevation to the Governorship. Also active in Greek American Veterans Association, Pan-Laonian Federation and St. Constantine's Greek Orthodox Church of Brooklyn where he served for two years as President.

BOBBY C. PAPPAS
District No. 16

Brother Pappas was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1915 and in 1931 moved to Monroe, Louisiana. He studied in Athens for two years, 1931-32, and upon his return to Monroe completed his education at the Northeast State Branch of Louisiana State University. Thereafter, he went into business with his step-father, Brother Tom Johnson, one of the charter members of the Monroe Chapter. In 1939 they built the Rendezvous



Restaurant on Highway 80 in Monroe, one of the outstanding restaurants of the country and rated as one of the top fifteen most popular restaurants in America. Brother Pappas is a member of the Louisiana Restaurant Association Board and served as President of the Association in 1949.

By appointment of Governor Robert F. Kennon of Louisiana, Mr. Pappas served for over two years on the Board of the Department of Public Welfare, the largest spending board in that state. Active in state politics, he has managed several political campaigns, including the drive for the governorship by Mayor Morrison of New Orleans. Has been on the National Board of Cerebral Palsy and State Director for the past two years. Listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

Brother Pappas has been an ardent Ahepan for many years and served his chapter as president in addition to many other services.

GEORGE A. DAMASKOS
District No. 18

Brother Damaskos was born in Kame-nitsa, Gortynias, Greece, in 1901 and came to the United States in 1916. As a young man, he worked in various occupations and later became affiliated with the Florence Laundry Company, the largest laundry concern in Missoula and at present is the manager of the dry cleaning operations department. Always active in the Missoula, Montana, Chapter, George has served that Ahepa unit in every official capacity. He joined the Missoula Chapter No. 239 in 1933 and has served as Secretary of this chapter for 14 years as well as holding the offices of Vice-President, President and Chairman of the Board of Governors. Through his leadership, the Missoula Chapter had its greatest membership drive in 1955, initiating thirteen members.



Brother Damaskos is well liked and has always been ready to render service and give a helping hand. Most recently he has helped the Greek community drive in their effort to buy a church for the Greek Orthodox congregation of Missoula. Prior to his unanimous election as Governor of District No. 18, he capably served as Lieut. Governor for two consecutive years. Governor Damaskos is married and has three children, Georgia and Deno who are attending the University of Montana, and Frank who is in high school.

GEORGE J. CAVALARIS
District No. 11

Born in 1926 at Ano-Fagistra, Eurit-anias, Greece, Brother Cavalaris came to the United States in 1935. He attended the public schools of Hamilton, Ohio, and during his high school days was very active in sports. He is a graduate of Miami University of Oxford, Ohio, with a degree of Bachelor of Science and also attended the University of Hawaii for one year. Has served in the United States Armed Forces.



A member of the Middletown Chapter No. 209 since 1949, he held the post of President in 1953-54 and subsequently was elected District Secretary and at the 1956 District Convocation was chosen Governor.

He is a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, the American Legion, past Vice President of the Sertoma International Club and active in the civic and fraternal affairs in his area. Brother Cavalaris is the owner of the famous Eatmore Restaurant.

NICHOLAS LILLIOS
District No. 14

Brother Lillios attended the public schools of Sioux City, Iowa, and the University of that state, from which he received Commerce and Law degrees. He is a practicing attorney at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is the Secretary of the Linn County Bar Association. He also holds memberships in the Law Club of Cedar Rapids and the Iowa Bar Association.



He is married and has three children, Anna 8, Mike 4 and Nicolette 1. During World War II he served in Europe with the 10th Armored Division and is active in the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Lillios is a member of many civic and fraternal organizations, including the Masons, Eagles, Lions, South Side Civic Club, Waltonians, St. John's Hellenic Orthodox Church, Y.M.C.A., Junior Chamber of Commerce, P.T.A., and is on the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cedar Rapids.

He is a member of Cedar Rapids Chapter No. 194 and served the Grainfield District No. 14 as Lieut. Governor prior to his elevation to the Governorship.

TED CONSTANTINOU District No. 7

Born in Stafford Springs, Connecticut, in 1919, Ted Constantinou graduated from the public schools of New London, Conn., and during 1940 attended the Pomfret Theological Seminary. During World War II, he served in the United States Army for four years, including one year overseas in Italy as Tank Destroyer Officer. Presently serving with Connecticut National Guard as Captain in the 169th Infantry Regiment.



He was a member of the New London Sons of Pericles and served the Junior Auxiliary in that city as President for two terms. Affiliated with the Winthrop Chapter No. 250 of New London in 1946 and served it in many posts and was its President for two years, 1949-50.

Advancing to the Yankee District Lodge, Brother Constantinou has held the posts of Marshal, Treasurer, Lieut. Governor and at the Providence Convention was elected Governor. In 1946 he married Catherine Constantine of New London and they have two daughters, Marie and Elaine. Mr. Constantinou is engaged in business in Norwich, Conn., and at present is a member of the Norwich Chapter.

CONST. ARAHOVITIS District No. 23

Brother Arahovitis hails from the town of Grammatikou, Mesolonghi, and immigrated to Canada in 1914, settling in Montreal. After a few years he moved to Toronto where he engaged in the restaurant business and subsequently settled in London, Ontario, where he continued his restaurant operations. He is a member of the Lord Nelson Chapter C.J. 2 of London and has served it in many capacities. On the district level, he has held the posts of Athletic Director and Lieut. Governor and at the 1956 District Convention at London he was elected Governor. Brother Arahovitis has attended seven district and four national conventions.



During the war he was secretary-treasurer of the London Greek War Relief Committee and assisted in other humanitarian causes at that time. He has also been active as a Red Cross worker and in civic and fraternal affairs.

GUS GATSEOS District No. 17

A native of Pakerni, Greece, Brother Gatscos immigrated to the United States in 1909 and settled in Denver, Colorado, where he has been a resident ever since. His business career embraces Real Estate, hotel ownership and restaurant proprietorship. He was initiated into the Denver Chapter No. 145 in 1928 and has served that chapter in all the offices, including two times as its president.



He is also active in the Pan-Arcadian Society and served that organization as President and Governor of his District. Mr. Gatscos is a 32nd degree Mason and is interested in the civic affairs of Denver.

He is married and the father of five grown children, two sons who served in the United States Armed Forces, and three daughters.

XENY CARDIASMENOS District No. 21

Brother Cardiasmenos was born in New York City in 1919 where he attended the public schools and the High School of Commerce. In 1939 he moved to the Golden West where he joined the San Jose Chapter of California and ever since has been an active Ahepan. Prior to his affiliation with the Ahepa, Xeny had been in the Sons of Pericles in New York City for three years.

He served the San Jose Chapter as treasurer and upon moving to Oakland, California, transferred to the Oakland Chapter where he rendered services as a member of the Board of Governors, Vice-President and President. Enlarging his activities in the Golden Gate District, he has held the posts of Marshal and Lieut. Governor and at the 1956 district conclave he was elected Governor.

Brother Cardiasmenos is also active in the civic affairs of his community. For many years, he was engaged in the restaurant business but recently has gone into the sales field.

E. THEME CARRAS District No. 22

Brother Carras was born in 1925 in Seattle, Washington, and belongs to the younger generation of Americans of Greek descent in the great North West. He graduated from Broadway High School and then attended Texas A. & M. and the University of Washington, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws degree in

1950. He served as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney from 1950 to 1953 and since then has engaged in the practice of law in Seattle.

In the Ahepa Family, he joined the Sons of Pericles in 1939 and in 1946 affiliated with the Seattle Ahepa Chapter and served it as member of the Board of Governors and then Secretary. On the district level, he has held the posts of Marshal, Treasurer and Lieut. Governor and in 1956 was elevated to the leadership of the Firwood District.

Also active in the Order of Elks, Veterans of Foreign Wars, University of Washington Alumni, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Member of Washington State and American Bar Associations. Brother Carras is single.

TED N. MAVRICK Director of Public Relations

National Director of Public Relations Ted N. Mavrick was born in Chicago, Illinois; however, he was raised in Peru, Indiana where he received most of his formal education. Moving to Chicago again in 1945, where he now makes his home, Brother Mavrick became active in civic and community affairs. He entered the dry cleaning business in 1947, and is now operating a cleaning plant and two stores which keep him busy along with Ahepan affairs. He became active in the South Chicago Chapter No. 351, first having served as vice-president, and is now serving his second year as president. At the New York Convention he was appointed National Director of Public Relations.



Brother Mavrick is married to the former Deanne Ganakos of Chicago, Illinois.



Supreme President John L. Manta on his visitation to Springfield, Massachusetts. Left to right: Nick Hassioris, Springfield Chapter President; Brother Manta; and Past Supreme Governor James Mazarakos.

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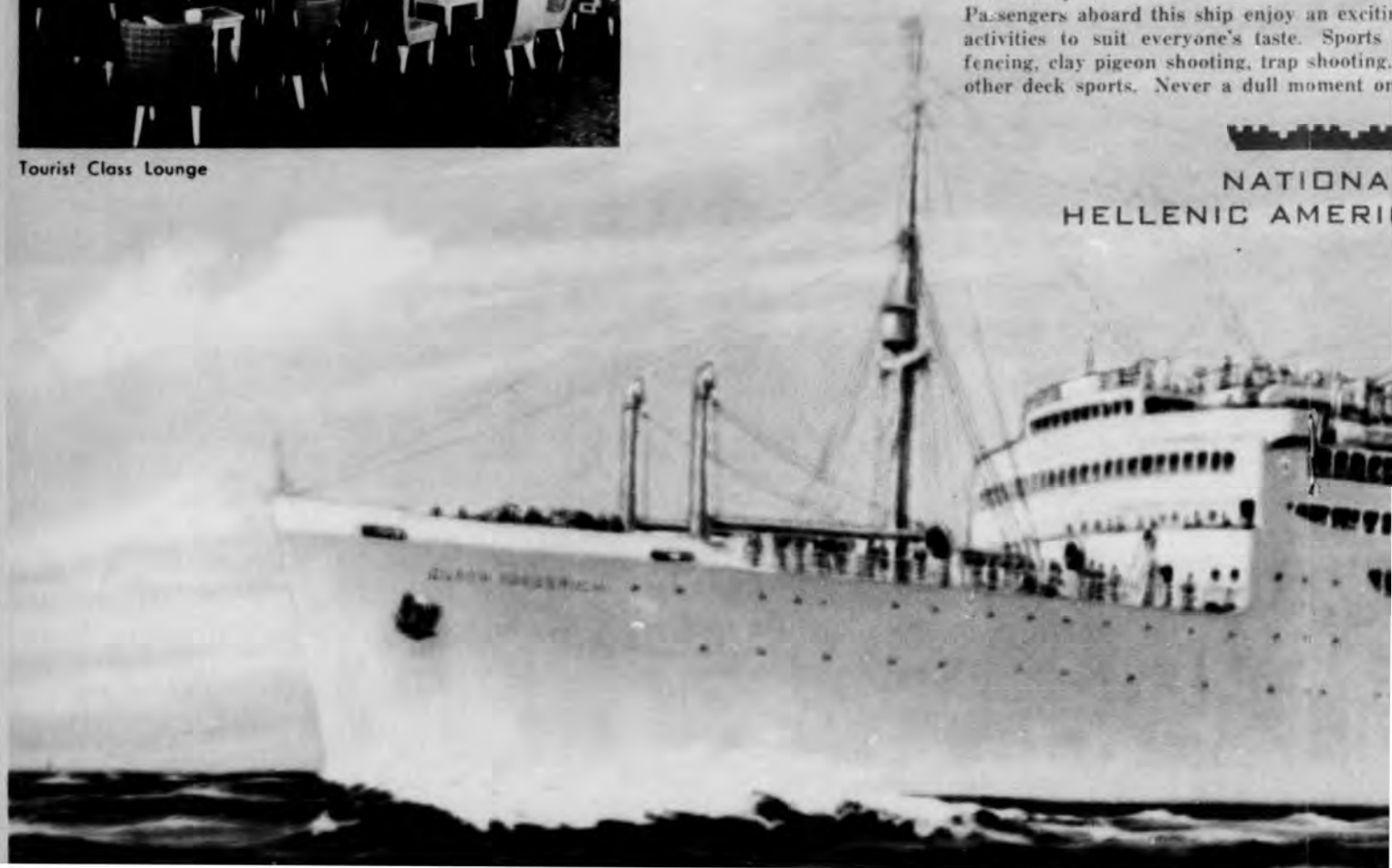
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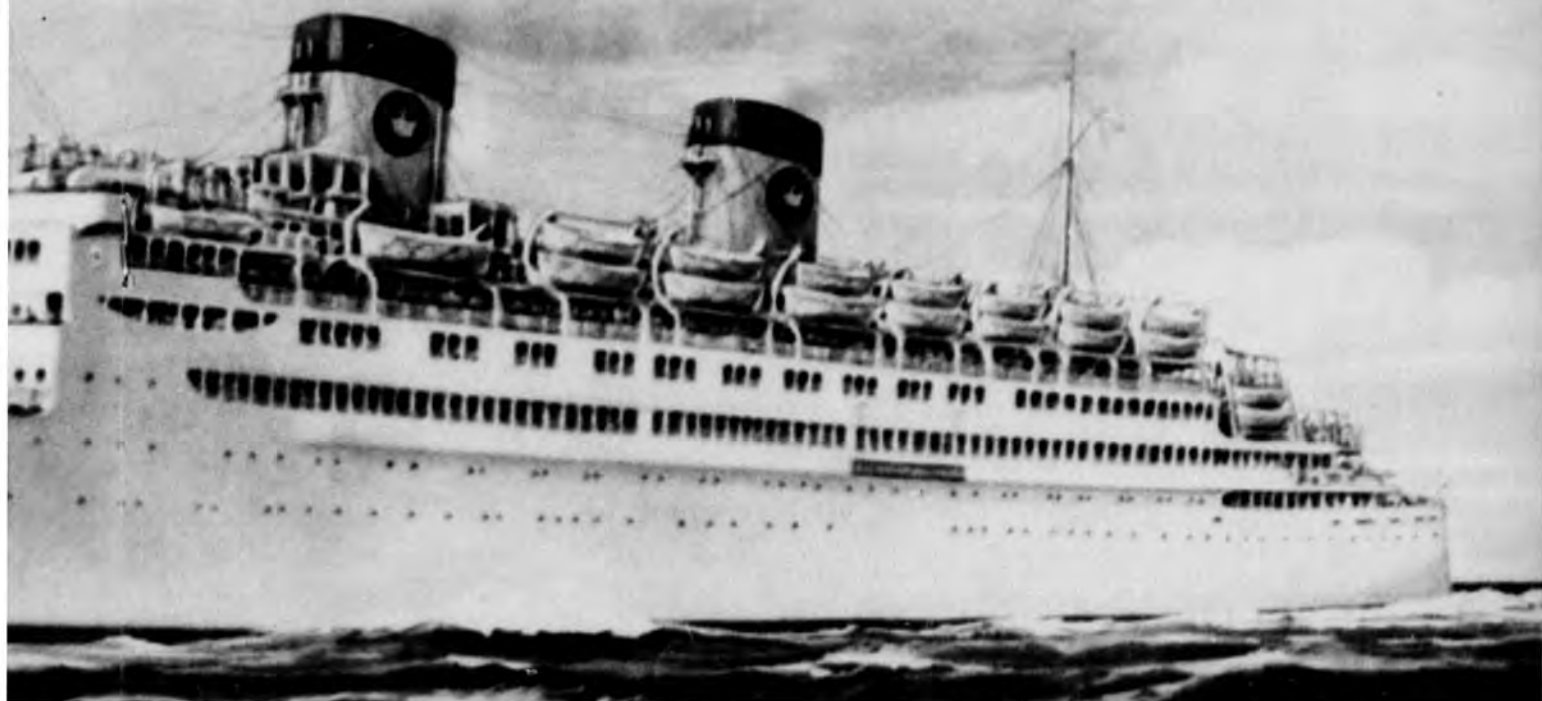
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When this great philanthropist died on April 22, 1954, he had already done much for Greece. He had created a stir in his native land by his generosity in helping the stricken Ionian Islands towards rehabilitation, and his humane donations to numerous worthwhile causes. The placing of one of his luxury liners on the New York-Piraeus route—under the Greek flag—at a time when the standard of Greek transatlantic service was pitifully low, was hailed by the Greek Government, the press, and the Greek world as a patriotic gesture of great magnitude. The Greek Merchant Marine was immediately given prestige as well as a big financial boost. Greece could now hold her own in the competitive field of world transatlantic service, able for the first time in her maritime history to offer luxury, speed and comfort comparable to that of any first class ocean liner.

Since Her Majesty Queen Frederica of Greece personally raised the Greek flag on the S/S QUEEN FREDERICA two years ago and christened the ship in the presence of His Majesty, King Paul, the Royal Family, and Greek Government dignitaries, Greek tourism was given new life.

Upon completion of her second year of service, the S/S Queen Frederica was lauded by the Greek press and the Minister of Greek Merchant Marine for the part she has played in promoting Greek tourism. She carried the Ahepa Easter Excursion during the past two years and she will again carry this great organization exclusively in 1955. Numerous other Greek-American Societies chose the "Queen Frederica" for their excursions to Greece during the past two years and again this year.

On the occasion of the opening ceremonies of the Salonica Fair, Mr. Kottiades, Minister of Merchant Marine, spoke on the progress made by Greek shipping in recent years. He said, in part:

"It is a fact that private initiative, with the moral support of the State, has made positive progress in the field of Transoceanic and Mediterranean Passenger Lines. The position of the Greek flag in the

Mediterranean Passenger Lines is enviable. In the Transoceanic service—thanks to the patriotism of the late Eugene Eugenides and his successors—the S/S Queen Frederica proudly flies the Greek flag. This ship, which is the pride of the Greek Merchant Marine, has tightly linked Greece with the Greek Americans in the United States."

However, this was only the beginning of a vast program which the late Eugenides had carefully planned through the years. At the time of his death he was on his way to Greece to implement many of these dreams which he had nurtured on his way to success and fame. All Greece mourned his loss. For he had given much to his country in many ways, some not ever publicized. He was proclaimed a national benefactor by the Greek Government and was buried with great honors, reserved only for heads of State.

However, the late Eugenides' generous contributions to his country did not cease with his death. It was with mixed feelings of enthusiasm and regret that the Greek people learned of Eugenides' last will and testament drawn up on July 21st, 1952. This provided for the establishment of an Institution to be known as the "Eugenides Foundation" to train young Greeks in scientific and technical fields. While still alive, Eugenides had established the Foundation known as "EE ARISTA" which also provides for scholarships towards technical training for poor but bright students. Both above Foundations have the following aims:

- 1) To provide scholarships for study abroad in technical subjects and to create a technical teaching staff.
- 2) To provide financial aid to existing technical schools in Greece.
- 3) To establish elementary and secondary technical schools in Greece.
- 4) To further any aim outside the present set-up of the Foundation which is proved to be beneficial to its general program and in keeping with its spirit.

Madame Maria Simou, sister of the late shipping magnate, is the Director and Supervisor of the "Eugenides Foundation." In her absence, a committee of three has been designated to make decisions on behalf of the Foundation. They are Attorney N. Tzardakis, who heads this committee, Miss Sylvia Valasiadou and the presiding Dean of the Metsovion Polytechnic University.

One of the first acts of Mrs. Simou and her governing committee was to publish twelve greatly needed textbooks on various technical subjects. These were chosen after long consultations with the Council of Technical Training. Furthermore, the first group—16 of the best students in the elementary technical schools of Piraeus—was chosen to be sent to the United States for advanced studies in marine engineering with the understanding that they work in Greece or on Greek ships upon completion of their training.

All selected students are chosen very carefully by Mrs. Simou and her committee to ensure the maximum possible benefit to Greece as a result of the training given to them in the best technical schools of the United States. Greece has dire need of such young men who are chosen among the poor or orphaned "honor" students to continue an education which they could not otherwise afford. By helping these promising young students to carve a career for themselves, they can be of immense service to their country which needs their highly specialized training in technical fields.

The Greek Government passed a law which approved the establishment of this philanthropic organization which would be known as the "Eugenides Foundation" and ratified its function. This was published in Volume 22 of the Greek Government Gazette, dated Feb. 23, 1956.

According to the last will of Eugenides, one of the contributors to the functioning of the "Eugenides Foundations" is the Greek flag liner "QUEEN FREDERICA" which donates part of her profits to this purpose. This is one of the reasons for the great popularity of this liner which is the only ship under the Greek flag in regular service between Piraeus and New York.

The vast Eugenides enterprises are now run by his dynamic successor, Nicos Vernicos. At the age of thirty-four, Mr. Vernicos became head of one of the world's largest and fastest-growing shipping concerns and all its associated maritime interests.

Mr. Vernicos was associated in an administrative capacity with the Eugenides organization which included, in addition to its world-wide passenger and freight shipping lines, commercial and financial interests.



Group of Greek students selected by the Eugenides Foundation to study nautical sciences in the best nautical college in the United States. The entire expense for their up-keep and education while in the United States will be defrayed by the Eugenides Foundation.



The Greek National Benefactor Eugene Eugenides, photographed just before his death, with his sister, Mrs. Mariambe Simon, who is presently directing the philanthropic Eugonides Foundation.

extending from the Scandinavian countries to the Levant. He was nominated by Eugonides, shortly before the late magnate's death, as his successor, by virtue of the outstanding executive ability displayed by Mr. Vernicos in his capacity as personal representative and financial counsellor of the late Mr. Eugonides.

Eugene Eugonides was born at Didymoteichon of Thrace in 1882. His father was a State Attorney in the service of the Ottoman Empire and provided his son with a sound education. He received a good grounding in the liberal arts at the Great College of the Hellenic Race in Constantinople and then completed his studies in the same city at Robert College, an American institution, which prepared him for his career in the field of business enterprise, for which he had an amazing natural aptitude.

Eugonides started his business career as a member of the Reppon Shipping Agency, which was one of the largest at that time. To the surprise of all, he was entrusted with its management at the age of 22. His dynamic and restless nature asserted itself at once. From the beginning his eye was ever upon the distant horizon, searching for an opportunity to launch forth upon the seas of enterprise.

He began by building shipyards on the Golden Horn. Then, in 1923, he extended his activities to Piraeus where he undertook the direction of the General Agency of important Scandinavian Lines and devoted himself to their development with all his ability and energy. In this enterprise his organizing genius found scope for expansion and his efforts were crowned with striking success. His colleagues were astounded and electrified by his perseverance, his capacity for work and his endurance. Under his management the Agency attained an unprecedented record of achievement. It was then that he first installed a bed in his office—a practice which he continued throughout the greater part of his life. If he rested, it was only in order to gather more strength for his endeavors.

The positive results of his methods soon became apparent. The Scandinavian Near East Agency which represented the interests of the Scandinavian Lines in the Near East was transformed into a model agency unequalled in the Mediterranean area. It promoted and expanded economic relations between the Near East and the Scandinavian countries to an unprecedented degree. More particularly, Greece's relations with those countries became closer and highly profitable. Eugonides had opened the gates of a new prosperity for Greece. His operations were on so large a scale that they exercised a positive beneficial influence upon the national economy of the country. And in his creative activities Eugonides always responded to an inner sense of moral responsibility. His business ventures were never diverted from channels which would be of advantage to his country.

During World War II, circumstances obliged Eugonides to transfer his activities to areas away from home. He moved first to Egypt and later to South Africa where he established a regular line between that country and South America. Finally he set up his headquarters in Argentina, where he remained throughout the duration of the war.

While in Argentina, Eugonides never lost sight of the future. He clearly foresaw the great developments which would occur in the shipping business after the war and prepared to meet them. He was convinced that a great stream of emigrants from Europe would start flowing across the seas as soon as hostilities ended and that consequently there would be a need for passenger vessels. "Home Lines" came into existence as a result of his advance planning and foresight. "Home Lines" acquired four luxurious ocean liners. At first he routed

them to South America and later to Canada and the United States. This new venture bore the characteristic stamp of Eugonides' genius for enterprise. The public was quick to appreciate the comfort, luxury and other advantages of the Home Lines fleet, the company's business grew steadily and it was not long before it took third place in volume of passenger traffic moving across the North Atlantic.

When Field Marshal Alexander Papagos came to power in Greece, and a new era of political stability began, Eugonides started to implement his plans for Greece. He began by raising the Greek flag on the liner "Atlantic," renaming her "Queen Frederica," and signing a long-term agreement with the Greek Government for the regular servicing of the Piraeus-North American Line. The "Queen Frederica" became the "national" ship of Greece. When the Greek Government decided to sell the freighter "Athenai," which was part of the Italian reparations, Eugonides offered to purchase it at a figure which was most advantageous to the State. He acquired the vessel and undertook to buy another—the "Mykenae." He then organized a new line between Greece and South America and with his business acumen and shipping prowess, the export of Greek products was doubled within a year. All his ambitions were now centered on serving the interests of Greece. He visualized the eventual opening of the markets of all the states of South America to the produce of Greece.

In 1953 Eugonides emerged in his new role as leader of Hellenic shipping enterprise with the establishment of two new lines: A regular service between Greece and South America and another between Greece and North America. The latter carried out by the 22,000-ton luxury liner "Queen Frederica." During the ceremonies on the occasion of the maiden voyage of the S/S Athenai from the port of Piraeus on November 13, 1953, the Prime Minister of Greece, Field Marshal Alexander Papagos, addressed him in these words:

"It is with sincere pleasure and deep gratification that I now hand over the navigation papers of this newest unit of Greece's mercantile marine to one of the most outstanding among Greek shipping men, Mr. Eugene Eugonides. The brilliant and extraordinary career of this true son of Hellas is one more example of the vitality which distinguishes the Greeks in every walk of life. This is not the first time that Mr. Eugonides has given us proof of his deep patriotism and generosity, for he is at all times inspired by these high ideals. Recently, our brothers in the Ionian Islands were the beneficiaries of his instant and magnanimous aid when disaster struck them, and they will never forget this, nor will the Country of which he has proved himself a worthy citizen. For this, at the proposal of the Government, His Majesty King Paul has honored him with the Grand Cross of the Royal Order of the Phoenix. From the bottom of my heart, and in the name of Greece, I salute in him the genius of enterprise, but above all the spirit of patriotism and high moral purpose."

Greece will not forget Eugonides. His work is being carried on faithfully by those who have inherited the heavy burden of succeeding to so dynamic and high-minded a founder, to this great benefactor of his country, to this dauntless pioneer on the high seas of maritime enterprise.

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Chapter News

Testimonial Banquet Honors Dr. Despotopulos

A Testimonial Banquet honoring Supreme Governor Dr. Nicholas H. Despotopulos was held on Sunday evening, November 4, 1956, at the Old Timer's Restaurant in Clinton, Mass., under the sponsorship of Clinton Chapter No. 362, Order of Ahepa.

Approximately two hundred Ahepans, Daughters, and friends of the guest of honor, representing the entire New England area, were in attendance.

Heading the list of invited guests and speakers was Supreme President John L. Manta of Chicago, Ill. Other speakers included Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes; Congressman Philip J. Philbin of Clinton; Judge William P. Constantino of Clinton; Board of Trustees Member Charles Davis Kotsilimbas; Toby Caragian of Marlboro, District Governor No. 8; Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Raymond Naughton. Past Supreme President Peter L. Bell was the Toastmaster and performed admirably his duties of the evening.

Others at the head table included Past Supreme Governor James Mazarakos of Springfield, Mass.; District Governor No. 9 Paul Karas of Dover, N. H.; Past District Governor No. 7 George J. Margoles of New Haven, Conn.; State Representative G. Clifford Stone of Clinton; Past District Governor No. 9 George Bricates; Past District Governor No. 8 George Gramsas; Past District Governor No. 8 Fred Kyros; and Past District Governor No. 9 George Papadopoulos. The Daughters of Penelope were represented by Joanna Panagopoulos of Peabody, Mass., District Governor No. 8. The entire District Lodge of District No. 8 were also in evidence, as was Michael Vrotsis, Chairman of the 1958 Ahepa National Convention Committee, and Dan Hassiotis, President of Springfield, Mass., Chapter. Delegations present were from Clinton, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Brockline, Fitchburg, Fall River, Haverhill, Worcester, Marlboro, Lowell, Peabody-Salem, New Bedford, Nashua, N. H., Biddleford, Me., Dover, N. H., Springfield, Mass., and New Haven, Conn.

The hard working committee in charge of arrangements included Charles M. Georgeson, President; Daniel J. Paul, Henry Ulrich and George Prinos.

The guest of honor, deeply moved by



DR. N. DESPOTOPULOS HONORED — At the Testimonial Banquet at Clinton, Mass., on Nov. 4, 1956. Front Row, from left: V. I. Chebithes, Past Supreme President; George Mazarakos, Past Supreme Governor; John L. Manta, Supreme President; Mrs. Joanna Panagopoulos, District No. 8 Governor, Daughters of Penelope; Harry N. Despotopulos, father of Nick; Dr. Nick H. Despotopulos, Supreme Governor; and George J. Margoles, Past District Governor, District No. 7. Back Row, left to right: George Bricates, Past District Governor, District No. 9; Peter J. Haste; Charles Davis Kotsilimbas, Supreme Member, Board of Trustees; Charles M. Georgeson, President of Clinton Chapter; Gus Margoles; Toby Caragian, Governor, District No. 8; Paul Karas, District Governor No. 9, of Dover, N. H.; and Peter L. Bell, Past Supreme President and Toastmaster of the event.

such an outpouring of friends, was very appreciative and very humbly thanked all in attendance for their presence. Brother Despotopulos was presented a movie camera by his many friends.

All in all, the affair was a fitting tribute to a real Ahepa stalwart and one who has worked very diligently in all matters pertaining to the Ahepa Family. The editorial staff of THE AHEPAN salutes Brother Despotopulos and wishes him an abundance of success and happiness on the occasion of his recent engagement and forthcoming marriage to Helen Dakis of Los Angeles, Calif., and formerly of Providence, R. I. Happy wedding bells!

District No. 25 Conference; Alex Alexander Honored

On October 20 and 21, 1956, the Great Lakes District No. 25, the newest district in the Ahepa Domain, held a two-day Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to lay plans for a progressive program and to transact all pending business. Saturday, October 20, prior to the Conference, a testimonial dinner was held in the Ahepa Memorial Hall honoring Brother Alex Alexander who has been Treasurer of the Milwaukee Chapter No. 43 for the past 23 years, a unique record that few Ahep-

ans achieve. District Governor Steve E. Gaveras acted as toastmaster, and among the speakers for the night were Past Supreme President Van Nomikos; Mrs. Constantine Stacy, Grand Treasurer of the Daughters of Penelope; Attorney Nicholas Lemperis of Garfield Chapter No. 203; and Michael Hodges of St. Louis.

Among the visitors from Chicago were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mavrick, National Chairman, Public Relations Committee; Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Chimoures, Secretary of Great Lakes District No. 25; Christ Karafotas, Treasurer of District 25; Nicholas J. Chirekos, Lieut. Governor of District 25; William Dillars and Anthony Collias of St. Louis. The guest of honor, Brother Alexander, was presented with many gifts, and in responding, thanked all present and especially Mrs. Alexander for her patience and understanding for being absent from his home during the past 23 years in office for his Ahepa duties. Congratulations, Alex.

On Sunday, October 21, Governor Gaveras invited his cabinet to breakfast in the Schroeder Hotel, followed by the business meeting. The enthusiastic spirit shown at this meeting cannot help but bring about gratifying results that will be beneficial to the Order for many years to come.

Queensboro Banquet Honors Supreme Vice-Pres. Kourides

The Queensboro Chapter No. 97 of Astoria, New York, tendered a Testimonial Dinner on November 16, 1956, at the Astorian Manor in honor of its "favorite son," Supreme Vice-President Peter T. Kourides. Over 200 friends and admirers of our distinguished Supreme Vice-President gathered on the occasion to honor him and in testimonial fashion express their high regard and esteem for Peter Kourides, devoted and loyal Ahepan, church and civic leader, and prominent New York attorney.

Supreme President John L. Manta headed the list of Ahepa dignitaries who attended the event. Brother Manta highly praised Brother Kourides for his many services to the Ahepa Family since his days on the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles to the present time when he is second in command of our great fraternity.

Other speakers were District Governor Nicholas Coffinas of the Empire State District No. 6; Miss Beatrice Anagnos, Daughters of Penelope District Governor; Gus Nicholas, Member of the Ahepa National Board of Trustees; Bishop Germanos, Chancellor of the Archdiocese; the Rev. Demetrios Frangos, Pastor of St. Demetrios Church in Astoria; Dr. Pandelis Camesas, President of the Queensboro Chapter; and Stella Zames, President of the Iliion Chapter No. 135, Daughters of Penelope.

Also present were District Secretary Gus Cherevas; District Advisor John S. Linakis; Past District Governors George Dimas, George T. Kastrinos, and Peter Giftos; Past Grand Secretary Eleanor Stamoules; Daughters Past District Governor Mary Zarcadoolas; Past Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos; and Past Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas.

Racine Chapters Honor Past Presidents

Polaris Chapter No. 377 and Daughters of Penelope Chapter No. 255 of Racine, Wisconsin, were hosts to 110 Ahepans and Daughters at their Fourth Annual Past Presidents Banquet on Saturday, November 10, 1956. Presented with gifts for their services were Jim Miller and Sophie Maragos, retiring Presidents. Congratulatory messages were read from Supreme President John L. Manta and other officials who were unable to attend.

In attendance was a large delegation from the newly instituted Great Lakes District No. 25. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Stacy, Daughters of Penelope Supreme Treasurer; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stavrakos, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Maniates, Louis Parus, and a host of others. Representing the 13th District were Ahepa District Governor Sam Karakostas and Lieut. Governor Paul Costulas; and Daughters District Governor Em-lee Lampos.

After the banquet a dance was held.

Portland, Oregon Ahepa Officers

George Flessas, President; Pete Vani-kiotis, Vice-President; Nick Vanikiotis, Secretary; George Paris, Treasurer; Dr. N. S. Checkos, Chairman of Board of Governors; Alex Saterian, George Goritsan, George Polychronis and Pete Demas, Governors; Gus Trovas, Warden; Gregory Goritsan, Chaplain; George Cournavos, Inside Sentinel.

Chairman and Toastmaster was Past District Treasurer George Rodis. He was assisted on the committee by James G. Felos, Ted G. Rodis, James Theofan, George Kalpakis, and Christos G. Rodis.



DISTINGUISHED VISITOR — Dean Psaras, 7, of Sunnyside, Queens, whose parents are Cypriots, greets Hellenic Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis upon his arrival at New York's International Airport to attend the opening sessions of the United Nations Assembly to support the cause of Cyprus for self-determination. Left to right are the Rev. M. Papavasiliou and John S. Linakis of Jamaica who welcomed Premier Karamanlis on behalf of Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York. Brother Linakis is an active member of Long Island Chapter No. 86 and District Advisor of District No. 6.

Pindus-Perseus Installation

The Pindus Chapter No. 354 and its auxiliary, Perseus Chapter No. 172 of the Daughters of Penelope, installed their 1956-57 officers at an impressive ceremony on Sunday, October 14, 1956, in the Atlas Room of the Yorkville Temple in New York City.

Empire State District Governor Nicholas Coffinas and members of his lodge installed the Ahepans while Miss Beatrice Anagnos, District Governor of the Daughters, and members of her lodge officiated for the Penelopes.

The event was well attended with many dignitaries present. A social hour followed with refreshments and dancing.

The Pindus officers are: Harry Savas, President; Peter Chaconas, Vice-President; Nicholas Karathanasis, Secretary; Charles Alikes, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Nicholas Cherevas, Chairman; Alex Chaconas, Steve Koscoris, James Plexaganes, Peter Chiopelas, Edward Panos, Capt. of the Guard; Miltheades Psarinos, Warden.

The Perseus officers are: Evelyn Cherevas, President; Emma Tsakonas, Vice-President; Kay Koscoris, Corresponding Secretary; Catherine Kourakos, Recording Secretary; Angie Panagakis, Treasurer; Ann Koscoris, Chairman, Board of Governors; Hellene Kourakos, Priestess; Celia Sazan, Warden; Mary Choulis, Sentinel.



FIFTY-SIX MEMBERS of the Cowboy Chapter No. 211 of Cheyenne, Wyoming, attended a dinner party and celebration given Sunday, September 30, 1956, at Denver, Colorado, by the Denver Chapter of the Ahepa in honor of those who have belonged to the organization for 25 years. Denver Ahepans were given 25-year lapel pins. The pins were presented by District Governor Gus Gatzos. The members of the Cheyenne Chapter (shown above) plan a 25-year party in the near future. Holding the Ahepa banner are two youngsters, Paul and Frank Galeotos, sons of Sam Galeotos of Cheyenne and future Sons of Pericles.



AHEPA'S NEWEST GUBERNATORIAL DISTRICT—The District Lodge of the newly created Great Lakes District No. 25 on the occasion of their Conference at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago on November 11, 1956, where they formulated plans, policies and programs for the benefit and welfare of the new district. Seated, left to right: Peter J. Chimoures, Secretary; Steve E. Gaveras, District Governor; and Nicholas J. Chirekos, Lieut. Governor. Standing, left to right: Gus S. Spirakes, Advisor; Christ Karafotias, Treasurer; Louis Asimakopoulos, Athletic Director; and Nicholas S. Limperis, Legal Advisor.

New Haven Ahepa Family Holds Combined Installation

The New Haven Chapters of the Order of Ahepa installed their complete slate of 1956-57 Officers on Sunday, September 16, 1956, at the St. Barbara Church Hall, New Haven. The four groups composed of the Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and Maids of Athens, comprising a total membership of over 250 people of Hellenic descent, held for the first time in New Haven history a combined Installation of Officers.

Gordon Bilides was installed as President of the New Haven Chapter No. 98, Ahepa, with the following officers: George Anastasiou, Vice-President; Emanuel P. Savakis, Secretary; Mino G. Marnel, Treasurer; Peter Anastasion, Chairman of Board of Governors; Arthur Daniel, Minas Kyritsas, Matthew Jenetopoulos, Governors; Lou Anastasion, Athletic Advisor; Nickolis P. Giatrelis, Captain of the Guard; George Chaltas, Chaplain; George Dometios, Warden; and Michael Passa, Sentinel. Installing officers for the Ahepa were District No. 7 Lodge Governor Ted Constantinou, of Norwich; Nicholas Kahrmanides of Bridgeport, Lieut. Governor; District Treasurer George Mehos of Norwalk; and District Advisor C. P. Pappas of New Haven (Past District Governor). President Gordon Bilides has served the Chapter as Editor of the "Gavel" for three years, Secretary for three years, Governor, Captain of the Guard, and last year served as Vice-President. He is a veteran of World War II. Educated in the public schools of New Haven, he graduated from Yale University as a Bachelor of Engineering in 1950. He is married and has two children.

Mrs. George Anastasion was installed as President of the Mycale Chapter No. 137, Daughters of Penelope, with the following officers: Mrs. Christopher Matsagas, Vice-President; Miss Mary Besbessides, Secretary; Mrs. Louis Loukides, Treasurer; Miss Evangeline Besbessides, Priestess; Mrs. Angelo Tambis, Warden; Miss Catherine Daniel, Marshal; Mrs. Paul Anastasion, Sentinel; Mrs. Nicholas Savakis, Chairman of Board of Governors; Mrs. George Dometios, Mrs. Thomas Blanos, Mrs. Mino Marnel, and Mrs. Matthew Jenetopoulos, Governors. Installing officers for the Daughters were District Lodge Governor Helen Papadopoulos of Providence, and District Secretary Athena Damaskas of Newport. President Nita Anastasion served in the office of treasurer for two years and last year as vice-president. She was educated in Meriden where she received her B.S. from State Teachers College of New Britain. She has two daughters.

Miss Melba Mavromatis was installed as President of the Urania Chapter No. 117, Maids of Athens, with the following officers: Miss Catherine Besbessides, Vice-President; Miss Myrina Neris, Secretary; Miss Evangeline Poulimas, treasurer; Miss Adrian Athens, Priestess; Miss Anne Meehan, Phylax; Miss Irene Dungeely, Messenger; and Miss Mary Jane Panichas, Sentinel. Installing officer was Grand President of the Maids, Miss Mary Snyder, of Trenton, New Jersey, assisted by Miss Dorothy Kledaras, of New Haven, Grand Treasurer of the Junior Order.

George Guillotis was installed as President of the Elm City Chapter No. 15,

GREAT LAKES DISTRICT No. 25

A new Gubernatorial District has been created initially with fourteen Chapters which were formerly a part of District No. 13. The new creation leaves the "Old 13th" with 27 Chapters, and room enough for both Districts to grow and accomplish higher achievements than heretofore possible.

The first Governor of the new District—Great Lakes No. 25—is Brother Steve E. Gaveras, 3309A North 46th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. May we suggest that his Brother-Governors, and all Ahepans, welcome him and his Lodge to their "separate and equal station" in the galaxy of Districts in the Ahepa Domain, and wish him a happy and prosperous administration.

The other members of the Great Lakes District Lodge No. 25 are: Nicholas J. Chirekos of Rock Island, Illinois, Lieut. Governor; Peter J. Chimoures of Chicago, Secretary; Christ Karafotias of Chicago, Treasurer; George Hondros of Rockford, Illinois, Marshal; Gus S. Spirakes of Chicago, Advisor; and Louis Asimakopoulos of Chicago, Athletic Director.

Sons of Pericles, with the following officers: Harry Pappas, Vice-President; Gus Balacos, Secretary; Theodore Arabolos, Assistant Secretary; Arthur Koines, Treasurer; Ted Scuris, Master of Ceremonies; Raphael Paraskeva, High Priest; Junmy Magoulas, High Guardian; and Frank Poulimas, Inner Guard. Installing officer for the Sons was Supreme Governor Tom Cholakis of Troy, New York.

Following the Open Installation of Officers, the following members of the Ahepa were presented with their "25 year membership pins": Thomas Jenneit, John Sachlos, Michael Basile, George Constantinides, and Milton Psathas.

The entire affair was under the direction of retiring Chapter President Peter Anastasion, to whom a Past President's jewel was presented.

Important Announcement

All chapters are requested to submit material as soon as it has been prepared. Do not wait for deadline dates.

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Jos. E. Vlastos of Wyoming Appointed to West Point

Joseph Emanuel Vlastos is the son of Mrs. Mary Vlastos and the late Emanuel G. Vlastos who was one of the original Knights of Thermopylae (the 300). Mr. Vlastos belonged to the Casper, Wyoming Chapter of Ahepa for many years. Joseph, a Thermopolis High School Senior, has been named principal appointee to the United States Military Academy at West Point by Wyoming Senator Frank A. Barrett. His appointment is for the class beginning in July 1957.



J. E. VLASTOS

This past June, Joseph had the distinction of being elected Governor of the Ninth Wonderful Wyoming Boys' State Session. Also named first alternate to Boys' Nation in Washington, D. C. He is Master Counsellor of the local DeMolay and President of the Student Council in his school. Active in sports, he has been a member of the Athletic Club for three years and is a defensive standout for the Grid Team. He is Vice-President of the local Honor Society and Treasurer of the Thespians.

With his mother and younger brother George he attended the dedication ceremonies in Greece at Thermopylae during the Excursion in June 1955.



AMIDST HELLENIC GLORIES—Enjoying the sights in Athens on the recent excursion to Greece, left to right, Mrs. Nicholas Caluthis; (unidentified person); Bro. Nicholas Caluthis of the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York; and Brother Sarkis Sarafian, Past President of that chapter.



CHICAGO AHEPANS—Pictured here are the newly elected officers of North Shore Chapter No. 94 of Chicago, Illinois, the "Blue Ribbon" Chapter of Ahepa. Seated (from L. to R.): K. George Kelly, Treasurer; Nicholas G. Rekas, President; George G. Makris, Vice-President; and George Panagopoulos, Secretary. Standing, first row (L. to R.): John G. Raptis, Captain of the Guard; Peter Angelopoulos, Governor; David J. Christ, Governor; Gust Bexes, Warden; Art Daravanis, Athletic Director; John Geocaris, Chairman, Board of Governors; Nick Toulis, Inside Sentinel; Ted Costoplos, Past President and Chairman of Degree Team; and George Johnson, Outside Sentinel. Second row (L. to R.): George Vourvoulis, immediately retiring President; and Paul G. Costulas, Chairman of the Chapter's Committee on Education and Lieut. Governor of the 15th District of Ahepa.

Chicago's North Shore No. 94 Headed by N. G. Rekas

Nicholas G. Rekas became the third youngest President in the 30-year history of North Shore Chapter No. 94 of Chicago, Illinois, following election to that office June 30 last. He succeeds George P. Vourvoulis who was the 21st President of the lodge. A graduate of Ypsilanti Chapter No. 22 of the Sons of Pericles of Chicago, Rekas joined the "Blue Ribbon" chapter of Ahepa in March, 1946. He has served the chapter as Captain of the Guard, Secretary, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Vice-President.

He has attended all 13th District conventions since 1945 (Peoria) and has been a delegate to the Rockford, Davenport, Springfield, and Racine sessions. He has also attended five National conventions. He is editor of the 13th District publication, the "Ahepa Herald." At the 1950 Cleveland confab Rekas was singularly instrumental in presenting a resolution for the creation of a Public Relations Department in Ahepa. He was in charge of publicity for the Minneapolis National Convention in 1950.

From 1943 to 1948 he was associated with the *Chicago Daily Times* (now the *Sun-Times*) in the sports department and frequently covered various city prep sports events. Members of Ahepa will remember having read his weekly column "Oddly Enough" which appeared in the *Greek Press* of Chicago and the *National Herald*, in addition to several articles written for the *Allantis* and the *Greek Star* of Chicago from 1943 to 1951.

From 1950 through 1956 he handled

publicity for the National Hellenic Invitational Basketball Tournament in Chicago and served as its President from 1953 to 1955. Brother Rekas is presently associated with Montgomery Ward & Co. in Chicago in the Retail Advertising Department and is Advertising Manager of the Paint and Wallpaper Divisions.

Also elected with Rekas for the 1956-57 term are: George Makris, Vice President; George Panagopoulos, Secretary; K. George Kelly, Treasurer. The Board of Governors are: John Geocaris, Richard Costulas, David Christ, Nick Pappas, and Peter Angelopoulos. Arthur Daravanis is Athletic Director; John Raptis, Captain of the Guard; Gust Bexes, Warden; and Nick Toulis, Inside Sentinel.

Bronx Initiation

An impressive Initiation Rite was held by the Bronx Chapter No. 175 of New York City on Tuesday, October 16, 1956, at its regular meeting place, the Vasa Temple in the Bronx. The class of twelve candidates was headed by Congressman Paul A. Fino of New York.

Empire State No. 6 District Governor Nicholas Coffinas conducted the ceremonies with the assistance of members of his District Lodge. At the conclusion of the meeting, delicious refreshments were served with plenty of beer to quench the thirst of the large attendance.

The officers of this progressive Ahepa unit are: Harry C. Zourdos, President; Jerry Manos, Vice-President; Chris Christie, Secretary; Thomas Katsidras, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Nicholas Anagnostakos, Chairman; John Skarkas, Charles Sarantos, George Kostelides and Theodore Sammis, Governors.



AT SAN FRANCISCO CONCERT — Personalities at reception following concert of contemporary Greek music which was sponsored jointly by the Ahepa Family of the San Francisco area and the Society of Greek Arts of that city. Left to right: John Efstathiou, General Co-chairman of the Concert Committee; Nick Dallas, Editor of the "New California"; Christoforos Axelos, Consul General of Greece in San Francisco; Gregory Millar, Conductor of the Little Symphony of San Francisco; William Masselos, pianist, guest artist of the concert; Pete Tamaras, San Francisco City Commissioner; and George Lekas, General Co-chairman of the Concert Committee. The concert, which represented a major effort by the Golden Gate District Cultural Committee, took place last spring and was acclaimed as an outstanding triumph reflecting credit on the Ahepa and the artists who participated.

CARE Food Crusade to Send 200,000 Packages to Greece

Increased people-to-people CARE aid will reach more than a million orphaned children, war widows, disabled veterans, aged, unemployed and other needy people in Greece during the coming winter as part of the 1956 CARE Food Crusade.

"As in past winters, the American people are sharing their own farm abundance through CARE with the most needy of our neighbors throughout the free world," Richard W. Reuter, CARE Executive Director, said in making public detailed plans of the non-profit overseas aid agency for the distribution of five million special food packages in 19 countries. The share of Greece in that CARE total is 200,000 packages, each containing a total of 22 pounds of cheese, rice and flour, enough to help feed a family of four for a month.

The food itself was allocated to CARE for foreign aid purposes by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The American people are being asked to contribute at the rate of \$1 per package to cover the cost of packaging and delivery in Greece. Distribution of the Food Crusade packages will be strictly on the basis of need and under supervision of the CARE Mission Chief in Greece. Because of the mass nature of the distribution, CARE Food Crusade packages may not be designated for a specific individual or family.

"The CARE Food Crusade for Greece presents an opportunity for Americans of Greek descent to come to the aid of those people in their native country who are

still in need, especially the extraordinary large number of war widows and orphans and the courageous men and women who are trying to rehabilitate their war-devastated acres in the northern provinces," Mr. Reuter said. "Every dollar will deliver 22 pounds of life-giving food to a needy family and strengthen the bond of friendship between us and the people of Greece."

Food Crusade contributions in any amount may be forwarded through any local CARE office, or directly to CARE, 660 First Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.



SAM S. NAKOS Secretary, Board of Trustees

Sam Nakos hails from the beautiful island of Corfu in the Ionian Sea and immigrated to the United States in 1914. After trying his luck in various parts of the country, he permanently settled in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1925. There he first engaged in the general mercantile business and in 1933 went into the wholesale distributing of beer with his brothers, Alex and Gus. In 1940 he organized his own company, the Sterling Distributors, Inc., becoming President and General Manager. For the past fifteen years, his company has been the leader in that area.



Expanding his enterprises, in 1947 he formed the Nakos Realty Co. and three years ago he was instrumental in establishing the American Family Life Insurance Co. He is the major stockholder and guiding spirit in both ventures. Sam is particularly proud of the fact that he has pioneered in the insurance field on a large scale and feels that he has opened a new avenue of endeavor for the younger generation of Greek descent in America.

Since joining the Birmingham Chapter No. 3 in 1929, he has held all its chairs and while its president during the war years he sold over three and one half million dollars of War Bonds and for this accomplishment was declared the largest single issuing agent in the state of Alabama. Brother Nakos was associated with the Greek War Relief from its very first days and served it as National Vice-President. On the Mother Lodge District No. 1, he served as Governor for two years and presently is serving as Secretary of the Ahepa National Board of Trustees.

He has been a benefactor to Corfu, the island of his birth, having financed the installation of a clinic at Corfu Hospital and the provision of equipment and instruments for the hospital and through his contributions has made it possible for the poor to receive free treatment at the clinic. He has served as President of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Community in Birmingham and spearheaded the drive that raised \$150,000.00 to build the church, contributing \$21,000.00 himself.

Sam is married to the former Agatha Manson and they have two daughters, Mrs. Jane Nakos Mitchell and Miss Helen Joyce Nakos.

GUS NICHOLAS Member, Board of Trustees

Gus Nicholas was born in Sparta, Greece, and came to the United States at the age of 16 and settled in Brooklyn, N. Y. After three years of hard restaurant work, he went in business for himself, a status he has maintained to this date. In 1931 he quit the restaurant business and entered the ice cream manufacturing



by founding the Carlton Ice Cream Company in Brooklyn of which concern he is the president and general sales manager. He is also active in the real estate business, owning major interests in a number of buildings in the Bay Ridge area of Brooklyn.

He is a member of the Brooklyn Chapter No. 41 which he joined upon its formation in 1924 and ever since has been continuously active and is considered one of its pillars. He has rendered his chapter meritorious services of an exceptional nature and has provided it with dynamic leadership. Brother Nicholas served his chapter in many capacities, including two years as president and during his presidency increased the membership from 202 members to 319. He is personally responsible for sponsoring over 150 new members over the years.

Advancing to the Empire State No. 6 District Lodge, he held the posts of Advisor, Treasurer and Lieutenant Governor and during his tenure as Governor, he made an outstanding record as the leader of his district. In 1938 he was instrumental for the organization of the Homer Chapter of the Sons of Pericles in Brooklyn and in 1949 was primarily responsible for the establishment of the Bay Ridge Chapter No. 319 of the Ahepa. Recently he served the Ahepa very capably as Co-chairman of the 1956 Ahepa National Convention Committee in New York and was deservedly rewarded for his many contributions during the past 32 years with election to the Ahepa National Board of Trustees.

Gus is also active in the Lacedaemonian Association, Anton Masonic Lodge, Kismet Lodge of Shriners, Melitaneon Society of New York, civic, religious and political affairs of Brooklyn. He is married to the former Adelaide Reily who has endeared herself to the Ahepa Family with her untiring devotion to the work of the Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athens and in every charitable and worthwhile endeavor.

Middletown, Ohio Installs Ahepa Family

The combined Ahepa and Daughters Public Installation and District Governor's Ball of Middletown, Ohio, was held on Sunday, October 21, 1956, at the Hotel Manchester, Middletown, Ohio.

Over 300 were in attendance. The Installing Officers of the evening were Past District Governor George J. Margoles of New Haven, Conn., who represented Supreme President John L. Manta of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris, Grand President, Daughters of Penelope, of Charlotte, N. C. Others present included George N. George of Akron, Ohio, Supreme Secretary; Gus Dmiaco, District Secretary; Neo Houpis, District Treasurer; Perry Zinzick, District Marshal; Fred Christopher, Past District Lieut. Governor; Ted Boudouris, Past District Governor; Pete Laras, Past District Treasurer, and the Chancellor, George T. Poolitsan, Past District Governor and Chairman of the District Governor's Ball.

District Governor George J. Cavalaris of Hamilton, Ohio, and member of the Middletown-Hamilton Chapter No. 209 was the guest of honor. Brother Cavalaris is the nephew of Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris.

Principal speakers of the evening were George J. Margoles and Grand President Zoe Cavalaris. Both highlighted the program and activities of the Order of Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope. Other speakers included George N. George, Christine Johnson and members of the Ahepa and Daughters District Lodges who were in attendance.

The Daughters of Penelope were well represented. Guests included Mrs. Christine Johnson, District Governor; Josie Chase, Past District Governor; Mrs. Florence Stathopoulos, Past District Governor; and Miss Dollfus, Past District Treasurer.

Ahepa officers installed were Gus J. Lazares, President; Andrew Skalkos, Vice-



AT GOVERNOR'S BALL — Honored guests at the Combined Ahepa and Daughters Public Installation and District Governor's Ball at Middletown, Ohio, on October 21, 1956. Left to right: George J. Margoles, Past District Governor, Yankee District No. 7, New Haven, Conn.; "The Chancellor," George T. Poolitsan, Past Dist. Governor No. 11, Middletown, Ohio; and Buckeye District No. 11 Governor Geo. J. Cavalaris, Hamilton, Ohio.

President; George T. Poolitsan, Secretary; K. A. "Tyke" Politz, Treasurer; John Dalis, Chairman, Board of Governors; Chris S. Hagias, Harry Rikas, George Mastorou and Michael Mathews, Governors; George Manos, Warden; George Lambesis and Pete Kavouras, Sentinels. Officers of the Daughters Chapter installed were Cleo Laras, President; Georgia Comminos, Vice-President; Dolores Revelos, Secretary; Ann Eliopoulos, Treasurer; Lula Revelos, Chairman, Board of Governors; Betty Johnson, Irene Valen, Chrissi Minas and Rosim Revelos, Governors; Effie Revelos, Warden; Mrs. Gus Mardas, Marshal; and Mary Garofalos, Priestess.

The Governor's Ball followed the installation of officers, and at 2 A.M. many of the visitors gathered at the residence of Brother George Cavalaris for a morning snack. The affair was a huge success and a social highlight of the Buckeye District.



NEWLY INITIATED — Large class of candidates which was initiated into the Order of Ahepa during the Thirtieth Ahepa National Convention in New York City last August.



Charitable Activities Of Toledo Daughters

The Dodona Chapter No. 24 of the Daughters of Penelope of Toledo, Ohio, have by now watched some of their fall plans turn into actual accomplishments. In the field of service and charity, two projects have been successfully completed.

The Baby Clothes for Greece Committee under the chairmanship of Sister Beulah Thomas has sent about 75 pounds of clothes to Mrs. Basilia Lekas of the American Missions in Athens, Greece, for distribution among the needy children's centers.

Another community service project came to a successful end Wednesday, October 26, at the Final Report Dinner of the Toledo Community Chest at the Commodore Perry Hotel. The Daughters of Penelope team went over the top with 100.5% of their quota of \$3,450.00. Mrs. Catherine Kopan and Goldie Skulis were co-chairmen.

by Christina Skulis

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BON VOYAGE PARTY—On board S/S Queen Frederica on August 17, 1956, to wish bon voyage to Past Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope Adeline Geokaris at party tendered by Daughters Past Grand Lodge (1955-1956), left to right: Helen Zervos; Past Grand President Tula Zoutley; Sister Geo-Karis; Grand President Zoe Cavalaris; Past National Advisor to Maids of Athens Koula Karafotias; and Grand Governor Evelyn Semos. Seated in front, Brother Thomas Cavalaris, husband of Daughters Grand President Cavalaris.

Fifth District Luncheon Conference

The Daughters of Penelope Fifth District Lodge held a gala affair recently at the exclusive Shadowbrook Restaurant in Shrewsbury, N. J. Guests strolled in the beautiful Grecian Gardens prior to the opening of the annual Fall luncheon-conference by our popular and lovely District Governor Helen Heleotis, at which time she welcomed officers and members from every chapter in the District.

Our honored guest was none other than our own beloved Lillian Manetas, who has recently been received into the National fold and holds the office of Grand Secretary. Opening and closing prayers were proffered by Mrs. Tina Panas, President of Aulis Chapter, Asbury Park, the official hostess chapter for the occasion; and by Joanne Nicas, the charming Lieut. Governor from Perth Amboy.

Chairman of the affair was Frances M. Pascal, District Treasurer. All guests after registering were given printed program booklets as well as name tags, showing also chapter affiliation. Our honored guest, Lillian, and our District Advisor, the well-known Kiki Sareotes, were presented with corsages of multi-colored chrysanthemum pompoms, and the tables were colorfully decorated in the Thanksgiving theme of turkeys made from pine cones.

Many items of interest were discussed at the business meeting. Governor Heleotis gave an excellent and lucid account of the recent National Convention held at the fabulous Waldorf-Astoria in New York, including the fine results of the latest Daughters' project at St. Basil's Academy. She also reported that the Fifth District helped its neighbor Daughters in the Empire District this year in selling tickets for the International Women's Exposition which was held recently in New York. Current district projects were then enumerated, followed by a short briefing of parliamentary procedure. Each President reported on activities of her chapter.

Grand Secretary Manetas was our guest speaker and, as usual, her thought-provoking remarks were pearls of wisdom. We are anxious for the rest of the country to know Sister Lillian as we do, and to benefit by her vast experience and knowledge of Daughters affairs.

Other District Lodge officers present were Helen Gianakopoulos, Secretary; and Mrs. Pauline Zavakos, Marshal.



IN GOOD SPIRITS—Members of the Empire State District Lodge No. 6 of the Daughters of Penelope with Supreme President John L. Manta at the installation rites of the Evryklia Chapter No. 36 of New York City on October 19, 1956. Left to right: District Governor Beatrice Anagnos; Brother Manta; District Marshal Ann Tsiamas; and Dist. Treasurer, Connie Lerangis.

Megara No. 113 Installs

The Megara Chapter No. 113 of the Daughters of Penelope, Muncie, Indiana, installed the members of the new administration at ceremonies in its lodge rooms at Muncie.

Sister Martha Phyllis of Muncie was installed as President. The other officers installed are: Miss Connie Kritsellis, Vice-President; Mrs. Mary Ritter, Secretary; Mrs. Amelia Liveratos, Treasurer; Mrs. Mabel Peterson, Warden; Miss Kay Printzos, Priestess, all of Muncie; Mrs. Christine Chagares, Inside Sentinel; and Mrs. Theofania Dallas, Marshal, both of Richmond.

Daughters and visitors from Muncie, Richmond and New Castle attended the event which was presided over by Past President Cleopatra Blainas of Richmond.

Others attending the installation services were Mrs. Orania Printzos, Mrs. Bessie Lambert, Mrs. Helen Chames, Mrs. Mary Costos, Mrs. Jean Mayer, Mrs. Bessie Printzos and Mrs. Smarthus Costos, all of Muncie.

The Daughters of Penelope Is More Than a Club

By HELEN ROSS*

DRIVING BACK HOME from a meeting of my Chapter one evening after a futile attempt to hold elections of officers for the fiscal year, I was rather silent a good part of the way, recapitulating in my mind the events of the evening. My companion, a sister-member, who sensed my disappointment looked at me and said: "Don't worry, it's just a club. If there are not enough members to take over the offices at the next meeting, we just go on the inactive list." Her voice was naive as she spoke to me and,



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more so, had an undertone of "You foolish one, you are giving too much meaning to this club of ours." . . . Hearing her voice and the words, my disillusionment increased tenfold, and it went down, way down and settled at the pit of my stomach. That utterance, "just a club," was not only representing her views and feelings about the Daughters but apparently a fixed conviction held by many of our race in this country.

In a flash, her casual approach to the subject reminded me of the story my history teacher told our class when I was attending school in Greece. The story was about the thousands of Greeks who emigrated to other countries, such as, Rumania, Russia, Italy, and firmly established themselves. They built prosperous and thriving communities. Many of them held important government positions. They built and maintained churches and Greek schools. However, they gradually let the Hellenic spirit die out and allowed themselves to be absorbed to extinction because of smugness and petty jealousies and apathy. Each one was by himself and for himself, and they tell . . . He was telling us of the Greeks of Italy . . . Russia . . . the Greeks who have scattered all over the world from time immemorial, but who did not keep the personal ethnic pride long enough and in great quantities; therefore, they faded away from the minds of those nations. . . . They were once, as we are here in America, a force to be reckoned with. They only stood up as long as they held together, keeping the candle of the Hellenic name burning. But as the enthusiasm for the survival of their race was housed only in the hearts of the few, it waned and faded away all too soon. . . . It went back to the *bookshelves* again, as it will soon happen here, too, if we do not band and stand together and stop feeling as many of our people do, "It is just a club." . . .

Sad, but not at all convinced that the Daughters, or the Ahepa, "is just a club," I arrived home, feeling the pain of the thought of what might happen to all the Greeks of America, if all of them were of the same line of thought as this friend of mine! I said to myself: "Is this the way we are meant to go down to oblivion? Is this how the Greek element of the United States is going to fade away, one by one, without any provision for the perpetuation of the Hellenic name, other than the strength of our ancient ancestors stacked up in the libraries? Is the contention of the few going to come true, that the Greeks of today are not made of the stuff that their ancestors were? I just could not reconcile myself to believe such a statement. I stayed up most of that night and in the silence of my room I shed a few hot tears, but they were of hard determination. I gritted my teeth and answered all those who contend that "it is just a club." "It is not so; not by a long shot." If I stopped doing my little bit in the Daughters, I would feel like a traitor to my principles as a Greek. It would be like turning away my face from a good friend. It would mean that all those nice things I've received from school and parents about being proud of my Greek heritage would be forgotten. "No," I swallowed hard the lump rising in my throat from indignation against those Greek-born women who are wrapped up in smugness and their hearts do not feel the pride of being a Greek strongly enough to do something about perpetuating the name.

It is an everyday occurrence to see Greek-born men and women who do not want to belong to the Ahepa Family. Some just go as

far as getting initiated, then never come to any meetings and, furthermore, do not feel the importance of such organizations for the Greeks of America. They see an organization as to "what's in it for me." I wished I could make them understand the height of the meaning of belonging to the Ahepa Family, and in staying an active member. I wished I could make them see what I see in the continuation of such organizations, as the Ahepa and the Daughters; the benefits and the importance which come to the Greek name through these organizations. Out of the hundred-and-one good things which the members and our Mother-Country Hellas derive from the Order of Ahepa, I would like to enumerate a few, hoping that they will make those lukewarm members realize that indifference only hurts them and our race, in the long run, and also wake up some of the people who have not yet joined the organization.

Both the Ahepa and the Daughters are not "just clubs." They are more than that. First, through the Ahepa and the Daughters, the American public have come to know their Greek fellow-citizens and their customs and habits and to really appreciate the Hellenic traditions and ideology.

Secondly, they have shown the people around us that the Greek-Americans are people with individuality and loyalty, a productive race with a personality and an identity of its own and full of aspirations; pride for their ancestry, capable of leadership and live members of this great country of ours, America.

Thirdly, they have brought the Greek element together, and by so doing they have strengthened the relationship amongst them; and are helping to perpetuate the Greek language and ideals and the Greek Orthodox religion.

Moreover, the Ahepa Family is a great influence in the life of the young Greek-Americans. It has taught them never to forget their noble heritage and to revere the land of their ancestors. It has inculcated in them personal pride, aspiration for higher achievement, cleanliness of character and responsibility in their daily lives and in their communities. And then with pride we can point to the charitable and humanitarian contributions of the Ahepa since its inception in behalf of our country and Mother Hellas. Another outstanding accomplishment, though still on a small scale, is the assistance Ahepa has given to young folks through the award of scholarships for the completion of their education.

In this twentieth anniversary of mine as a member of the Daughters of Penelope, I do not rest on the laurels of the Daughters, but I wish that all the women-folk who have not yet lent a hand in this very special job of perpetuating the name and ideals of the Greek race, here in America, would all reconsider their attitude and all come into the fold soon. *It is later than we think.* There is still a lot of work to be done, and while the older Greeks are still in this life it had better be done!

"Just A Club," eh? "No" . . . a thousand times "No." It is a "Shrine" and a "Hearth," where we Greeks will keep and treasure and, through it, help perpetuate the Hellenic name in America and in the eyes of the world. The Ahepa Organization with its auxiliaries is the last bulwark for the perpetuation of what Greece was, is, and will be!

To me, the Ahepa and the Daughters and their Junior Orders comprise an ideal worthy of every personal sacrifice, vigilance and treasure. It is an ethnic "light" to be kept *as long, I say, as long as possible.* It should not be just a place to go and have fun, but for every woman and man to go and add a drop of oil to the flame of Greece and the glory of America.

In my twenty years in the Ahepa Domain

I have not lost but richly gained.

I've made friends of all levels, gaffore

I've received many a moral reward!

Why don't you, too, come into the Family!

* Sister Ross is Past President of Aeneas Chapter No. 210, Daughters of Penelope, St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Daughters Of Penelope District Governors

ANNIS ROUTSOS

District No. 1

Governor of the Mother Lodge District No. 1 for the current year is Mrs. Annis Routsos of Atlanta, Georgia, a member of Menelaos Chapter No. 53 of that city since its organization in 1936. Sister Routsos has served her chapter as Marshal, Treasurer, member of the Board of Governors and for two years as its President.



Over the past two decades, she has been extremely active not only in promoting the growth and expansion of the Daughters of Penelope but also in assisting and advising the Maids of Athens in her district. She has also engaged in other beneficial activities on the district level and at the 1956 District Convention she was elected Governor.

ELSIE SAKIOTIS

District No. 2

Miss Elsie Sakiotis, District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope, Citrus District No. 2, was elected to this office at the District Convention held in Jacksonville, Florida. She is a member of the Peribola Chapter No. 62, Tarpon Springs, Florida. She served as a member of the Board of Governors, Priestess and Secretary of her own chapter prior to serving on the District Lodge for two years as District Treasurer and Lieut. Governor.

Miss Sakiotis is the daughter of Mrs. Sylvia Sakiotis and the late Nick Sakiotis. She is a native of Tarpon Springs and attended the public schools of that city. At present she is employed as secretary of the Tarpon Springs Elementary School and is a Sunday School teacher for the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

The Citrus District No. 2 consists of nine chapters and encompasses the State of Florida and the Bahamas. Serving with Sister Sakiotis are: Helen Sakiotis, Lieut. Governor, Tarpon Springs; Irene Felos, Secretary, Jacksonville; Eleanor Voumas, West Palm Beach, Treasurer; Lefkothea Kallivokas, Marshal, Clearwater; and Janet Gout, Advisor, Tampa.

MADIA COMMINGS

District No. 3

Sister Commings is a member of the Hermione Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope of Washington, D. C., and for a number of years has been very active in the affairs of the Senior Ladies Auxiliary in the Nation's capital. She served her chapter in various offices, including three terms as President, and has attended district and national conventions. Mrs. Commings had an important part in staging the very successful Washington National Convention in 1952 and at the recent conclave in New York presided as Chairman of the Daughters sessions. At the 1956 convention of the Capital District she was elected Governor.



Member of the District Federation of Women's Clubs, she has served as Chairman of the European Division of the International Affairs Department and is now serving as Chairman of Penny Art of the Fine Arts Department. Active in the Philoptochos of St. Sophia Cathedral. Married to Brother James Commings, member of Washington Chapter No. 31. Mother of three children, Katina, Elene Maria, and George.

CALLIE VARLAN

District No. 4

Callie Varlan of Chester, Pennsylvania, has been a member of the Daughters of Penelope for the past seven years. She belongs to Loadice Chapter No. 246 of Chester, Pa., and has served it in many capacities, including the presidency for two terms. On the Power District Lodge No. 4 which embraces Pennsylvania and part of



West Virginia, Sister Varlan has rendered services as Treasurer and at the District Convention in Wheeling, W. Va., last June she was elected to the Governorship.

She attended the Chester High School and the Philadelphia Museum School of Art and is associated with Miller Brothers Company of Wilmington, Delaware, in the position of Interior Decorator. In addition to her interest in the Senior Ladies Auxiliary of the Ahepa, Sister Varlan is active in local community affairs.

HELEN HELEOTIS

District No. 5

Miss Helen Heleotis, Governor of Garden State District No. 5, is a native New Jerseyan and hails from the seashore resort of Loch Arbour. She became active in the "Daughters" immediately upon being initiated as a member of the Aulis Chapter, Asbury Park, in 1950, and served her chapter as Secretary, President, and Chairman, Board of Governors. During her administration as President, the Aulis Chapter was awarded the Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award twice. Prior to her elevation as Governor last June, Miss Heleotis served her district as Secretary and Lieut. Governor. She also served as Chairman of the 1953 District Convention in Atlantic City, has been a delegate at four national conventions, and has served as Chairman of the Legislative Committee in Minneapolis and of the Resolutions in Washington.

In addition to being active in the Daughters of Penelope, she teaches Sunday School in Asbury Park, where her father, Harry K. Heleotis, is treasurer in the Hellenic Community. Miss Heleotis attended the New Jersey College for Women, majoring in Home Economics, and graduated from the Washington School for Secretaries in New York. She is presently employed as Secretary-Administrative Assistant in the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, Department of the Army.

CHRISTINE GIRGULIS

District No. 24

Sister Girgulis was initiated into the Daughters of Penelope at the Minneapolis National Convention in 1951. She is a member of the Telemachus Chapter No. 69 of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canadian Jurisdiction, and has served her chapter in many capacities, including the presidency. She has also been active in the affairs of the district organization of the Daughters and in recognition of her activity and leadership, Sister Girgulis was reelected to the Governorship at the 24th District's conclave this past summer.



BEATRICE ANAGNOS
District No. 6

Sister Beatrice Anagnos was born in the borough of Manhattan of New York City and shortly after moved to the borough of Brooklyn, where she attended the local elementary and high schools, and also attended Greek school for six consecutive years. Miss Anagnos was initiated into the Daughters of Penelope eight years ago and has served the Demetra Chapter No. 33 as Secretary and President. District wise, she has served as chairman of the Greek Independence Day Parade for the Daughters and chairman of the Daughters of Penelope Combined Ball in New York City.

In the Empire State District Lodge, Miss Anagnos has held the posts of Secretary and Lieutenant Governor and at the Saratoga Springs District Convention last June she was unanimously elected to the esteemed office of District Governor. Miss Anagnos is the daughter and sister of Ahepans and has attended three National and seven District Conventions.

JOANNA PANAGOPOULOS
District No. 8

Born and raised in Taunton, Mass., Mrs. Panagopoulos (the former Joanna Halekas) moved to Peabody, Mass., at the time of her marriage seven years ago to attorney Charles J. Panagopoulos. In the Daughters of Penelope, she has served as Secretary and President of her home Chapter, Zelia No. 120, Peabody-Salem, Mass., and on the District Lodge as District Treasurer. She has represented her chapter and district at many District Conventions and at the National Conventions in Pittsburgh and New York.

A private secretary in the business world, as well as a home maker, she still finds time for many civic interests and activities, and is an active member and past officer of the Eastern Star. Always a willing worker for the Daughters and Ahepa, she caught the "Ahepa bug" from her husband, who is now serving as Lieut. Governor of District No. 8, and from her father, Peter Halekas, now serving the Fall River Chapter No. 138 as President.



APHRODITE LEKOUSI
District No. 9

Miss Lekousi was born and brought up in Portland, Maine, the daughter of Brother Eustace G. Lekousi and Sister Lekousi, hailing from St. Peter's, Kinouria, Greece. After graduating from Westbrook Junior College, she attended the University of Maine where she graduated with a B.S. in Education. Pursuing a teaching career, she has taught English and Civics at Fryeburg Academy, Fryeburg, Maine, and English and problems of democracy at Kennebunk High School in that state. Currently she is continuing her studies at St. Joseph's College, Standish, Maine.

Sister Lekousi is the youngest of six children in an Ahepa family. Her father, four brothers and brother-in-law are all Ahepans while her mother, sister and three sisters-in-law are active in the Daughters of Penelope. She is also active in Eastern Star, P.T.A., Professional Women's Club and civic affairs.



ESTHER KENTES
District No. 10

Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she has lived most of her life, Mrs. Esther Kentes is a graduate of Eastern Michigan College of Education. She taught in Michigan schools for four years before her marriage and since then has substituted in the Ann Arbor Public School System. In the Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Kentes served her chapter, Cossus No. 173, for two years as President. On the District Lodge she initiated the Scholarship program and served as Committee chairman for two years. During 1954-1955 Mrs. Kentes served as District Treasurer and 1955-1956 as District Lieutenant Governor. This year she was honored by being elevated to the post of District Governor.

Mrs. Kentes has served her local Greek Community as Organist, Sunday School Teacher and Philoptochos Society Secretary. Her husband, Tom, is Lieutenant Governor of the 10th Ahepa District and serves his Greek Community as Church President. They have two lovely boys, Chris 9 and Peter 6.



MARY KAPSOS
District No. 16

A member of Nestor Chapter No. 55 of New Orleans, Louisiana, Sister Kapsos resides in New Iberia which is 150 miles from the Louisiana metropolis. However, when it comes to the Daughters of Penelope, distances do not mean anything to Mrs. Kapsos who, to her credit, has missed only two meetings of her chapter during the past three years of meritorious service.

After serving her chapter as vice president and president, she advanced to the Delta District Lodge and at the 1956 district conclave she was elected Governor. She is active in civic and charitable endeavors, having served as president, respectively, of the Acorn Garden Club, the Women's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church, and the P.T.A. Also active in Civil Defense, the Red Cross and American Cancer Society.

She is married to Brother Theodore Kapsos, a member of Andrew Jackson Chapter No. 135. They are the proud parents of four children and four grandchildren. Brother Kapsos hails from Crete and Sister Kapsos from Dimitiana, Arcadia, Greece.

SOTREA MEARES
District No. 17

Sister Meares has the distinction of having been a member in three chapters in the district. Originally, she was a charter member of Aëolia Chapter No. 95 of Sheridan, Wyoming, and served that lodge as vice-president. Then upon moving to Cheyenne, Wyoming, she helped to reactivate Olympus Chapter No. 6 and headed that chapter for two years. Later, when she moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, she joined the Helen of Troy Chapter and was its secretary for three years.

In the activities of the Silver District, Mrs. Meares served as Convention Chairman at three district conventions and has held the post of District Treasurer. Also active in her community as a Sunday School teacher, member of the Eastern Star, Girl Scouts, and civic affairs.

She is married to Brother Bill Meares, a member of the Albuquerque Chapter, and are the parents of two children, James and Christy Lou.



MARY A. MANTIS District No. 14

Sister Mantis was born in Reading, Pa., but spent her childhood in Gythion, Laconia, Greece. After her return to the United States, she joined the Maids of Athens in Reading and was active in the Junior Ladies Auxiliary. Upon moving to St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1951, she became a member of the Eurydice Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

After serving her chapter in various posts, Mrs. Mantis advanced to the District Lodge and was elevated to the Governorship of the Graunfield District at the 1956 convention. She is married to Homer T. Mantis, a professor at the University of Minnesota, and they are the proud parents of four children.

She is on the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of St. Paul and has been a lobbyist for the State League during the past two legislative sessions. She has represented on several occasions the Faculty Women's Club of the University of Minnesota and last year Sister Mantis was appointed National Membership Chairman for the Daughters of Penelope.

CHRISTINE JOHNSON District No. 11

Initiated into Chrysis Chapter No. 106, Lexington, Kentucky, in 1947. Served chapter as secretary for two years and was elected District Marshal in 1949, serving one year. Elevated to Lieut. Governor in 1950 and reelected in 1951. At the Minneapolis National Convention, she was elected Grand Governor of Zone 2 and served in that capacity for two years. In 1953, in Houston, Texas, she was elected Grand Secretary, serving one year.

After her service on the Grand Lodge, she continued to serve the Order by assuming the duties of treasurer and later as president of her own chapter, and in 1956 she was elected by acclamation to the Governorship of the Buckeye District. In her extensive traveling (more than 60,000 miles throughout the Ahepa domain) she has acquired the title of "Ambassador of Good Will" as well as "The Cowboy on Wheels." Among her many accomplishments is the introduction of the



"traveling gavel" in Districts No. 10 and No. 11. She was also instrumental in establishing chapters in Birmingham, Alabama, and Nassau, Bahamas.

Sister Johnson has headed many outstanding national committees, such as the revision of our constitution and chapter manual of instruction which required nearly two years of research and compiling. She has served as co-chairman of the UNESCO project, chairman of the Daughters Refugee Relief Committee, and member of the Ahepa Hall for Boys Committee. Not only is she active in the Daughters, but with her husband, Brother Guss Johnson, who formerly hailed from New Jersey and who is an ardent Ahepan and an admirer of the Daughters of Penelope, was instrumental in building the beautiful Greek church, of which all Lexington is so proud, especially the Greek Community of twenty families.

She has a profound love and desire to work for our Sisterhood, and is proud and devoted to the Greek traditions, customs, and religion. She officially embraced the Greek Orthodox faith and was christened in Dayton, Ohio, in 1952. This along with many other activities in the Ahepa has caused many to be taken aback, when they hear her state with pride, "No, I am not Greek by birth; I am Greek by choice."

STELLA DARAVANIS District No. 12

Sister Daravanis first came into the Ahepa Family as a charter member of the Jacma Chapter of the Maids of Athens of Chicago, Illinois, and served that Junior Ladies Auxiliary unit as President for two years. Later she became a charter member of Danae Chapter No. 121 of the Daughters, also of Chicago, and rendered services to it in many capacities until she married and moved to Gary, Indiana.

In Gary she affiliated with Mentor Chapter No. 81 and has served that chapter as vice-president and president. On the Hoosier District Lodge, she held the posts of Secretary and Lieut. Governor prior to her elevation to the Governorship. Moreover, she has been chairman of the important Scholarship Committee.

Mrs. Daravanis is also active in the Greek Community as President of SS. Constantine and Helen Greek School P.T.A. and a member of the Philoptochos Society. Her husband, Nick, is a member of North Shore Chapter No. 94 of Chicago. Her future outlook with the Ahepa Family is that her three charming daughters follow in her footsteps.



LEAH VLAHANDREAS District No. 21

Leah Vlahandreas' background shows three years of college, majoring in art, before yielding to the insurance field as a more remunerative endeavor. She is a member of the Insurance Women's Association, League of Women Voters, and Oakland's Greek Church Choir. At one time she was interested in aviation and



was a licensed student flyer. Sister Vlahandreas has participated in every district convention for the past six years, often as a delegate and to support fellow members, and has attended several national conventions of our Order. Her own Echo Chapter in Oakland has great regard for Sister Leah's cooperation and friendship, and has relied greatly upon her for special decoration effects and attractive poster work, which names only a small part of her chapter activity.

Her outstanding characteristic is having sincere interest in the finest features of any organization to which she may belong, which is a trait native to all true Daughters of Penelope.

JESSIE KARAVITY District No. 22

A native of Vernon, British Columbia, Canada, Sister Karavity moved to Washington State with her family when she was a small child. She attended the public schools of Everett, Wash. She joined the Daughters of Penelope as a charter member of Amphion Chapter No. 170 in 1948 and ever since has been very active in the Senior Ladies Auxiliary. After serving her chapter in many offices including the presidency, she was elected Treasurer of Firwood District No. 22 in 1953 and since then has occupied the posts of Secretary and Lieut. Governor and at the Tacoma Convention last June was chosen District Governor. She has also served as Convention Secretary and Convention Vice-Chairman.

Although not of Greek descent, Mrs. Karavity is definitely a "Greek by choice" and very happy and proud to be a Daughter of Penelope. She is married to Brother Nick Karavity, Past President of Cascade Chapter No. 256 of Everett, and are the proud parents of a 17 year old daughter, Elaine Joan.



LUCILLE LA REESE District No. 15

A resident of Oklahoma City, Sister La Reese attended the public schools of that city and Oklahoma University. She is a pioneer in the Daughters of Penelope movement, having organized Persephone Chapter No. 17 on September 25, 1934, and served that unit as its first president. Subsequently, she rendered outstanding services to her chapter in various posts.

Mrs. La Reese is active in the civic and cultural affairs of Oklahoma City. Served as President of the Women's Group of the University Place Christian Church; Unit President of the Garden Club of which she has been a member for 27 years; Past President of Sorosis Club, one of the largest culture clubs in Oklahoma City; and has been a professional Book Reviewer for eight years.

Her husband, Tony, has been an active Ahepan for 25 years and has served his chapter in many capacities, including the presidency on two different occasions. They have two grown sons, Jack and Bill, both college graduates. Bill recently joined the Oklahoma City Chapter of which his father for so many years has been a prominent member.

EMLEE LAMBOS District No. 13

Miss EmLee Lambos of Chicago, Illinois, was unanimously elected Governor of the 13th District at the Convention held in Racine, Wisconsin. She is a charter member of the Danae Chapter No. 121 and has the distinction of being the chapter's first Secretary. After serving in this capacity for three years, she subsequently held the

posts of Vice-President, President and Chairman of the Board of Governors. EmLee has been an active and ardent worker of the Ahepa Family, serving her chapter as chairman of many social events, Advisor to the Jacma Chapter of the Maids of Athens and was Co-Chairman of the District Convention held in Chicago. On the district level, she has served as Athletic Director, Secretary and Lieut. Governor prior to her election to the Governorship. During the past year she was Associate Editor of the *Ahepa Herald* and Chairman of the District's Project, and for the past five years has served and

is now serving on the District Athletic Committee. As an ardent lover of all sports, Miss Lambos has participated in all the bowling and golf tournaments within her district and has won the All-Event Trophy in bowling besides many times being on the winning team for her chapter.

EmLee is not only very active within all her chapter's and district's activities but is equally active in all activities of the International Harvester Company where she is employed in the General Office as Secretary to the Sales Manager. She is an active member of the well known international Harvester Chorus since its inception and participates in all golf and bowling tournaments within the Company. Besides all the above activities, she is also active in civic and social affairs and was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Greek Archdiocese Welfare Foundation.

MARIE HARRIS District No. 19

Unanimously reelected District Governor, Marie Harris of District No. 19 is an active member of Ixion Chapter No. 156 of Pocatello, Idaho. She has served her chapter as Treasurer, Secretary and President and on the district level has held the post of District Treasurer. She is an enthusiastic member of the Daughters of

Penelope and is active in various civic and religious organizations. Sister Harris is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church and a Sunday School teacher.

Although not of Greek descent, she has learned the Greek customs and cuisine very well. In the business world, Mrs. Harris is an Assistant Credit Manager for a hardware and lumber firm. She has one son, Nickie, twelve years old.

Antigone No. 35 Installs

The Antigone Chapter No. 35 of Minneapolis, Minn., held installations of chapter officers on Saturday, September 29, 1956, at the Hotel Dykman. The installing officer was Mrs. Homer Mantis, District Governor of District No. 14.

A tastefully prepared luncheon honoring the newly installed officers was held in the Tropical Room of the hotel.

The following members were installed by Sister Mantis: Mrs. Chris Mavrelis, President; Mrs. George Mavrelis, Vice-President; Mrs. Rolland Blake, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Peter LaMont, Corresponding Secretary; and Miss Angeline Villas, Treasurer.

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CHAPTER NEWS

MARY SNYDER Grand President

Twenty-one year old Mary Snyder is a member of the Erechtheion Chapter No. 23, Maids of Athens, of Trenton, New Jersey. During her six years as a Maid, she has been extremely active in her chapter and on the Maids District Lodge of Garden State District No. 5. After serving Erechtheion in many capacities, Miss Snyder was elevated to the District Lodge and occupied the offices of Secretary-Treasurer, Lieut. Governor and Governor.



She is a college graduate and is employed at RCA Laboratories as an executive secretary to the Public Relations Manager. Captain of an RCA Bowling Team and President of a club composed of young men and women working and living in the Princeton area. In 1950 she went to Greece visiting, sightseeing and soaking up culture for six months.

Active for nine years in her church choir and vice-president of that body. Her hobbies include popular singing (has appeared at social functions at Trenton and Princeton), tap and modern dancing, fashion design and portrait sketches, collecting objects of interest from all over the world, and most important of all, club work and particularly the Maids.

ZOE GRATSIAS Grand Vice-President

Miss Gratsias is a native of Washington, D. C., attended St. Paul's Academy, graduated from Wilson High School and studied for two years at the University of Maryland. She is employed as a secretary at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.



She joined the Muses Chapter No. 22, Maids of Athens, of Washington, D. C., in 1949 and ever since has been very active in the affairs of the Ladies Junior Auxiliary. After serving her chapter in numerous posts, including the presidency for two consecutive years, she was elected as the first

District Governor of the Maids in the Capital District No. 3. At the National Conference of the Maids in New York last August, Miss Gratsias served as chairman of that assembly and at the completion of its sessions she was elected Grand Vice-President.

Other activities include, Sunday School teacher at St. Sophia Cathedral and representative of her chapter at meetings of the District Chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

JOAN POMPOS Grand Secretary

A member of the Pi Sigma Tau Chapter No. 56 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, since 1954, Sister Pompos has served the Maids in many capacities. After serving her chapter as treasurer, she was elected president for two terms.



At the Pittsburgh Convention she served on the Executive Committee. She represented her chapter at the New York Convention, where she was elevated to Grand Secretary.

Joan is a graduate of South Hills High School, attended the Robert Morris School and is planning to attend the University of Pittsburgh. She is employed by George J. Sabel and Company, Accountants and Auditors.

Seattle, Wash., Maids

Well, our activities and our meetings are beginning again and we are really looking forward to a wonderful year full of fun. Our officers for the year are: Colleen Rockas, President; Nena Vulgares, Vice-President; Elaine Kanis, Secretary; Helen Kost, Treasurer; Thalia Lentgis, Messenger; Carol Spyridis, Phylax; Sally Fauconnier, Delphis. Advisors: Mrs. Irene Tolia, Chairman; Mrs. Anna Rackus, Mrs. Anastasia Rockas.

We are very proud to have had two of our girls elected to district offices at the last convention. They are Mimi Jatos, District Governor, and Carrie Manus, District Secretary-Treasurer.

The new officers had their first meeting recently to discuss the activities for the coming year.

A few of the girls who will be starting

Hermione Activities

On October 18, 1956, a Fashion Show for the benefit of St. Basil's Academy was sponsored jointly by Hermione Chapter No. 11 and the Maids of Athens Chapter of Washington, D. C. The program of fashions was presented in the SS. Constantine and Helen Church Hall, and was supplemented by a delightful series of skits by the talented and charming Maids of Athens. Refreshments were served and a social period was enjoyed by all.

The Annual Dance of the Hermione Chapter was held on November 23, 1956, at the Presidential Arms in Washington, D. C. The affair carried a theme of "Athenian Nights" with appropriate arrangements to suggest and induce the pleasures of a typical Athenian Sidewalk Cafe, with music, refreshments and surroundings keyed to this theme. A strolling troubadour, young people dressed in traditional Greek costumes, buffet type refreshments, and Gabriel Pantelakis Orchestra, which played American and Greek music, were part of the results of the efforts of Sister Stella Kopulos, chairman, and her committee in charge of arrangements. The success of the affair was heightened also by the tireless efforts of Sister Pat Caras, ticket chairman, and her committee. Those present had the pleasure of knowing that they were aiding the little orphan "Eleni," who was "adopted" by the Hermione Chapter long ago. Eleni is now 17 years old and the chapter wishes to complete its obligation by rounding out the trust fund so that a small home can be built for her in her village; thus giving her a measure of security. Proceeds of the "Athenian Nights" will be placed in this fund.

by Neutza Politis

at the University of Washington this fall are: Gloria Stamolis, Thalia Lentgis, and Colleen Rockas (who will be going to night school). Faye Nixon is going away to Whitman College in Walla Walla,

by Thalia Lentgis

Important Announcement On Ahepa Excursion Bookings

All Ahepans and friends who expect to join the Ahepa Excursion on the luxurious S.S. Queen Frederica and visit the Motherland are advised that bookings for this excursion are open equally to all Greek-American travel agencies throughout the United States and Canada and they may apply for reservations to the agency of their own choice. Make your reservations early.

RON CURTIS
Supreme Vice-President

The newly elected Supreme Vice President of the Sons of Pericles is a member of the leader of the outstanding chapters, the Demosthenes Chapter No. 28 of Cleveland, Ohio. Since 1948 he has served both his chapter and the nucleus of the Sons Domain, the Buckeye District No. 11, very well. Due to his efforts, the Buckeye District and the Cleveland Chapter have become bigger and more well known than ever.



At the San Francisco National Convention in 1955, he served as Convention Chairman and was elected Supreme Secretary-Treasurer. In New York at the National Convention with the largest delegation since the Sons reorganization, he was elevated to Supreme Vice President.

Ron is a graduate of Lincoln High School and attends Western Reserve University majoring in dramatic arts, radio and television. He is a member of the Northern Ohio Little Theater Association and is the Founder, Producer, Director of the Signature Players. He is a licensed insurance agent and also a licensed automobile salesman.

THOMAS G. CHOLAKIS
Supreme Governor

Brother Cholakis, one of our new supreme governors, was born in Troy, New York, on August 8, 1934. He attended Troy public schools and was graduated from Troy High School in 1952 and Siena College in 1956 with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. He expects to return to Siena College in the near future and work toward his Master's Degree. At the present time, he is in partnership with his brothers in the restaurant business.



Tom has been an active member in the Sons of Pericles since his initiation in 1953. Shortly after his induction, he was elected treasurer of the Trojan Chapter No. 197. The following year, he was

NICK KARAYIANIS
Supreme President

Brother Karayianis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Karayianis and the brother of Konstantinos Karayianis, a prominent Civil Engineer in Washington, D. C. He was born and raised in Washington and after completing high school, continued his studies at George Washington University where he majored in physics and received his Bachelor's Degree in February 1954. He was awarded the Sanders Fellowship award for graduate studies by the same university and graduated again in February of 1956 with his Master's Degree in Physics — specializing in microwave electronics.



A member of the Pythagoras Chapter, No. 9, of Washington, D. C., since 1945. After serving his chapter in various posts, including the presidency, he was elected Governor of the Sons Capital District No. 3. During the time Brother Karayianis was Governor of the third district, 1950-1951, it reached the highest total of paid members (108 second half of 1951) and the greatest number of active chapters (5) in the recent history of that district. At the first post-war Sons of Pericles National Convention at Minneapolis in 1951 he was elected Convention Chairman of that conclave and Supreme Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons. At the Washington Convention in 1952, Nick was elevated to the Supreme Vice-Presidency and at the San Francisco conclave once more was chosen as Supreme Vice President. In New York last August, he was elected Supreme President of the Sons.

Brother Karayianis is employed as a research physicist by the Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratories in Washington, D. C.

He was elected to the office of president of his local chapter and was appointed District Governor No. 6 in 1955. At the National Convention in New York, Brother Cholakis was elected to the Sons Supreme Lodge.

During the course of his activities as a Son, Tom has attended three National Conventions, Pittsburgh in 1954, San Francisco in 1955 and New York in 1956 where he served as Chairman.

FRANK MANTA
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer

A native of Chicago, Frank is the son of Supreme President John L. Manta and Mrs. Manta of that city. Young Frank became interested in the Sons while attending grammar school and joined the famous Ypsilanti Chapter No. 22 of the Windy City. He has rendered services to his chapter in many posts and has also served on the Blue Ribbon District Lodge No. 13 of the Sons of Pericles.



He represented his chapter at the Pittsburgh National Convention in 1954 and at the San Francisco conclave in 1955 where he was elected Supreme Governor. At the recent New York Convention, Frank was elected Supreme Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons.

Frank is a graduate of St. John's Military Academy and is now attending Northwestern University, majoring in Industrial Management. Last summer, he was given an appointment by U.S. Senator Estes Kefauver to work with the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency in Washington, D. C.

MARC S. NOTIAS
Supreme Governor

Brother Notias has been active in the Sons of Pericles for the past several years and has served his chapter in Houston, Texas, as president. Last February he participated in the committee that staged the very successful 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Sons in Houston which was attended by many Ahepa dignitaries from many sections of the country.



His chapter is the junior auxiliary of Alexander the Great Chapter No. 29 which sponsored the memorable Ahepa National Convention in 1953 in Houston. Marc was a delegate to the Sons Convention in New York last August where he was elevated to the Sons Supreme Lodge.



Sport News

AHEPA SPORTS BRIEFS

By PETE CLENTZOS
National Director of Athletics

Nick Markos of Short Creek, West Virginia, writes that the Wheeling, West Virginia, Chapter is preparing to stage the big Annual Ahepa National Bowling Tournament. . . . Nick has the Rose Bowl Bowling Center of twelve newly resurfaced alleys owned by an Ahepan all lined up and ready to roll. . . . The tourney is scheduled for the early part of May 1957. . . . Saw some smart quarterbacking in the S.C.-Cal game at the Los Angeles Coliseum Sat. Nov. 10th when Gus Giannoulas, the Bears' quarterback, was passing all over the lot. . . . the Bears lost though 20-7. . . . Another son of Hellas, Big George Geanakos of South Gate High, who made All-City last year in L.A., is playing fullback for the Rams this year and doing right well. . . . high school that is. . . . George Roubanis is in Melbourne representing Greece in the pole vault. George set a new record of 14 ft. 5 1/2 in. . . . I pick the flying Greek to finish in one of the first three spots. . . . Elsewhere on this page is a picture of the Harry Agganis Award winner, George Spaneas, great tackle from Boston University, who was voted the outstanding Greek Athlete in America for 1955-1956. George is majoring in Business Administration and is considered by his coach and team a fire



GEORGE SPANEAS

Acclaimed as the outstanding athlete of Greek descent in America for 1955-1956 and winner of the Harry Agganis Award.

guy and a fine scholar. . . . We're proud of you, George. . . . keep up the fine work. . . . Dr. Monthe Kofos of District 8 and Northeastern Zone Director reports that a field of twenty golfers competed in the New England Ahepa Golf Championships. . . . It was a close race with Gabriel Gavotas nosing out Dr. Vontzalides of Peabody 82-83. Gavotas is from Woburn. . . . Gavotas and his partner A. Boulmetis teamed up to win doubles honors with a 73. . . . The National Sons of Pericles Basketball Tournament will be held in Washington, D. C., and sponsored by the Pythagoras Chapter No. 9 of Washington. So, you fans who are interested in that event can contact Nick Karayianis, the Supreme President of the Sons, who lives at 620 Jefferson Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. . . . Resting in the Headquarters in Washington is the Harry Agganis Trophy won last year by Alex Aronis and the past year by George Spaneas. . . . New Athletic Director for the latest District of the Order of Ahepa. . . . No. 25. . . . is Louis Asimakopoulos, former National Bowling Director and one of the finest men it has been my pleasure to know. Congratulations, Louis. . . . Received a letter from Mrs. Georgia Agganis, mother of the famed Harry Agganis of Boston. She writes: "I would like to thank you and all members of the Order of Ahepa for the lovely plaque you sent in memory of my son Harry. It is a beautiful plaque and I shall treasure it always. . . . I shall never forget the Order of Ahepa of California for the wonderful tribute you paid to my son. . . . Again I would like to thank all of you. . . . A wonderful letter from a wonderfully brave mother. . . . Who are some of the Hellenic warriors parading on the gridiron this fall? Here are some of them. . . . Gus Prahalis, quarterback playing for Navy, hometown Pottsville, Pa. . . . Arch Matsos, tackle of Michigan State from Detroit. . . . Ted Metropoulos, Harvard Captain from Aliquippa, Pa. . . . George Spaneas, Boston University. . . . Alex Karras, tackle for Iowa, from Gary, Indiana. . . . Jim Demos, guard of Northwestern, from Evanston, Ill. . . . Then there is Ted Demos (Wisconsin), baseball coach at Waukegan, Ill., High. . . . George Rassas (Notre Dame), Construction Co. in Chicago. . . . Stavros Canakes (Minnesota), pro-football, West Canadian League. . . . Dee Andros (Oklahoma), Line Coach Nebraska.

Argeris Named In NAIA 1955 All-American Football Team



JIM ARGERIS
All-American Center

Jim Argeris, called by his Montana State College coaches as one of the best football players they have coached, was named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic Association All-America football team for 1955.

Argeris, all-conference selections last year on coaches and press service teams, was named all-American as a center, the position he played for the Bobcats of 1954 who compiled an 8-1 season record. Last season the Golden Greek from Worland, Wyoming, played a guard position. He was a defensive linebacker both seasons. As a sophomore he was a first string guard.

As far as unofficial college records are concerned, Argeris is the first MSC football player to be selected on any all-America team.

Young Argeris is the son of Brother John Brown Argeris of Worland, Wyoming, a member of the Casper Chapter No. 159 of that state. Jim graduated from Montana State College in 1956 and entered the Army and is now stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, as a Lieutenant. Two of his brothers are also in the U.S. Army, one stationed in Germany and the other in Italy. His father and brother George have been active Ahepans for many years and his mother and sister are members of the local chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

Η ΕΠΙΣΚΕΨΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΩΘΥΠΟΥΡΓΟΥ ΚΟΥ Κ. ΚΑΡΑΜΑΝΛΗ ΕΙΣ ΤΑΣ ΗΝΩΜΕΝΑΣ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΣ ΤΗΝ ΑΧΕΠΑ ΔΙΑ ΤΟΥΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

Υπό ΚΩΣΤΑ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΙΔΗ

ΣΧΕΔΟΝ ΤΑΤΤΟΧΡΟΝΩΣ με την επίθεσιν εναντίον της Αιγύπτου ηρχισεν καί η εισβολή διπλωματών και πολιτικών εις τας Ηνωμένας Πολιτείας λόγω της Γενικής Συνελεύσεως των Ηνωμένων Εθνών. Ανάμεσα εις τούτους επιφανείς άνδρας εξεχώριζεν ο Προϋπουργός της Ελλάδος κ. Κων. Καραμανλής.

Εις την συγκεκριμένην ταύτην περίπτωσιν η επίσκεψις του κ. Προϋπουργού μετετρεψε τον εθνικόν συναγεμιάν εις διεθνή συναγεμιάν. Η άμογγένια ύπεδέχθη ένθουσαιώδως τον Έλληνα Προϋπουργόν εις τας 10 Νοεμβρίου και άλεχαιοτήσεν αυτόν εις τας 22 Νοεμβρίου. Κατά την έδω περιφορήν του ο κ. Καραμανλής είχε προσωπικά επαφάς μετά του Γενικού Γραμματέως των Ηνωμένων Εθνών, του Προέδρου της Γενικής Συνελεύσεως, των αντιπροσώπων κρατών μελών του Ο.Η.Ε. και εκπροσώπων της Αμερικανικής Κυβερνήσεως και του πολιτικού κόσμου.

Μία εκ των τιμητικόν διακρίσεων των οποίων έντυχεν ο κ. Καραμανλής ήτο η παράθεσις προεγέμιστος ύπο του Προέδρου Αϊζενχάουερ εις τον Λευκόν Οίκον. Κατά την διάρκεια της συναντήσεως των συνεζητήθη η διεθνής κατάστασις και η θέσις της Ελλάδος. Τα άποτελέσματα των συνομιλιών έχασαζητήθησαν ως ίκανοποιητικά και έπεδίχθη μεγάλη κατανόησις διά τα προβλήματα της Ελλάδος, προς την όποιαν ο Πρόεδρος Αϊζενχάουερ αισθάνεται θερμήν αγάτην.

Καλώς πληροφορημένα ηγυαί βεβαιούν ότι ο Πρόεδρος Αϊζενχάουερ ύπεσχέθη πάσαν δυνατήν βοήθειαν διά την έξεύρεσιν λύσεως διά το Κυπριακόν.

Ο κύριος σκοπός της επίσκεψεως του Προϋπουργού κ. Καραμανλή εις την Αμερικήν ήτο η άναγνωρισίς του δικαιώματος της αυτοδιαθέσεως του Κυπριακού Λαού συμφώνως προς τον Καταστατικόν Χάρτην των Ηνωμένων Εθνών.

Η έγγραφη του Κυπριακού εις την Ημερησίαν Διατάξιν της Γενικής Συνελεύσεως των Ηνωμένων Εθνών πρέπει να θεωρηθή ως έπιτυχία και δικαιοσύνη του Κυπριακού άγώνος. Τοίτο βεβαίως δέν προσδοκάει τας αποφάσεις επί της ούσιως διότι το ζήτημα της Κύπρου είναι σιγνώς συνδεδεμένον μετά της παγκοσμίου διεθνούς καταστάσεως.

Η παρουσία του Προϋπουργού κ. Κ. Καραμανλή προσέδωκε μεγαλύτερον κύρος εις τον ήρόν άγώνα των Κυπρίων. Επίσης η επίσκεψις του Έλληνα Προϋπουργού έδημοσίγησε μοναδικήν εύκαιρίαν διά την σύμφρξιν σχέσεων μεταξύ των Έλλάδος και Αμερικής μετά της ένταύθα άμογγείας. Επί τη εύκαιρία οι Άχέλων δέν παροίτησαν να βεβαιώσουν τον Έλληνα Προϋπουργόν ότι η άμογγένια στέκεται πάντα με θάρρος και αυταπάτησιν εις το πλέον των άγροισομένων Κυπρίων.



Ο Προϋπουργός της Ελλάδος κ. Κωνσταντίνος Καραμανλής μετά του Υπατου Προέδρου της Άχεπα κ. Ιωάννου Μαντά.

Παραθέτομεν κατωτέρω έμπνευστικόν μήνυμα του Προϋπουργού κ. Κ. Καραμανλή προς το περιδικόν μας και μέσω αυτού προς όλην την άμογγένια: «Οι Έλληνες της Αμερικής άποτελούν τον σπουδαιότερον συνδέτικόν κρίκον της χώρας αυτής μετά της Ελλάδος. Εξορισκόμενος εις τας Ηνωμένας Πολιτείας, έχον την χάριν να έπικοινωνήσω προσωπικώς διά μίαν άπόρη φοράν, με σημαντικόν άρμόδιον των έν Αμερική αδελφών μας καί να διαπιστώσω εκ γύου τας μεγάλας προσόδους που έπιτελούν εις όσον τοίς τοις δόξιας.

«Θά ήμην εύτυχης εάν ήδυνάμην να συναντήσω προιστάτους Έλληνας της Αμερικής και να άκούσω τας άποψεις των. Επειδή όμως τοίτο είναι άτυχώς αδύνατον, έπινοήσασθε τής εύκαιρίας την άπαιν μου προσφρξτε το περιδικόν τής μεγάλης οργανώσεως σας ΑΧΕΠΑ δια να άπευθίθητε προς όλους σας, προ της έπιστροφής μου εις τας Αθήνας, τον θερισόν χαριτωπόν της Ελλάδος και του Έλληνικού Λαού, ο όποιος τούτοις δι' όσας θεριαί ασήθηματα άγάτης και θιασισμού.

«Η βοήθεια την όποιαν προσφρξτε εις την Ελλάδα, εις όια τις τα ζήτηματα, κατι τα τελευταία δι χρόνια και εις τον σκληρόν και δύσκιον άγώνα μας

διά την έλευθειαν των αδελφών μας Κυπρίων, μας ήμψρξονει και μας ένθαρμόνει εις τας προσπάθειάς μας.

«Διά το καλόν το ιδιόν σας, αλλά και της Ελλάδος, εύχομαι διά την εύφημερίαν και προσόδον σας.

Εκ του ήρμού πολιτικού επιπέδου της Έλληνικής Κυβερνήσεως παρέμεινεν ο Ύπουργός άνευ Χριστοφίλασσιν κ. Γρηγόριος Κασομάτης, ο όποιος ήγγιται της Έλληνικής Αντιπροσωπείας παρά τη Ένδεκατη Συνόδω της Γενικής Συνελεύσεως των Ηνωμένων Εθνών. Ο Ύπουργός κ. Κασομάτης έδήλωσεν ότι η Έλληνική Κυβερνήσις παρακολούθει με άγάτην και στοργήν τα έργα της ΑΧΕΠΑ, τής όποιας την δύναμιν έχασακτήρισεν ως σημαντικήν. Εν συνέχει ο κ. Ύπουργός έβεβαίωσε ότι ο Έλληνικός Λαός έλπίζει εις την δράσιν της οργανώσεως διά την προσθήσιν των Έλληνοδών Σητημάτων, ιδιαίτερος του Κυπριακού.

Ο Ύπατος Πρόεδρος της ΑΧΕΠΑ κ. Ιωάννης Μαντάς, όπως βοήθησεν τας προσπάθειάς ύπερ της αυτοδιαθέσεως του Κυπριακού Λαού, συνεικρότησεν Έθνικήν Έπιτροπήν της Κύπρου με Έπίτιμον Πρόεδρον τον Σεβασμιώτατον Αρχιεπίσκοπον Μιχαήλ και μέλη εις όιας τας πολιτείας της Αμερικής.

Η Άχεπα διά των δραστηρίων ενεργειών των μελών της θέ διαφωτίσθη την Αμερικανικήν κοινήν γνώμην επί του δεσποτισμού της αυτοδιαθέσεως του Κυπριακού Λαού, το όποιον βασίζεται επί της Διακηρύξεως της Ανεξαρτησίας της Αμερικής, του Χάρτου του Ατλαντικού και του Καταστατικού Χάρτη των Ηνωμένων Εθνών.



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Ahepa Family Protective Fund

The great strides made by many fraternal orders in the accumulation of tremendous financial assets and in the attainment of economic stability can be attributed primarily to the establishment of sound benefit or insurance plans in the pioneering stages of their development. Over twenty years ago, the Order of Ahepa adopted the Death Benefit plan designed to extend moderate benefits to the beneficiaries of deceased Ahepans. Since then several attempts have been made to improve and to enlarge our Death Benefit structure for the benefit of both the membership and the organization. However, only until recently has there been made a serious effort to enact legislation by an Ahepa National Convention to set up *within* the jurisdiction of the Order of Ahepa a workable and efficient plan for the benefit of Ahepans, their families and the members of our auxiliaries.

The plan which was adopted by the New York National Convention in 1956 is known as the Ahepa Family Protective Fund. It has been thoroughly explained to the membership by special circular and through the columns of THE AHEPAN in clear, understandable language. It is a simple, economical plan specifically modeled to meet the protection requirements of the average Ahepan at the time of greatest need. Its most appealing feature to the membership is that it is non-discriminatory. It provides the same benefits to all the members, irrespective of age, at the same rate and without any medical examination. Of course, in order to qualify you *must* be in good standing with your chapter.

Indeed, the plan presents to all Ahepans a unique opportunity to purchase protection at an exceptionally low rate and in so doing help to lay the foundation for a strong, progressive and benevolent Ahepa Family Protective Fund that will, in time, be the financial bulwark of our Order. Every Ahepan is duty bound to himself and to the Fraternity to subscribe to the Ahepa Family Protective Fund. If you have not done so as yet, fill in the application printed on page 40 of this issue and with your check of \$20.00 forward to Headquarters where it will be promptly processed and the proper acknowledgment sent you.

The Letters to the Editor column has been introduced once more in THE AHEPAN commencing with this issue. We invite our readers to participate in the conduct of this column and through their comments, opinions and suggestions make it an interesting and enlightening department of our national publication. We urge you to take time to pen down your thoughts on the problems of our Fraternity. Also, we would like to hear from you about THE AHEPAN and your ideas on how we can still improve it.

Many letters have been received by the Editor and by Headquarters from members in good standing complaining that they do not receive THE AHEPAN. These complaints are immediately investigated in order to ascertain the cause of this condition and to remedy it. It has been established that in the majority of cases the reason for not receiving THE AHEPAN is that members move without leaving a forwarding address with the Post Office or fail to notify Headquarters, through their chapter secretary, of the change in address. So please, when you move inform your chapter secretary of the change and request him to advise Headquarters accordingly as soon as possible.

On the Cover —

The Order of Ahepa has been in the forefront of the movement to bring about a just and lasting settlement of the Cyprus question in consonance with the basic precepts enunciated in the charter of the United Nations wherein the principle of self-determination is promulgated as one of its fundamental tenets. Through the joint efforts of the Ahepa and the Committee on the Cyprus Question, U.S. Senator Irving M. Ives of New York has sponsored a Resolution in the



United States Senate calling for the application of the principle of self-determination to the Cypriote people. On the cover is scene depicting U.S. Senator Theodore F. Green (Dem. R.I.), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and co-sponsor of the Resolution, discussing it with Senator Irving M. Ives (Rep. N.Y.). For more details on the Cyprus issue, read "Totalitarianism in Cyprus" by Eugene T. Rossides, Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York, on page 36 of this issue.

Supreme President Manta Makes Long Tour

Crusading for Greater Devotion to Ahepa Principles

Advancing the Cause of Current and Future Programs

Invigorating Zeal with New Plans and Policies

DETERMINED to meet the much-talked-about "rank and file" of the Order on the far-off coasts and hinterlands—"the grass-root" Ahepans, so to speak—Supreme President John L. Manta forwarded his itinerary, packed his extra shirt and socks and set out on a circuit so long, so fast and so far-reaching that it made the fabulous "Flying Dutchman" look like a drake standing guard over a sitting duck.



Past Supreme President V. I. Cbebitbes and Supreme President John L. Manta looking over itinerary of their tour.

The concentration points where the Supreme President stopped and met, discussed, and exchanged ideas with the Ahepa leaders who had gathered from faraway and nearby chapters included: Tarpon Springs, Florida; Dallas, Texas; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Los Angeles, Sacramento, Oakland, and San Francisco, California; Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon; Boise, Idaho; Salt Lake City, Utah; Green River, Rock Springs, and Cheyenne, Wyoming; Denver, Colorado; Omaha,

Nebraska; Kansas City, Kansas; Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri.

On this dramatic swing—encompassing the western half of continental United States, covering nine Gubernatorial Districts and reaching fifty-three chapters in eleven States—the Supreme President was accompanied by Past Supreme President V. I. Cbebitbes who hankered to retrace his steps over the same regions of the Ahepa Domain in which he pioneered for the Order in 1927, to greet once more the surviving stalwarts of those early days and once again receive from them the mystic grip and word he had imparted to them across the sacred altar they courageously established thirty years ago.

The reunion of those faithful veterans of the Order with the man from whom they first heard its gospel and by whom they were obligated at its sacred altar is a privilege that, no gracious leader will deny, and a pleasure that none but the heartless would begrudge.

SOCIAL FEATURES OF THE VISITS

WHILE in plan and purpose the tour was strictly on official business of the Order, with no intention of imposing on the good nature of the Ahepans for costly and laborious entertainment, these inflictions could not be avoided. Hospitality, kindness, courtesies, and respect are part and parcel of the Ahepans. All attempts to by-pass or circumvent these social expressions of love and loyalty were met with frustration, created more labor, and caused more trouble than they were

intended to save. So, the Supreme President declared a moratorium on his dietary obligations, as of January 4, 1957, at Tarpon Springs, Florida, punched more—and more—holes towards the end of his belt and resigned himself to the fate of creeping corporeal distention which was to continue uninterrupted until his return home on February 1st. Ahepans would rather be damned than be deprived of the privilege to play host to the Supreme President.

Lack of space in this brief report precludes elaborate descriptions and pictures of the enthusiastic receptions, joyous entertainments, and glowing hospitality staged and expressed by the Ahepans for the Supreme President on this tour.

A precursory reference to those superfine surprises should include:

TARPON SPRINGS: The convention-like closed meetings and public banquet with representatives from every chapter in Florida and from practically every section of the Ahepa Domain excellently handled by Chapter President Jesse Lee (J. L.) Baynard; Secretary Nick Cladakis, District Governor George T. Karras, and by such staunch stalwarts as Louis Smitzes, Mike A. Costas, and Stephen Koundouryiotis. District Governor Elsie Sakiotis of the Daughters and basso concert singer John Marcello also deserve honorable mention. "Tony" Papageorgiou enlivened the discussions with his pertinent questions and comments of wit and wisdom. President "J. L." saved the day for the Supreme President by procuring plane accommodations for his flight to Dallas when "every plane was sold out."

To Mike A. Costas goes the credit for taking the Supreme President on a personally conducted tour over the 350 some-odd acres of the Ahepa; taking him to see a sick friend in a distant hospital, and driving him to the Tampa airport in time to make the "impossible" flight.

DALLAS: The Chief was met at the Forth Worth airport by Chapter President Athens, District Secretary James K. Theo, District Treasurer Andrew Brockles, Past Supreme Governors Tom Semos and Nick Stratton, and by that Ahepa stalwart and national delegate John Economu.

The three-day stay in Dallas was one happy round of luncheons, conferences, and banquets, all enlivened with jolly good feeling and richly seasoned with the excellent wine and super-excellent salad dressing of that towering Ahepa pillar, Andrew Brockles.

Brother Tom Semos and his gracious wife held an "open house" and entertained royally on St. John's Day in honor of the Supreme President, John L. Manta.

The spacious dining rooms of "The Torch," a restaurant unique in its exhibits of classic Hellenic relics and decorations, of which Brother Victor Semos is the proud designer and proprietor, was thrown open for an evening in honor of the Supreme President. Brothers Stratton and Brockles arranged for dinner and luncheon conferences to which all Ahepans were invited.

The crowning event was a community-wide banquet in the church hall where the entire Hellenic population of Texas was invited to hear and meet the Supreme President. This occa-



IN THE GREAT LONE STAR STATE — *Ahepa stalwarts who gathered to honor Supreme President John L. Manta at Dallas, Texas, during the transcontinental tour of Ahepa's supreme leader. Seated, left to right: Andrew A. Brockles, outstanding pillar of the Texas Ahepa; Brother Manta; and Past Supreme Governor Nick H. Stratton. Standing, left to right: John Economu; Past Supreme President V. I. Chebitbes; Delta No. 16 Past District Governor Stephen Pepps; George Kalfas; Stephen Haris; Chris Vergos; and Past Supreme Governor Tom Semos.*

sion was honored with the presence and participation of delegations from Fort Worth; San Antonio, led by Past District Governor Stephen Pepps; and Waco, led by Past District Governor Colias.

The occasion was additionally honored by the presence of the District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope, Mary Kapsos of New Iberia, Louisiana; and Supreme Governor Evelyn Semos, both of whom delivered inspiring messages.

The stately function was highlighted with presentations of honorary citizenship in the Lone Star State by his excellency, Governor Allen Shivers, and honorary sheriffship by the Hon. Bill Dekker, High Sheriff, through their deputy and personal representative, Andrew Brockles; presentation of a 10-gallon hat to the Supreme President by Past Supreme Governor Stratton acting on behalf of Dallas Chapter; presentation of a beautiful brooch to District Governor Mary Kapsos on behalf of the Daughters Chapter, V. I. was presented with an elegant hat from the exclusive Victor Custom Hatter. The round of presentations was happily concluded with the presentation of 25-year pins to a number of Ahepa veterans by District Secretary Theo, acting on behalf of the Supreme President.

ALBUQUERQUE: The Supreme President was met at the airport by a delegation of Ahepa stalwarts headed by President, Brother Pappas, and Brothers Janetacos, Bruskas, Alexopoulos, and the Rev. Harris.

The afternoon was spent in inspecting the Ahepa properties and in viewing the marvelous developments of the Atomic Capital of the world which has grown from a bare 40,000 population in 1936 to practically 200,000 in 1957!

In the evening the Supreme President was entertained at a sumptuous banquet in the Hilton Hotel. The meal was followed by a very thoughtful and interesting discussion on the past, present, and future programs and problems of the Order—including an exchange of ideas on the future of the Ahepa properties in that city, the general opinion being that they should neither be sold nor tied to a long lease, but that ways and means should be found for them to be developed by and for the Order of Ahepa.

A goosely delegation of stalwarts from Santa Fe Chapter,

including Louis D. Carellas, Gus Mitchell, Dan Pomonis, and Dan L. Razatos were led to Albuquerque for the occasion by Past District Governor Pete Dakis, and the ever faithful stalwart Gus Daskalos with his son Chris from Las Vegas.

Among the local stalwart Ahepa Dukes of Albuquerque were: Rev. Arthur S. Harris, Chapter President George Nichols, Vice-President Stratis Kaplanides, Secretary Louis Vratos, Treasurer William Janetacos, Chapter Governors Costas A. Alexopoulos (Chairman), Nikitas Pappas, Harry Pavlides, District Treasurer Louis Samaras, Past District Governor Gus Bruskas, Past Supreme Governor James Frangos, John Xurikis, George Koklas, George Tsintiras, Willie Rounsville, Charlie Marks, Jim Ipiotis, John Karavas, Tom Manole, Emmanuel G. Pavlakis, Dennis C. De Berry, John M. Leakou, Bill A. Meares, William Petropoulos, Sarantos and James Pavlakos, John Benakis, Pete Bruskas, William K. Vlahakis, George S. Poulos, and Paul Kapnison.

LOS ANGELES: The force and vigor of the enthusiasm awaiting his three-day stay there was unmistakably forecast by the fact that Supreme Governor George Brotsis, Grand Vice-President Kay Brotsis, District Governor Harry Boosalis, Past Supreme Vice-President Anthony Aroney, Nick Koumiotis, and the flaming-haired District Marshal of the Daughters Christine Ganner were awaiting four o'clock in the morning at the airport to welcome the Supreme President to Los Angeles. He was driven through drenching rain to the swank Commodore Hotel where he was comfortably accommodated in a spacious suite.

It was here that Brother Manta was awakened to the realization that he was in the movie capital of the world. This was done by the bellboy to whom he handed a five-dollar bill with the request that he get him some small change. The bellboy looked at the Chicagoan with marked amazement and said, "Mister, here in Los Angeles a five-dollar bill is small change." The Supreme President, being the sport that he is, said, "Well, keep it, if it's enough."

The following day was spent with press conferences regarding the Supreme President's mission on this tour at which the entire program of the Order of Ahepa was outlined and published in the local newspapers.

On that evening, Thursday, January 10, a conference was held in the Variety Club Rooms of the Commodore with all officers and leaders of the Order from the Los Angeles, Hollywood, Pasadena, Long Beach, San Pedro, San Diego, San Bernardino, Ventura and Santa Barbara Chapters, including District Governor Harry Boosalis, Supreme Governor Brotsis, Past Supreme Governor Andrew Angelson, Past Supreme Vice-President and member of the Board of Trustees Anthony Aroney, and Past District Governor of the old 13th District Harry A. Reckas.

Also present and participating in these discussions were: the Bay State stalwarts Supreme Governor Dr. Nick Despotopoulos, who had just married, and Charlie Georgeson of Clinton, and Peter Haste of New Bedford, Massachusetts, who had gone to Los Angeles for the doctor's wedding.

On Friday evening, January 11, the El Camino Real District No. 20 staged a testimonial dinner in honor of Supreme President John L. Manta and Supreme Governor George Brotsis, at which more than 350 guests assembled. The excellent arrangements were a credit to Co-Chairmen John E. Dakis and John Drulias, and the entire event was brilliantly executed under the direction of Peter C. Stevens who was the Toastmaster of the evening. Among the speakers were His Grace Bishop Demetrios, District Governor Boosalis, Grand Governor of the Daughters Mrs. George Maasos, District Governor of the Daughters Theresa Tsanavaris, Supreme Governor Dr. Despotopoulos, Supreme Governor George Brotsis, Grand Vice-President Kay Brotsis, Past Supreme President V. I. Chebitbes, and Supreme President John L. Manta.

On Saturday evening, the Supreme President was entertained at a banquet given in his as well as in honor of the Supreme President of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood, John A. Papalas, by the Pasadena Chapter which is largely composed of members from Icarian descent.

This dinner was given in the spacious restaurant of Paris Tripodes, Monterey Park, California. Among those who were present in honor of the two Supreme Presidents were: Gus Lakios, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Katsaros, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stambolis, Mr. and Mrs. Simos Simakis, Mrs. Mary Raptis Clark, Mrs. Zaharo Raptis, Gregory Karr, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kordaris, A. Andrew Pyros, Louis Tripodes, Tom Glaros, Stelios Horaites, Nick Andrews, Tony Zamouzakis, Gus Economou, Harry Boosalis, Nick Koumiotis, Andrew C. Angelson, Gus A. Angelson, Harry Reckas, Tom Phillos, George Brotsis, Pantele Zanthos, Clara Tripodes, Sam Kruse, Gus Horaitis, Christine Ganas, Jack Tripodes, Alicia Loizos, Vivian Kalafatos, Des Kalafatos, Al Navaris, George Mavredakis, Gust and Steven Tripodes, and Vasilta Tripodes.

SACRAMENTO: The Supreme President was met at the airport by Past Supreme Vice-President George Johnson who entertained at his luxurious home with a cocktail party and later with a sumptuous dinner at a restaurant in honor of the visiting chief. Following the exchange of greetings and the delivery of brief after-dinner speeches, the party adjourned to the Greek Orthodox Church Community Hall of which Brother Johnson is the enterprising President, and at which the ceremonies of cutting the traditional "vasilopita" were in progress. This concluded the Supreme President's visit in Sacramento, and in company with several of the Ahepa stalwarts from San Francisco, he was driven to that city on the same Sunday evening.

SAN FRANCISCO: On Monday evening, the Supreme President was honored with a dinner tendered by Supreme Treasurer George Bezaitis in one of Oakland's swankiest restaurants. Following the repast, the members who had been invited to honor the Supreme President retired to a private hall where a prepared list of questions, comments, and criticisms were presented for discussion by District Governor Xenophon Cardiasmenos. As already stated, these, together with other topics disposed of on this tour, will be treated later in this report.

The highlight of the social features of the Supreme President's visit in San Francisco was the warm welcome accorded him by His Honor, the Mayor, George Christopher.

Early on Monday morning, January 14, 1957, the Mayor called Supreme President Manta on the phone to extend the official welcome and to place at his disposal his personal limousine and chauffeur. After a delightfully conducted tour over the bustling, bustling, throbbing metropolis on the Pacific coast of America, the Supreme Presidential party was received by Mayor Christopher in his spacious, dignified and emphatically hospitable offices at the City Hall. There, after a few words of hearty welcome, the mayor honored the Venerable Chief of All Ahepans with a properly inscribed, life-size key to the Golden Gate that opens into San Francisco, the "City of Sweetness and Light," presided over by a great American of a genuine Hellenic stock.

Accompanying the Supreme President to the City Hall were: Past Supreme Governor George Peterson Cherakis, Past Supreme Vice-President Nicholas Loumos, Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, *New California* Editor Nicholas Dallas, Christos Christophiles, John Panayiotakos, Nick Givers, James Harakas, Andrew Assimos, Bill Synadinos and James Philips. (Picture under "Chapter News" on page 15.)

On Tuesday evening, the chapters in San Francisco—Golden Gate and Pacific, with a good representation from Val-



MANTA AND BROTSIS HONORED—The El Camino Real District No. 20 on January 11, 1957, in Los Angeles, tendered a testimonial dinner in honor of Supreme President John L. Manta and Supreme Governor George J. Brotsis. Dignitaries in the above group, left to right: George Shanis, District Advisor; Harry Boosalis, District Governor; Grand Vice President Kay Brotsis of the Daughters of Penelope (wife of the Supreme Governor); Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes; Mrs. Frances Manos, Grand Governor Zone 4 of the Daughters; Supreme President Manta; Miss Theresa Tsavearos, District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope; Supreme Governor Dr. Nicholas H. Despotopoulos and Mrs. Despotopoulos. Front, kneeling, Supreme Governor George Brotsis.

lejo, San Jose, Stockton, Salinas, Contra Costa, and San Rafael—tendered a delightful dinner in honor of the Supreme President at which more than 200 guests participated, among them the founder of the Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Alexandra Apostolides.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the guests repaired to the Spreckells Russell Auditorium of Past District Governor Chris Katon where they joined another 200 guests and where a speaking program was conducted with Past Supreme Vice-President Nicholas A. Loumos as Master of Ceremonies.

Among the speakers were District Governor Cardiasmenos, District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope Leah Vlahandreas, President of the Daughters Elic Argyris, President of Pacific Chapter James Maniatis, Editor of the *New California* Nicholas S. Dallas, Past Supreme Governor George Peterson Cherakis, the stalwart supporter of everything Greek in America, Anastasios Mountanos, Supreme Treasurer George Bezaitis, Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, and Supreme President Manta.

The adjournment of this great meeting, at which all needs, problems, and interests of Hellenism in America were discussed and debated, concluded the Supreme President's visit in the San Francisco Bay area.

SEATTLE: The Supreme President was met at the airport by Past District Governor Nicholas Callas and a group of Ahepans who drove him to the Olympic Hotel.

A closed meeting of the Ahepa Chapter in that city was held that evening under the direction of President Tom Tolia. A large number of questions connected with the present Ahepa administration were raised and answered.

The following day after a tour of this most interesting city and a sumptuous luncheon at the hospitable home of Alex Allessis in nearby Renton, Washington, the Supreme President took his plane for Portland.



IN HEART OF AMERICA — Ahepa officials at the Banquet in honor of Supreme President John L. Manta given by the Heart of America Chapter No. 73 of Kansas City, Missouri. Seated, left to right: Vice President Alex Koussoubos; President C. J. Garrison; Kalliope Beskas, 1956 Ahepa Queen; Brother Manta; and George Beskas, father of the Queen. Standing, left to right: Nick G. Giokaris, Paul Xeros, Peter Ramos, Thomas G. Kapsenalis, D. S. Catechis, James Vleisides, George D. Eliopoulos, Peter Kerens, Louis Kapnistos, Dan Arvanitakis, and C. D. Ellis.

PORTLAND: He was met at the airport by an enthusiastic delegation headed by Past Supreme Governor Dr. N. S. Checkos and Chapter President George N. Flessas, son of charter member, Nicholas Flessas.

Although Supreme President Manta spent only one full day in Portland, it was crowded with press conferences, a luncheon with prominent Ahepans, and a banquet at the spacious Community Hall in which more than 500 of the Ahepa family and their friends participated—including District Governor Thimios Carras, who journeyed from Seattle especially for the occasion.

Past Supreme Governor Dr. Checkos acquitted himself very creditably as toastmaster. The sumptuous feast was prepared and served under the personal supervision of that pioneer stalwart Ahepan, Alex Saterian, and was paid for, personally, by that most generous, genial and jolly good Brother Karamanos. The Portland reception ranks among the top on the tour from every point of view.

BOISE: Even though not on the prepared schedule of the Supreme President's tour of chapters, being that it was on his way to Salt Lake City, and had a few hours to spare, he utilized them for a visit with the small but valiant band of stalwart Ahepans in the principal potato plantation and cow capital of the United States. It is not known who is the prince of the potato production in that State, but it is well and proudly known throughout the Ahepa Domain that Brother Gus Davis, popular personage of Payette, is recognized and revered as the "Cattle King" of Idaho.

On short telephonic notice to Brothers District Lt. Governor Frank Dagres, District Treasurer Gus Davis, and Chapter President George Spiropoulos—all in different cities—a reception committee was quickly organized and gathered at the airport to meet the Chief Executive of the Order. Among the others on hand for a hearty welcome were Ahepa stalwarts: John Luis, John Kallas, George Morris, James Mantakis, and Ted Bokides.

The Supreme President was first driven to the establishment of another long-standing Ahepa stalwart, Brother Cordes,

where a doubly sumptuous combination of breakfast and lunch was served—fruit juice, cereal, and bacon and eggs smothered with king-size T-bone steaks, chased with atomic cocktails and hydrogen highballs. It seemed that "King Gus" came-to-town with a herd of steers, and slaughtered and broiled one-a-piece for the stalwarts.

After this "snack," the party felt sufficiently refreshed to tramp through the snow to the little Orthodox Church which these devout Ahepa boys of Boise built and paid for to worship once-a-month with the Rev. Brother Ahepan, Napoleon Karambelas from Pocatello, officiating; and to hold Ahepa meetings in the church hall, where they also conduct a school for the perpetuation of the Hellenic language and religion.

The progress made by these Brothers, under the handicaps and difficulties constantly facing them, is a source of inspiration and encouragement. The Supreme President left Boise with the finest impressions, and was happy that he did avail himself of the opportunity to visit and become better acquainted with so devoted Ahepans.

SALT LAKE CITY: The momentum of his strength and energy slightly reduced by the arduous activities of the tour, the Supreme President slipped into Salt Lake City unannounced, and retired early Saturday night of January 19, to replenish his vigor for the program of the next day. His presence in the Newhouse Hotel was discovered early Sunday morning by District Governor Manos Salivourakis, Past District Governor George Karras, Chris Politz, and the Beehive Chapter President Matthew Pitakis, who called to escort him to the church where the rest of the members, including Louis Athas, George Cayias, John J. Daskalakis, Past Supreme Vice-President Marthakis, and others awaited to enter the church with him.

After the church services, he was the honor guest of the Ahepa stalwarts at a luncheon, and in the evening the guest of honor and main speaker at a dinner to which the general public had been invited, and attended in large numbers.

The after-dinner program was highlighted by the choice selection of songs delightfully rendered by Salt Lake City's beautiful singer, Miss Vasiliki Loukas, who graciously entertained the guests with her charming voice.

The Supreme President concluded his official duties in Salt Lake City with a personal visit to the revered veteran Ahepa stalwart, Peter E. Athas, who, due to health indisposition, was not well enough to attend the church services or the festivities that followed.

GREEN RIVER and ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING, as in the case of Boise, were not on the schedule, but, having a vacant day and evening on his hands, the Supreme President filled them with a visit to these chapters. His plane landed him at Rock Springs where he was met by Brother August (Avgoustakis) with his charming wife and the Reverend Brother Menelaos Zagarianos, formerly member of Hancock Chapter, Weirton, W. Va., who drove him to the awaiting crowd that had assembled to welcome him at the Ahepa Home in Green River. The Home was afire with glowing hospitality and exploded with cheers when that ever-faithful Ahepan and friend, Steve Vrettas, presented the Chief Executive of the Ahepans. The speeches were followed with food and refreshments, and these were followed with celebrations at the homes and restaurants of Ahepa stalwarts.

The Ahepans in Green River are also worthy of the warmest congratulations and highest praise for acquiring the ownership of a beautiful home which they practically built with their own skillful hands. The Ahepa in Green River is the center of attraction, and the Ahepa Home there is the hub around which revolve the activities of all Hellenic life—fraternal, social, religious, and educational.

CHEYENNE: The journey to Cheyenne from Green River was made on the Union Pacific's crack train, City of Los Angeles. The Supreme President was met in Cheyenne by a goodly delegation headed by the President of Cow Boy Chapter, William Anderson, son of the late Ahepa stalwart, Theodore Anderson.

After being comfortably roomed in the picturesque Plains Hotel, and dined there, the Supreme President was escorted to the Ahepa Home where the entire Ahepa family received and greeted him with great enthusiasm.

District Governor Gatscos with his District Secretary Ganas were there from Denver for the meeting. Present also, to greet the Supreme President, was the placid and pious "fish and game warden" of Casper, Past District Governor George Poulos. The Cow Boy Chapter also owns its own Chapter Home — despite certain influences working toward inducing them to part with it.

DENVER: Early Wednesday morning, January 23, Ahepa stalwart Sam Gallcos drove the Supreme President to the airport where he explained for Denver, Colorado. There he was met by Past Supreme Treasurer James G. Dikeou and driven to the Brown Palace Hotel — frequently used by President Eisenhower as a summer "White House." The meeting was preceded with a banquet at the newly established "Sea-Food Cow-Palace" of an Ahepa stalwart from Des Moines, Iowa, Brother Doumas. The dinner was honored with the presence of the Mayor who had recently been to Greece, and said some very nice things about that country and its people.

The dinner guests accompanied the Supreme President to the Ahepa Temple where a larger number awaited to greet and hear him speak. It was an interesting audience, and the Supreme President was delighted to answer their questions and enlighten them on many matters about which they seemed confused and uncertain. The meeting was conducted by Chapter President Sam Ellis who presented several guests, including a judge and several newspaper representatives.

Supreme President Manta met and conferred with many Ahepa stalwarts of long-standing who had come from many cities in the Rocky Mountain area, as well as from Denver, to discuss problems confronting the Order. Among them were Brothers: Ellis, Katsaros, Razatos; District Governor Gatscos, Past District Governors George Poulos, Panayes Dikeou, and James Dikeou; James De Berry, and Past Supreme President of the Sons, Connie Poulos. The spirit in which the various problems were approached and discussed inspired the Supreme President with high hopes for the continued progress and prosperity of the Order in the "colorful" State, where the parent chapter in that rocky realm — Denver 145 — was established by "V. L." in 1927.

James G. Dikeou and his gracious wife were hosts to a dinner party in honor of the Supreme President. Brother Panayes G. Dikeou and his charming wife also entertained a party of Ahepa stalwarts and close friends at their newly-built spacious and fabulously modern home in honor of Supreme President Manta.

Completely satisfied with his delightful days in Denver, the Supreme President departed by plane to meet his next appointment.

OMAHA: Arriving in Omaha in the afternoon of Friday, January 25, the Supreme President was met and escorted to his hotel by an impressive group of Ahepa stalwarts which included Past Supreme Governor Nicholas Jamson of Grand Island, District Governor William Nickas, Chapter President Polyzois, Nicholas Paine, George Paine, and others.

From the hotel, the Supreme President was taken to the famous Virginia Restaurant, owned by Brother Paine — who operates it, largely, for the comfort and convenience of transi-

ent Ahepans. Following a traditionally "Virginian" dinner at which a score or more Ahepa stalwarts participated, and which was topped with a generous and fancy serving of ice cream, contributed fresh from the factory of Brother Petros (Petrokotsifas), the friendly philosopher of Omaha.

The party then proceeded to the Orthodox church building — a splendid and spacious edifice, where the Omaha Chapter has remodeled, decorated and fitted a hall into a beautiful meeting place for Ahepa.

Aside from his regular message, the Supreme President entertained and answered many questions and proposals affecting various phases and features of the promotion and administration of Ahepa affairs. At this meeting, representatives from Grand Island, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Kansas City, Mo., as well as from Omaha were present and participated in the discussion. Among them were: Brothers Jamson, Peterson, Andrews, and Beskas.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, was the next chapter to be visited by the Supreme President on this tour. To this city he was accompanied by District Governor William G. Nickas, Brother George Beskas, Past Supreme Governor Nick Jamson, who joined him in Omaha and stayed with him through Kansas City, Kans., Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo.; Past Supreme President Michael Konomos, Chapter President C. G. Garrison, and many other Ahepa stalwarts from Kansas City, Mo.

The meeting was held in the hall of the church which the Ahepans helped to rebuild after it was destroyed by the flood, and was ably, fairly and tactfully conducted by Past District Governor — and present city attorney — William Karnaze. The questions asked of and answered by the Supreme President at this meeting were spirited, instructive, informative and interesting.

Upon adjournment, the gathering was served with food and refreshments provided by the entertainment committee under the direction of Brothers Apostol and Pepergias.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI: Sunday, January 27, was dedicated to the Heart of America Chapter No. 73 whose energetic President, C. G. Garrison, had prepared a full day's program for the Supreme President's stay in the historical city where Gus Fitch serves scotch-on-the-rocks, and Harry S. Truman sold hats and socks — and *went* on the rocks. Gus

PENELOPES OF THE MIDDLE WEST — Officers of Electra No. 3 of the Daughters of Penelope of Kansas City, Missouri, who were on hand to welcome Supreme President John L. Manta on the occasion of the banquet in his honor by the Ahepa Family of that city. Left to right: Mrs. Alex Koutsebos, Mrs. Chris Vleisides and Mrs. Elpis Antban; Mrs. Peter Ramos, President of Electra No. 3; Miss Kalliope Beskas, 1956 Ahepa Queen; Mrs. James Vleisides, Mrs. George Beskas; Mrs. Paul L. Karitonis.



made good and is still doing business at the old stand; poor Harry failed, went bankrupt, and, for more than seven years, had to exist on his wages as President of the United States. So, there's one horrible difference between success and failure — horrible for the success.

The Supreme President began the day by going to church with a large group of Ahepa stalwarts where he was elated with the dignified environment, the melody of the choir, and the impressive services and sermon as conducted and delivered by the Reverend Demetrios N. Treantafeles.

Following a brief exchange of greetings, and a closer look at the church premises, the Ahepa group lunched together at the Muehlebach Hotel, where the Supreme President was a registered guest. Many matters concerning the Order were informally discussed at this luncheon, and the Supreme President clarified many questions and corrected many misconceptions created by a lack of accurate and complete information.

That Sunday evening, Supreme President Manta was the guest of honor at a dinner tendered by the chapter in the spacious banquet hall of the church. Elias S. Sutter was the chairman of the committee on arrangements, and District Lieutenant Governor Paul Kastle was introduced by C. G. Garrison to act as toastmaster. Among the speakers were: District Governor William G. Nicas, Past Supreme Governor Jamson, the beautiful and charming Ahepa Queen of 1956, Miss Kalliope Elane Beskas, and the Supreme President. President Truman who had expressed his intention to attend the dinner was unavoidably prevented from doing so, and he later expressed his regrets in a letter to Brother Garrison.

At the conclusion of his message, Supreme President Manta awarded Ahepa pins for 25 years of service to Brothers: Anthony, Chalos, Ellis, Jianas, Kakogianos, Anthony and Michael D. Kenomos; Maduros, Meshon, Papas, Tranos, Triantos, and Chris and Nick Vleisides.

This function concluded the Supreme President's official visit to the Heart of America Chapter and its auxiliaries, and he was now ready for his next and final stop of the tour.

ST. LOUIS: Anxious though he was to reach the city where the forthcoming Supreme Convention of the Order will be staged and conducted in the full glory of all traditional

AT EXTRAORDINARY MEETING — On February 5, 1957, Supreme President John L. Manta addressed a special meeting of the St. Louis, Missouri, Chapter No. 55. In the official group, left to right: William Douras, Captain of the Guard; George Kollias, Treasurer; Henry Weiblin, Chaplain; Past Supreme President V. I. Chebitbes; John Georgopoulos, Chapter President; Supreme President Manta; Jim Siatos, Warden; John Varveras, Vice President; Charles Williams, Secretary; and Past Supreme Governor Nicholas Jamson of Grand Island, Nebraska.



ROSES TO THE QUEEN — President C. G. Garrison of the Heart of America Chapter No. 73 presenting bouquet of American Roses to Ahepa Queen Kalliope Beskas with Supreme President John L. Manta admiringly looking on.

Ahepa treats and triumphs, the Supreme President was compelled by a raging snow-storm to change his mode of travel from plane to train, and thus curtail his speed — but not his style nor endurance.

On arrival at the railroad station with Past Supreme Governor Jamson, Monday, January 28, the Supreme President was met by a group of Ahepa stalwarts which included the Chapter President John Georgopoulos, Chapter Secretary Charles Williams, Convention Committee Co-Chairman Sam Nakis, Past President Michael Hodges, and others who had been waiting for the train to literally plow its way through the snow. The guests were driven to their hotel where more Ahepans were waiting to dine with the Supreme President.

At this dinner the Supreme President discussed with the leaders of St. Louis Chapter many problems connected with the approaching Supreme Confabulation and cleared and straightened out with them many matters over which there was any doubt or uncertainty. Having put their minds at ease, and having inspired them with the spirit of optimism, courage and confidence, he retired for the night.

The following day, after more conferences with the group, a very stimulating discussion of the Cyprus question with Dr. Nicholas Matsakis, an enthusiastic and intelligent supporter of the Cyprian fight for freedom; and a drive to the new suburban estate of Brother Nakis, where he relaxed in the peaceful environment of a modern home presided over by the charmingly gracious Mrs. Nakis and her two lovely daughters, the Supreme President was ready to meet with the Ahepa stalwarts, en masse, from the Chapters of St. Louis and neighboring Alton.

The mass meeting was large, lively, and long. Practically every phase and concept of the problems affecting Ahepa affairs was brought out for examination. The discussion on each was serious, constructive, and enlightening. And, although there were differences of opinion as to the final results in the future, there were few or no disagreements regarding the facts of the past and present state of the Order.

The adjournment of the mammoth meeting in St. Louis concluded a month-long whirlwind tour of Chapters during which Supreme President Manta carried and presented to thousands of members—and prospective members—of the Ahepa family the past, present and future of the Order as he believes and knows it to be, and as he visualizes that it should be.



AHEPA

"The Ark of Hellenism in America" *Essence of Manta's Message*

ON THIS EXTENSIVE CRUSADE, as always, Supreme President Manta pleaded for a prompt return to, and for a strong, sincere and solemn reaffirmation of the foundation principles on which the six founding fathers of the Order — Nick Chotas, Jim Campbell, Harry Angelopoulos, George Polos, Jim Vlass, and John Angelopoulos — justifiably based their hope and confidence for its success. He endeavored to inspire within the hearts and inculcate upon the minds of those who heard him an abiding faith in, and a steadfast devotion to the present Ahepa programs, plans and policies as formulated by the Supreme Lodge in conformity with the traditions of the Order and the decisions of the Supreme Conventions. Finally, the Supreme President tried, with all his might and main, in his own inimitable method and manner, to lift the sights and lead the minds of his audiences beyond the present; into a future where and when the objects and purposes, the ideas and ideals of those founding fathers will be realized, embodied and serving Hellenism — and all humanity — more widely, more usefully and more gloriously than was thought possible when they brought Ahepa into being.

With the pride and satisfaction of being free of any personal material need, interest or emolument from the Order; unhampered by any campaign obligations to reward friends or wreak revenge on foes; having no "axe to grind" of anybody's grief or greed; unmindful and quite impervious to the jeers of opponents, as well as to the cheers of supporters, with due respect to all and disrespect towards none, Supreme President Manta presented, explained and justified, in plain, blunt, understandable language, as only he can speak it, his conception of the Order, its past performances, its present program, what he is convinced should be its ultimate state and stature, and how, in his opinion, Ahepa can be elevated to the exalted pinnacle of fame and fortune it is destined to occupy. The homespun phrases and illustrations which he used to clarify and drive home each succeeding point in his message have the rare glory of making sense. It is indeed regrettable that transcribing the living language from the flowing personality of the speaker to cold black print, loses so much of its effective force and quality that it is better not to attempt the task.

With the confidence that those interested in the progress of Hellenism on this continent will be able to draw their own proper conclusions, a bare outline of the observations made, the present programs discussed and the future projects advanced by the Supreme President is presented for the information, consideration and approval of the membership.

I. Ahepa — Birth And Purpose

The idea of what has grown to be known as the Order of Ahepa was embodied and incorporated in a charter signed by Nick Chotas, Jim Campbell, Harry Angelopoulos, George Polos, Jim Vlass and John Angelopoulos, and issued by the State of Georgia thereby giving it the status of a legal entity. The main purpose of its birth and justifiable existence was to protect Hellenism in America against persecution, through the process of education. The theory being that if the Greeks and

Americans knew more about each other, they would help instead of suspect each other. There were tangible, visible, psychological, material or spiritual elements or factors on which any logical, sound or sane reason could be based for the success of the idea. There were plenty of "good reasons" for failure, and none for success.

2. Ahepa — Another Hellenic Miracle

In the minds, hearts and hands of any other people the idea would have died at birth — if, indeed, it would have been born at all. The Order of Ahepa deserves to be classified as another of the many miracles which fate, in prodigal moods, has worked in favor of the Hellenic Peoples — such as their victories on the plains of Troy and Marathon; at Dervenakia and Hani tis Gravias; on the mountains of Agrafa and Pindos; at Salamis, Geronta, Nauplio and Navarino. No other race of people could have won those victories — even if they would have been so foolish to give battle at all, as did the Greeks. Rightly considered, the very survival of the Hellenic race, language and traditions, through endless ages of invasions, wars, pestilence, and periodical devastations by natural calamities, is itself an unexplainable miracle.

3. Ahepa Challenges Our Genius

Taken as a miracle, mystery or otherwise, the Order of Ahepa, having grown so rapidly — 75,000 initiations on this continent within the span of scarcely 35 years — accomplished so much along social, patriotic, philanthropic, educational and religious endeavors, and having won the respect, admiration and confidence of so many people everywhere, challenges us who hold its destiny in our hands, to expand its activities, enlarge its usefulness and place upon it greater and more grave responsibilities. Past performances are good to talk about, but not to live upon them.

4. Ahepa Conscience Is Indispensable

Most important of all requirements for an officer or member of the Order is an Ahepa Conscience—an inner feeling of obligation to perform his duties as required by the Constitution and to execute the directions issued to him from the Chapter, District and Supreme lodges. The officer or member who compels the Chapter President, the District Governor or the Supreme President to write, plead, prod, cajole, nag, and finally explode and "blow his top" in an intensive effort to receive the cooperation needed for the accomplishment of a chore, is far from being in tune with the spirit of the Order.

When a man becomes an Ahepan, he surrenders his rights of decision to the provisions in the Constitution and in the oath he has taken. To ignore the law and violate his obligation is to wrong himself, his Chapter, and the whole structure of the Fraternity. Ahepans, when practicing Ahepanism within the framework of the Order, are not independent individuals. Each of them is a part of the machine connected and functioning with every other part of the system. A refusal of one to assume and remain at his post of duty disrupts the whole process.

Too much cannot be done to discourage marplots of autocratic dispositions who set themselves above the properly constituted authorities entrusted with the official responsibilities of administering the affairs of the Order. These violations cut into the very foundations of the Ahepa structure, and should be stopped by appropriate legislation.

5. School and Dormitory For Orphan Boys

The Ahepa School and Dormitory for Orphan Boys is a project sponsored by our Fraternity through a resolution passed by the Supreme Convention at Houston, Texas, in 1953. Employing various methods to raise the required amount to build this school since that time, the net sum of about \$85,000 had been collected up to September 1, 1956.

The administration presented a plan designed to raise an estimated \$350,000.00, by approximately 350 communities, Ahepa Chapters and other Hellenic organizations celebrating together the 136th anniversary of Greek Independence for the benefit of this project. It is regrettable that quite a number of good chapters refused to follow this plan, and some of them did not even respond to the request of the Supreme President until he was constrained to repeat his pleas with increasingly stronger and stronger language. Even then, some answered not at all, and others only to protest against the strong language used in the final plea. The members whose chapters could not find it convenient to afford them the chance to share in the success of this noble cause, will be given the opportunity to do so directly to Headquarters.

The Supreme Committee in charge of this drive is now preparing to publish its report of the names of the contributors and the amount contributed by each. Should you desire to have your name on this list of contributors, please mail your name and contribution to Headquarters at your earliest convenience.

6. Ahepa Family Protective Fund

The Ahepa Family Protective Fund is the name given to the fund or account set up in books at the Supreme Headquarters and to the bank accounts in which are recorded and deposited the monies received from those who exercise the right given

them by the Supreme Convention to purchase protection in units of \$100.00 each at the annual contribution of \$2.00 per unit, up to a maximum of 10 units, or \$1,000.00 for \$20.00 a year. There are no dividends, no loan or cash values accruing from these contributions—nothing but a payment to the beneficiary at the member's death. The only qualifications required at this time are that the member be in good standing and his Chapter dues paid in full for the whole year of 1957.

This protection is also available to all good standing members of the Ahepa Auxiliaries. The Board of Directors and the Supreme Convention reserve the right to raise the amount of annual contributions if it is necessary to comply with the law or to safeguard the Fund against a deficit.

Although a considerable amount of agitation has been stirred up around this plan of protection, there is more smoke than substance to the alleged differences in recollections as to the form in which this protection was passed.

Brother Chebithes, who was the Chairman of the Committee, and as such wrote and presented the report, says that it passed without age limit or restriction of health. Brother Verinis, in his letters circulated among the members, says: "This compromise proposal (meaning the \$2.00 per \$100.00 plan) amended to limit such insurance to applicants in good health and restricting the maximum age, was approved by the delegates of the New York Convention. . . ."

Thus it is clear that both agree this measure was passed by the Convention. The only difference between the claims of Chebithes and Verinis is that Chebithes says it *passed without*, and Verinis says it *passed with* limits as to health and restrictions as to age. Since Brother Verinis does not state what is the maximum age restriction, and how is the question of "good health" to be ascertained—by a doctor, or by the applicant's statement?—and when is a person in "good health," it can be safely taken for granted that he does not know what he means by saying that the "proposal was amended to limit insurance to applicants in good health and restricting the maximum age." This statement does not present any basis on which the present rules of operating the Fund can be changed.

The logical, sound and sensible conclusion is that this plan passed without restrictions; that it cured the defect of the Emergency Fund by including all good standing Ahepans—creating no second class members. It is not like Chebithes to have agreed to or even entertained any suggestion that a good standing Ahepan should be told: "Ahepa will extend its protection over you if you are young and in good health, but you have no right to her protection when you are old and sickly!" There might have been such a suggestion made, but it wasn't from Chebithes, and he never agreed to it.

The Ahepa Family Protective Fund is in full force and effect, operating for the protection of the entire Ahepa family, regardless of age or condition of health. Every good standing member of the Ahepa family is welcome within its protection. Up to now the \$20.00 per \$1,000.00 is more than enough. Should it prove in the future not to be enough, it will be raised to the amount that the safety of the Fund requires.

7. Pay Per Capita Tax Promptly

Ninety-nine and nine tenths of all the difficulties encountered with the settlement of claims connected with the Ahepa Emergency Fund arise from the fact that our Chapter Secretaries neglect to pay per capita tax and report deaths promptly to Headquarters.

Article XXVIII Section 1, paragraphs *b.* and *c.* provide that "every chapter shall remit to the Supreme Lodge \$6.00 per year for each member," and that these remittances "are due and payable immediately after the member pays his dues, and in no instance shall a Chapter delay the payment thereof for more than 30 days."

Yet, in many instances, payment of per capita tax is delayed more than six months, and it often happens that the report that the member paid his dues, as well as the payment of his per capita tax reach Headquarters after the member's death.

Now that the more serious Ahepa Family Protective Fund has been established, whereby the beneficiaries of qualified members are entitled to receive \$1,000.00, depending mainly on the good standing status of the member at his death, it has become MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER that the per capita tax be paid to Headquarters, immediately upon receipt of the member's dues.

8. Increase Emergency Fund Income Imperative

It is here and now brought to the serious attention of the entire fraternity that legislation is urgently needed to provide additional revenue—at least \$1.00 a year from every member to replenish the Ahepa Emergency Fund so that death claims can be paid more promptly. From savings effected from salaries, and from donations of services gratis, Headquarters has been able to meet most of the claims as they are filed. This arrangement does not promise to be permanent. An increase in the per capita tax for the sole benefit of the Emergency Fund is of immediate and pressing importance. It is strongly suggested that all chapters instruct their respective delegates to support and vote for a measure providing for an increase in the income of the Emergency Fund.

9. Unification of Hellenic Societies

The Conference held at the Supreme Headquarters in Washington, D. C., thoroughly discussed the question of finding ways and means to effect a practical, productive and satisfactory method of cooperation among the Hellenic Societies in America. The representatives of the various groups who came there for that purpose explored the problem from many angles.

Among all plans advanced for effecting the desired unification of Hellenic Societies, Brotherhoods and Associations—without any one of them surrendering its independence or abandoning its original objects—the one that stands out as a possibility of permanent duration is somewhat as follows:

a. All good standing members in each Hellenic Organization be initiated into the Order of Ahepa—except those who are already members of Ahepa Chapters—at the nominal initiation fee of \$1.00 each.

b. Those members of each Hellenic Organization involved who are also good standing members of Ahepa Chapters, will have the privilege to either remain as such and maintain a dual membership in the Ahepa or to transfer their Ahepa membership to the Hellenic Organization Chapter.

c. Those good standing members of the Hellenic Organizations who are delinquent members of an Ahepa Chapter will be reinstated into good standing and transferred at the nominal fee of \$1.00.

d. Any Hellenic Organization, subscribing to the principles, ideals, objects and purposes of the Order of Ahepa, complying with the provisions of the preceding paragraphs under this plan, shall be chartered as a full-fledged Chapter upon the same footing as any other in the Order of Ahepa.

e. The financial obligations of such a Chapter to the Order of Ahepa will be to pay annually \$6.00 per capita tax to the Supreme Headquarters of Ahepa. This payment is allocated as follows: \$2.00 to the Emergency Fund—out of which a maximum benefit of \$200.00 is paid upon the death of a member qualified for such a benefit—\$1.00 to THE AHEPAN, which is the official organ of the Order, mailed to every member; 50¢ to the District Lodge of the District in which the paying Chapter is located; 15¢ to the Ahepa Scholarship Fund; 10¢ to the Biennial Banquet Fund; and \$2.25 to the Ahepa General Fund, out of which all operating expenses are paid.

f. For the annual payment of the \$6.00 per capita tax, allocated as outlined above, the Chapter will have the right to participate in all of the formal and informal functions of the Order, be represented and participate, through its delegates, in the District Conventions with the other Chapters in the District, and likewise in the Supreme Conventions, with all other Chapters in the Ahepa Domain.

g. The members of such Hellenic Organization—when it acquires the status of an Ahepa Chapter—shall receive the Ahepa Magazine, shall automatically come under the benefits of the Ahepa Emergency Fund, if less than 60 years of age when initiated or reinstated, shall have the right to purchase \$1,000.00 maximum protection, regardless of age or condition of health, at \$2.00 per \$100.00, and shall enjoy every other advantage of being an Ahepan.

h. Such a Hellenic Organization, upon acquiring the status of an Ahepa Chapter, shall have the right to choose its own name, elect its own officers and delegates, shall be the sole judge of its own membership, shall have exclusive power of control and disposition of its funds, shall assess its members for membership dues in the amount it may deem proper, provided only that it pays the specified per capita tax to the Ahepa Supreme Headquarters.

This suggested arrangement, if adopted, will create strong social, financial, fraternal and political bonds that will hold together the Hellenic Organizations permanently.

The Committee on this project, with Alexander Sioris, Supreme President of the Pan-Arcadian, Chairman; Peter L. Bell, Supreme President of the Pan-Elcian, Vice-Chairman; Eugene Rossides of the Pan-Cyprian Federation, Secretary; George Konstandoulakis, Supreme President of the Pan-Cretan Association, Treasurer; and Michael Saytanides, Supreme President of the Pan-Micrasiatic, Counsellor, is urgently requested to meet and consider this, along with other ideas, and come through with good recommendations.

10. Ahepa Easter Excursions to Greece

The Ahepa Easter Excursion this year, under the command and leadership of Past Supreme President John G. Thevos, amply and ably assisted by such Ahepa stalwarts as the Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles, Nick Karayiannis, George Margoles, Anthony Papageorgiou, Anestes Kampos, Charles Charuhas, Peter Charuhas, Chris Fradelos, Sam Stavarakas, Demetrios Karambelas; and the Grand President of the Daughters, promises to be one of the most brilliant and harmonious, as well as one of the biggest overseas ventures of the Order.

The official receptions and programs of enjoyable and instructive entertainments rank among the best ever prepared by the Athenian people and Government for any distinguished visitors.

The Ahepa Easter Excursions to Mother Hellas have been of great social, spiritual and economic help to that country. Begun in 1928, they have been conducted ever since with unbroken continuity—with the exception of the war years.

Through, and because of these excursions thousands of people visited Greece, renewed their home-ties and reestablished relations for the mutual benefit and happiness of all concerned.

It is well known that many who would join the Easter Excursion do not, because they have children in school. They would gladly join an Ahepa Excursion in June. Therefore, the Order should consider the advisability of also conducting annually a School Vacationing Excursion to Greece about June 15. A second Ahepa excursion in the summer will do no harm, and has the possibilities of doing a lot of good to those who will take advantage of the opportunity.

The success of the Ahepa excursions can be greatly improved if every Ahepan and/or his family going to Greece, will make it a point to be sure and go with the Ahepans.

II. American Museum Of Immigration

The American Museum of Immigration, proposed to be constructed around the pedestal of the "Little Stone Lady" whose everlasting light has guided millions through New York's bustling harbor into this blessed land, is of interest to all Americans who can trace their ancestry beyond the western hemisphere.

The Ahepans should be — and are — especially interested in its establishment because they and their immediate progenitors are among the most recent who followed the light of Liberty through the Narrows to the great land of freedom, hospitality and opportunity.

Exemplifying the desire of every Ahepan to share in the preservation and perpetuation of the historical and legendary lore, traditions and legacies of the immigrants from all lands, Supreme President Manta has pledged to raise \$10,000.00 for this patriotic project, most of which is his personal contribution. The Ahepans should avail themselves of this opportunity to show their collective, as well as their individual, appreciation of this fundamentally American idea by appropriating a respectable contribution for its realization from the Supreme Treasury of the Order.

12. Eisenhower Honors Ahepa

President Eisenhower has honored the Order of Ahepa by inviting its Supreme President to become a member of his newly appointed People to People Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to extend the principle and put into practice the doctrine that a lasting peace and mutual understanding between nations can be achieved only when the peoples of the different races, faiths and cultures become better acquainted with and learn to trust each other.

Supreme President Manta was personally invited to represent the Hellenic people on this Committee by Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams. Brother Manta has accepted the honor of membership in this important Committee, has already extended his cooperation toward the perfection of its organization and will report its operation to the membership at a later date.

13. Ahepa Auxiliaries

Reports received from the Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles and from the Chairman of the Supreme Advisory Board, Supreme Vice-President Peter T. Kourides, indicate that our Junior Order is making many strides forward, and a banner year can well be expected to result from the great efforts put forth to stimulate the growth of interest towards the welfare of the Sons.

The Daughters of Penelope and its ward, the Maids of Athens, are, from all reports, progressing in forward direc-

tions. The Grand President, Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris, with her stalwart Ahepan husband, Tom, are accompanying the Ahepa Excursion to Greece, as members of the Excursion Committee, as well as the Supreme President of the Sons, Brother Nick Karayiannis.

14. Ahepa — Youth's Free Forum

The question, "What has the Ahepa Family to offer for the Youth?" is surprising as its answer is obvious. The Order of Ahepa offers to the youth of the land the most valuable gift in life — OPPORTUNITY, in big red letters.

The opportunities offered by Ahepa to the young men and young women of courage, confidence and ambition are as numerous as they are priceless; and, like those offered by any other agency — created by man or nature — are waiting to be recognized, explored and used.

The Order of Ahepa provides for its young people the stage on which to perform and prove their worth in their chosen fields of endeavor — be it salesmanship, statesmanship, logic or lecturing; it provides the platform on which they can stand and speak, and it also provides the audience that the speaker might choose to address — the social, educational, commercial, political and spiritual leadership of the community and the nation.

There is no other agency in America through which the young men and women of Hellenic blood can become acquainted with so many and learn so much of their own background and people as through the Ahepa. There is no other agency through which they can meet with so many persons prominent in so many fields of American life; and there is no other, except Ahepa, that can afford them the opportunity to speak their pieces, sing their songs, and display any other of their talents before audiences composed of Mayors, Judges, Governors, Congressmen, Senators, College Presidents, Ministers, Cabinet members, Kings, Queens, and Chiefs of great Democracies.

The full value of the organized support and backing of the Ahepa and its Auxiliaries for any project or person is quite inestimable.

Furthermore, there is no other organization so large, so extensive and so influential, with its program, policies and government so pliable and yielding to changes, as the Order of Ahepa. This fact should stimulate fecundity of the imagination, challenge the creative genius, and test the constructive abilities of our young people.

The Order of Ahepa is not a "cast-iron" vessel — fixed, set and unchangeable. In the hands of our young, aggressive and progressive people, Ahepa is as clay in the hands of a potter. It is the honorable influence, power and prestige of more than 50,000 proud people, with respectable moral and material wealth, which our young people can take over and make of it such an instrument as, in their wisdom, may seem most likely to affect their hopes and happiness.

15. Ahepa Committee On Justice for Cyprus

The Ahepa National Committee on Justice for Cyprus, under the chairmanship of Past Supreme President Van Nomikos, in cooperation with Brother Eugene Rossides, Associate Chairman of the Cyprus Federation of America, whose articles on Cyprus have been repeatedly entertained in THE AHEPAN, and in cooperation with the Supreme President, has been constantly at work, publishing articles on the Cyprian cause in the leading newspapers of the country, distributing literature — 10,000 copies of 12 different books and pamphlets — on different phases of the Cyprian

problem, and keeping in touch with leaders of the U.S. Senate and the United Nations.

Although the cause of Cyprus was overshadowed by crisis after crisis in the Mid-East, these activities of the Order managed to keep the issue alive. As soon as the Mid-East problems are settled, our Committee will be able to renew the interest in this cause, and that some amicable and satisfactory solution to this great problem will be reached. In the meantime, let everyone be reassured that Ahepa will continue to fight for the freedom of Cyprus with full vigor and courage.

16. Material Wealth Possessed by Ahepa

It is surprising to learn that the distinctive origin, nature, extent and value of the material wealth possessed by the Order is "news" to an exceedingly large number of Ahepans. The acquisition of their wealth, against the objections, obstructions, ingenious arguments and cataclysmic prophecies of certain preposterous, persistent, perennial opponents to anything proposed by Chebithes, is just as miraculous as the survival of Ahepa itself.

To "parade" before the entire membership these possessions, with a brief historical statement of their respective origin, present status, and prospective development in the future, is considered timely — in fact overdue — important and enlightening to the rank and file of the Order. This "show of financial responsibility" will provide an indisputable answer to the question of materially-minded people who thoughtlessly ask, "What has Ahepa to show for its existence?" And, furthermore, this array of material resources should convince the "doubting Thomases" in our own ranks that Ahepa is quite "able," as well as "ready and willing" to back up its own undertakings.

The bulk of Ahepa's wealth is, for the most part, in real estate properties of which every Ahepan should know and feel proud.

17. The Ahepa Home In Washington, D. C.

The Ahepa Home Office Building in Washington, D. C., housing the Supreme Headquarters of the Order and its Auxiliaries, was purchased with monies accumulated in the Ahepa Home Fund. This fund was established by the Supreme Convention of 1925, in Chicago, upon the recommendation of the then Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes, adopted and presented to that Convention for approval by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Past Supreme Governor Constantine J. Critzas.

The Ahepa Home Fund, as recommended to and approved by that Convention, is operating on the same simple plan of depositing to its credit \$2.00 from every initiation fee received at Headquarters.

The purchase price of this building at 1422 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C., was \$225,000.00, of which \$115,000.00 was paid in cash, and a mortgage for \$110,000.00. An additional amount of approximately \$15,000.00 has been spent for remodeling, repairing and redecorating; bringing the total cost up to approximately \$240,000.00.

The gross annual income, if completely rented at the present ratio of rentals, would be: \$7,800.00 from the first floor, and \$21,000.00 from the 5 floors above it, at \$4,000.00 each, making a total of \$28,800.00.

The fixed annual expenses, estimated from last year's operation — without taking into account permanent improvements or depreciation — are:

Taxes	\$5,000.00
Interest on Mortgage	4,800.00
Janitor Service	1,320.00
Fuel Oil, approximately	2,000.00
Electricity, approximately	1,800.00
Water Rent, approximately	600.00
Maintenance and Supplies, about	1,200.00
Commissions to Rental Agency	750.00
Insurance Premiums	335.00
Window Cleaning	300.00
Miscellaneous	100.00

Total (without depreciation) \$16,205.00

Taking from the "would-be maximum" gross income of \$28,000.00 the total of fixed operating expenses of \$16,205.00 without taking into account depreciation, losses from vacancies, and payments on the face value of the mortgage, which is \$3,000.00 a year, there would be a surplus of approximately \$12,594.56.

This "would-be-surplus-if" is in reality reduced by \$8,400.00, because the 5th floor and the rear half of the 4th are occupied by the Order of Ahepa and its auxiliaries, and the front half of the 4th floor, which is for rent, has not been rented. The surplus cash is therefore cut down to approximately \$4,194.00.

Aside from its equity of approximately \$120,000.00 in its Home Building — in which the Ahepa and its auxiliaries are housed rent-free — the Ahepa Home Fund also has approximately \$40,000.00 in Government Bonds and Cash in Banks.

18. Ahepa Property In Albuquerque

The purchase of the Ahepa property at Albuquerque, New Mexico, was proposed and recommended to the Supreme Convention at St. Paul, Minn., in 1936, by the then Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, at the purchase price of approximately \$50,000.00, for an Ahepa Tuberculosis Sanatorium, to be paid and operated from private subscriptions, contributions, gifts or donations.

The motion to adopt the proposal was passed over the strong protests of the opposition leaders who predicted the swift wreck and ruin of the Order if it ventured into the operation of such a project as a Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

The Ahepa Tuberculosis Sanatorium was successfully operated by the Order from the spring of 1937 to August 1941. A drive conducted by the then District Governor of the 13th District, Harry A. Reckas, in 1939, netted over \$18,000.00 for the benefit of the Sanatorium. In August, 1941, a plan was adopted to collect funds for the Ahepa Sanatorium without the employment of traveling solicitors, representatives or agents.

By the 1942 Atlanta Convention, the operation of the Sanatorium under the "voluntary" plan had run into a deficit of approximately \$17,000.00. That Convention, discouraged by this deficit — which was solely due to an impractical method of raising funds — voted to discontinue the Sanatorium operations, and to turn the premises over to the United States. The Government refused it, and the same was later rented first to the State of New Mexico, and later to the United States, which still occupies it at the annual rental of \$10,000.00. A small sum is also collected from sign-boards on the premises.

Two attempts were made to sell the Sanatorium during the 1945 and 1946 administrations of Brother Booras. Both contracts for the sale were broken by John L. Manta, who, as President of the New Mexico Corporation — Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium, Inc. — in which the title of the Sanatorium property was vested, refused to sign the deed. The

cost of breaking these contracts and saving the property amounted to about \$28,000.00.

After the property was cleared of all litigation, Manta agreed to the transfer of the title to the Order of Ahepa, with the provision that it cannot be sold without the advice and consent of a 2/3 majority of the Supreme Convention.

Albuquerque has now become the Atomic Energy Capital of the United States. The city has grown from about 40,000 population in 1936, to approximately 200,000 today. While the Ahepa property could be sold for approximately \$300,000.00, it is worth to the Order — and to anyone who could buy it — well over \$500,000.00.

Influences are now actively working to tie up this property for an exceedingly long-time lease (55 years), for a ridiculously small rental rate (\$12,000.00 a year), with the preposterous provision that the Order of Ahepa guarantee the payment of the mortgage money that the lessee would borrow to build the improvements on the premises.

There are good business men among the Ahepans, in and out of the Board of Trustees, who believe that this valuable property, consisting of 1/4 city blocks, in practically the center of the city's commercial activities, should be improved, developed, and exploited by the Order itself.

Ideas of what is best to be done with this property will be greatly appreciated and carefully considered.

19. Ahepa Property In Florida

The Ahepa property in Florida was purchased in spite of the fact that the same eternal arch-enemies of the Ahepa Spirit of Progress had actually succeeded in defeating the motion to do so at the Supreme Convention of 1937, in Syracuse, New York.

While attending the Florida District Convention of 1957, in Tampa, the then Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, with John K. Douglas, were shown two tracts of land, one about 350 and the other about 500 acres, located about two miles from Safety Harbor — on the shores of the Back Bay of Tampa — about eleven miles from Tarpon Springs, and about nine miles from Clearwater, as possible site or sites for an Ahepa retirement home and/or for orphanage.

The location was excellent and the price — \$11.00 per acre — scarcely better than a "steal," so to speak. Chebithes and Douglas agreed that this was a rare opportunity for Ahepa to acquire the land needed for the realization of the dreams the Ahepans nurtured for a home in the Sunny South. Therefore, the proposition to buy these properties was presented and backed by both.

Through an ironical switch, those who had opposed the purchase of the sanatorium the year before raised the fear that the proposed project in Florida would prevent the success of the Ahepa institution in Albuquerque. With such "biting-more-than-you-can-chew" arguments, the opposition defeated the motion to buy the land in Florida.

After the proposal to purchase the lands in question was defeated, Brother George Serras, a Cretan, from the Henry Clay Chapter of Lexington, Ky., walked to the platform and handed "V. I." his check for \$1,000.00, with the request that he buy, for Ahepa, as much of that land as he could with that money. John Davis of Scranton, Pa., followed suit with another check for \$1,000.00; and then Van Nomikos, at the time serving as District Governor of the 13th District, arose and handed in his check for a third \$1,000.00.

At this psychological moment, the mysterious elements that melt and run together to perform a miracle were ignited into a sensational flame by the late lamented "Barba" Vasilios Essaris. He stood up, emptied his pockets into his hand and announced: "All I have is \$20.39; I give it all for the Ahepa Oldmen's Home in Florida."

That small contribution and that simple speech of that devoted Ahepan — God bless his proud soul — supplied the magic for the sensational miracle. No sooner than he spoke and delivered his mite for the cause, a spontaneous urge to give swept through the assembled delegates. They went to the rostrum in rapid succession:

George Cellas of Chicago, \$200.00; Louis Smitzes of Tarpon Springs, \$200.00; Nick Kounaris of New Britain, Conn., \$100.00; Stelios Hoimes of Bethlehem, Pa., \$500.00; George H. Davis of Bucyrus, Ohio, \$100.00; John Pedakis of Pensacola, Fla., \$100.00; John Colletis of Moline, Ill., \$100.00; George Chiames of Peoria, \$100.00; Anthony Dedopoulos of Jersey City, \$100.00; Tom Kaidemenos of Yorkville, Ohio, \$100.00; Andrew Droukas of Tampa, \$250.00; Nick Jack of Tampa, \$100.00; John K. Douglas of Tarpon Springs, \$50.00; Nick Dennis of St. Petersburg, Fla., \$250.00; George Miller for himself and his chapter at West Palm Beach, \$100.00; Nick Baimas of New York, \$100.00; Peter Samaras of Weirton, W. Va., \$200.00; Frank Demos of Wheeling, W. Va., \$50.00; Albuquerque Chapter, by Gus Bruskas, \$100.00; John Sakis of Tampa, \$100.00; Nick Angelakos of Sumter, S. C., \$50.00; Peter Brown of New Castle, Pa., \$50.00; Chas. Davis Kotsilimbas of Worcester, Mass., \$200.00; Peter Komminos of Endicott, N. Y., \$100.00; and perhaps others, whose names and contributions escaped the notice of the stenographer who tried to record all of them. It is also possible that few — very few — of the names and amounts recited remain unpaid pledges made in good faith. If such there be, Headquarters will gladly correct or complete the record upon receipt of the correct information.

The monies thus voluntarily contributed were deposited in a special account for the Ahepa Old Peoples Home and Orphanage.

From this account, the then Supreme President V. I. Chebithes purchased the 350 acre tract at a total cost of \$5,492.55. There's still a balance of \$2,282.86 remaining in that account.

Brother Mike Costas, formerly of Wheeling and now of Tarpon Springs, who took the Supreme President, during his January visit in Florida, over the entire tract, including the lake on which it borders, said that he had been authorized by a reliable real estate firm to offer as high as \$750,000.00 for this Ahepa land in Florida.

These Ahepa "statesmen" who opposed this, as well — or as badly — as the Albuquerque property, may still find ample satisfaction in the dubious honor of "saving" the Order from the pitiful financial wreck it would now be, had they not succeeded in defeating the motion to buy the other 500 acres for \$5,500.00, and which today is worth well over a million.

The Ahepa property in Florida, as that of Albuquerque, is also the subject of proposals to sell it to outside interests to develop and exploit it, and leave the Order without the benefit of the purpose for which those great and magnanimous Ahepa stalwarts contributed their money for its purchase. It should not be. It is nobler and more in character with the principles, ideals and traditions of this Order to keep faith with those who gave it, and carry out the purposes for which they opened their hearts and purses, rather than pursue the easier course of selling the property.

To carry out the original purpose of the idea which resulted in the donation of this land to the Order, it is proposed to:

a. Set aside a lot of 50 to 75 acres bordering on the lake, and dedicate it to the purpose of building on it a large, suitable, comfortable Club House for retired Ahepans who would want to spend all or part of their time there.

On these acres, dedicated to the recreational needs and requirements of the members, there should be orange, grapefruit and other citrus-fruit groves; a golf course; boating and

fishing facilities; and other enjoyable appointments that will make life pleasant and happy.

b. The rest of the land should be laid out by competent surveyors into a compact city, with boulevards, avenues, streets and lanes, appropriately named in honor of the Brothers who contributed the money to buy the land, and to have building lots of about 50 x 100 feet facing these streets and highways.

c. The entire development should be named AHEPA-HAVEN.

d. The building lots to be offered for sale to good standing Ahepans only, at prices from \$500.00 and up. The homes or cottages built on these lots to be approved by a board selected for the purpose and shall conform to certain standards. Other details to be attended to as and when required.

e. It is estimated that approximately 2,000 building lots will be available for sale, and that the average sale-price will be \$1,000.00 each.

f. The money realized from the proceeds of these sales to be used for improving the streets of AHEPAHAVEN and for building the Ahepa Club House and for improving the grounds around it.

g. The public rooms of the Club House and the grounds around it to be used and enjoyed by all who buy and build on the lots.

h. All revenue from commercial concessions, which should be permitted only on the Club House premises, should be for the maintenance of the common property.

While it will be necessary to arrange and take care of a large number of additional details, the general plan outlined gives anyone sufficient basis for studying and coming to a conclusion on the fundamental principle of the idea. Comments on this subject will be carefully considered.

20. Chapters Should Own Their Homes

Before leaving the topics of material possessions by the Supreme Lodge of the Order, it seems fitting and proper to make some timely observations and offer such suggestions and advice as are deemed likely to benefit the Ahepa Chapters and Gubernatorial Districts.

Just as to a family, so to an Ahepa Chapter, there is no greater stabilizing factor than the ownership of its home. Every Chapter should have a "Chapter Building Fund" and should invest it in a home of its own as soon as advisable in a location desirable and suitable to itself and its auxiliaries.

Proposals that the Chapter turn over its "Building Fund" or its savings to any other organization or institution, for the "privilege" of meeting in its building, is not recommended. Such an arrangement has, in the majority of cases, proven very unsatisfactory to all parties concerned.

Prudence, experience and common sense wisdom, as well as the interests of peace, prosperity and friendly relations, dictate that each Ahepa Chapter should own its own home, individually—and exclusively—of any other organization, even including another Ahepa Chapter.

There is no other achievement that can spell out the guarantee of the security and perpetuation of a Chapter than the absolute ownership of its own home. There is considerable truth in the old Greek saying that, "a bird sings sweeter at its own nest."

21. District Summer Camps for Children

A correct, concise, comprehensive and conclusive answer to the oft-repeated question, "What has Ahepa done, or is doing to justify its existence?" would be a Summer Camp in every Gubernatorial District of the Ahepa Domain, owned, equipped and operated by each District for the benefit of the children within its respective jurisdiction.

This recommendation does not mean, or even suggest, that the Order of Ahepa is hard-pressed for a complete and satisfactory answer to this question—no matter how often it is asked.

The Order of Ahepa has done, and is doing, more than enough to justify its existence. It has brought the Hellenic people together into a fraternal circle of mutual understanding. Through the social functions of the Chapters, the District and Supreme Conventions, hundreds of thousands of Greek people have become acquainted with each other, thousands of friends and families have been reunited, hundreds of marriages have been effected, and lasting friendships have been formed. Through the annual Ahepa excursions to Mother Hellas the patriotic spirit has been stimulated, and invaluable social, spiritual and material benefits have resulted. Aside from the moral benefits, the Order of Ahepa has, on numberless occasions, fed the hungry, clothed the poor, buried the dead, and comforted the widows and the orphans; it has helped the Church, and materially promoted the cause of education with scholarships and grants of subsidies to students; it has contributed largely, in ways without number, toward the solution of the problems, the protection of the interests, and in serving the needs of the Hellenic peoples both here and abroad.

Yet, even so, the establishment of a children's Summer Camp by the Order in everyone of its Gubernatorial Districts, where children of Hellenic families can meet, play and frolic together under proper supervision and in comfortable surroundings, supplied with proper facilities, will constitute a still greater and more useful service by the Order to the people.

This program should be adopted by every District Convention, and should appoint committees to carry it out within the next twelve months. It can be done by every Ahepa District that has the will, confidence and the determination to do it.

22. Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee

Most of the voluminous—not to say "vitriolic and explosive"—correspondence regarding "finished" and "unfinished" business connected with the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee, which was dissolved by the New York Convention, cannot be answered, and the pending matters cannot be satisfactorily completed or closed, because of the lack of records on which conclusive actions can be based.

The situation remains as and where it was left at the time of the Supreme Convention in New York last August. As reported in the Supreme Lodge Bulletin of Nov. 15, 1956, the Convention voted unanimously that the Committee be dissolved, that its Chairman, Leo Lamberson, submit a complete report of the Committee's activities to the Supreme Lodge, and that all books, records, files and accounts connected with operations in the name or under the authority of the Committee, here and abroad, be shipped to the Supreme Headquarters, 1422 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Brothers Lamberson and Vozeolas, both of whom are reported by sponsors of applicants under the Refugee Relief Act to have handled cases and to have received fees of which Headquarters has no record, have not, as yet, supplied the missing records, books or correspondence. Although the existing situation is sad and scandalous, doing Ahepa untold harm and detriment, means and methods of enforcing the convention mandates are being considered and weighed in the light of the effect that any action will have on the Order in general.

In this connection, the membership is advised that Brother Vozeolas has not, as yet, complied with the request made of him by the Supreme Lodge to return the \$500.00 he had received from the appropriation of the Sons of Pericles.

23. "Where Are the 1956 Convention Minutes?"

The political chaff, chips and *chioslia* churned around this question have not obscured the responsibility for its true answer. And no matter where, when, how often, or in what garb this question is asked, the answer is still the same: "Only the man who was hired to take them knows where they are." The man is Harry Ungarsohn, 145 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y., and he was hired by those in charge of Ahepa affairs before and during the Convention.

The regrettable miscarriage of the minutes has been explained in the Supreme Lodge Bulletin, and in hundreds of speeches, letters and conversations. Yet, leaders of the opposition and their thoughtless spokesmen continue to cherish this casualty of their carelessness as a "secret weapon" to lamely hoist and laboriously "boom" at every Ahepa gathering.

When the smoke from these bogus "boom-boom" clears away, the gunners feel the frustration of the old darky who discovered that the "charmed-life coon" he had been shooting at on the persimmon tree under the glimmering moonlight was only a louse on his own eye-brow.

The story of the missing minutes, and the money-minded minute men began — according to Brother Scopas — on no better business basis than the old "buck-passing" system.

Supreme President Scopas, in New York, says he asked the executive secretary, in Washington, to procure a reporter to take down and transcribe the proceedings of the New York Convention. Brother Vozeolas passed the request of the Supreme President to Brother Kimon Doukas, Co-Chairman of the Convention Committee in New York. Brother Doukas, accustomed to read the subway ads, took seriously the advice to "look in the Yellow Pages." He "looked and found," says Brother Scopas, Mr. Ungarsohn's name in the "Yellow Pages" of the telephone directory, called him up and hired him to take down and transcribe the convention minutes at the rate of \$1.25 per page — original and one copy.

Just why, wherefor, or by what mysterious method Brother Doukas managed to skip all the possible 200 reporters alphabetically listed between A and U in the "Yellow Pages," and to pick the one and only "Ungarsohn" among the millions of names listed in New York's Telephone Directory has not been revealed. Until a rational explanation is made of this mystery, it will remain classifiable as another miracle among the fateful experiences of the Order.

When Brother Scopas called the Convention to order, Mr. Ungarsohn was on duty and remained there from Sunday afternoon until late Saturday night, when the election of the Supreme Lodge was announced, and the convention adjourned. Excepting Supreme Treasurer Bezaides, who was reelected, every other member of the present Supreme Lodge was a plain delegate and had no more dealings with the "minutes man" than any other delegate.

After the convention was organized and proceeded with the appointment of committees and the hearing of reports from the Supreme and District Lodge officers, Convention Chairman John Thevos requested the reporter to provide the convention with daily summaries of the motions, resolutions and legislation adopted each preceding day. It was then that the convention became aware that the reporter was not writing down anything but had set up a voice-recording machine which he had wired to the microphones, and that he would play the records to himself and transcribe on paper what he understood from the phonograph records.

Chairman Thevos showed him a sample of the summaries furnished by reporters at other Ahepa Conventions and asked

him to follow their form, style and substance. The chairman and the members complained to the reporter that his "summaries" were worthless because they gave no substance of the motions passed, and the delegates knew no more after they had read them than before. He kept promising to do better, but never improved.

A few weeks after the convention, the reporter mailed a C.O.D. package to Headquarters, accompanied with a letter which said that the package contained the minutes of the convention up to Wednesday.

Headquarters called him on the phone and explained that there was no cash money at the office — as there never is — and a check for the amount would be mailed to the Supreme President and Supreme Treasurer and would be mailed to him when signed and returned by them. This was not acceptable to him and ordered the Post Office to return the package. When the money for this batch of minutes was made available, the reporter was notified; he returned the minutes and was paid.

When the Supreme Lodge met at the end of September, Supreme Secretary George N. George called the reporter to inquire when the balance of the minutes would be completed and, at the same time, to tell him that the batch received had not been carefully transcribed; that there were many unrecognizable names, unintelligible phrases and sentences, and gaps in the discussions from which material needed to make sense was missing. Brother George cautioned him to be more careful and, in case he didn't understand the words of the records, to play them back slowly, try to understand them, and make an intelligible transcript.

Mr. Ungarsohn replied that he would not transcribe any more of the minutes unless and until he received \$6,242.50 cash in advance. Brother George reported this demand to the Supreme Lodge. Anxious to receive the minutes, the Supreme President and Supreme Treasurer made out and signed a check in favor of Harry Ungarsohn, leaving the amount blank, gave the check to Supreme Vice-President Peter Kourides with instructions to fill the proper amount and turn it over to the reporter upon receipt of the minutes.

Brother Kourides called on the reporter, showed him the check and told him that the correct amount figured at \$1.25 per page would be filled in and handed to him upon his production and delivery of the minutes. The reporter rejected the proposal and insisted on being paid \$6,242.50 cash in advance before he would resume transcription of the minutes.

A few days later, Mr. Ungarsohn wired Headquarters that he wanted money and no conversation, and that if he did not have the money he demanded within five days, he would "physically destroy" the records of the Ahepa Convention Minutes.

Under date of January 24, 1957, Mr. Ungarsohn wrote a letter to the Greek Ambassador in Washington, taking him to task for not keeping a speaking date which he had been engaged to report, and rebuking him for not apologizing for his failure to appear. Mr. Ungarsohn also complained to the Ambassador about the Ahepa, told him that he was laughed at for even thinking that the Greeks would pay him, and considers it his duty as a good American citizen to call upon the Congress of the United States to bar all further immigration from Greece because the Greeks constitute a serious threat to the democratic institutions of this country.

In view of all facts and circumstances, the administration has taken the stand that no money will be paid to the reporter before he delivers a decent approximation of the complete minutes.

24. The So-Called "Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society"

The bearer of this gross misnomer is either the ghost of the miscarried desire to create an Ahepa Insurance Plan, or the stepchild of those who liquidated the expectant fruition of that desire in the bosom of Ahepa's mother, Georgia.

The desire for such a creation was expressed by the Pittsburgh Convention, in 1954, with directions to the Supreme Lodge:

1. To circularize the chapters to determine (a) whether the Emergency Fund shall be continued; (b) whether the contributions shall be increased to \$10.00 annually for \$500.00 benefit, or to \$20.00 annually for \$1,000.00 benefit, and to report the vote of the chapters to the next Convention.
2. To study the subject of creating an insurance plan within the Order and report the result of such a study, with recommendations, to the next Convention.

To the next Convention in San Francisco, 1955, Brother Scopas reported on these mandates that: instead of presenting these proposals to the chapters, as directed, they were presented to Brother George A. Hatzes, "a recognized insurance expert," who "rejected" the proposals in paragraph 1, so they were never submitted to the chapters "for the purpose of determining" what they wanted.

From this action, it appears that Brother Scopas was traveling with equal speed in two opposite directions. In the one, he would give to the Cyprians the right of self-determination, so unjustly denied them by "a recognized expert colonizer"; and in the other direction, he denied to the Ahepa Chapters the same right of self-determination, so justly given to them by the Convention, and let "a recognized insurance expert" determine for them without their consent.

This action raises three questions: "Who 'recognized' the 'expert'?" To what "recognized expert" would he present the determination of the Cyprians' rights? And why were not the Convention's choices for Supreme Lodge officers also presented to a "recognized expert" to determine their fitness?

On the mandate to study the proposal and report to the next Convention, Brother Scopas reported that:

In lieu of waiting for the next Convention, the Supreme Lodge resolved to create a separate department, as a subdivision of our Order, to be known as the Ahepa Insurance Fund; and that the plan be submitted to the chapters under the Constitutional provision of Article XXII, 12, (1), reading:

"The National Convention shall have the exclusive power . . . to adopt new projects of a national character only with the approval of 2/3 majority of the delegates present and voting, or by the approval of the majority of the chapters taken in the interim between National Conventions."

Accordingly, the Supreme Lodge presented to the Chapters for their approval or rejection the proposal:

To create a separate department to be known as the Ahepa Insurance Fund, on a legal reserve basis, as a subdivision of our Order, making available to the members of Ahepa and its auxiliaries life insurance on a voluntary basis, at prices from 2 to 4 dollars less per \$1,000.00 than the standard legal reserve rates. The creation of said Fund to be in accordance with the laws of Georgia under which Ahepa is chartered, under the terms of the Mobile Act. The trustees of said Fund to be the existing Ahepa Board of Trustees.

The chapters voted 205 to 75 in favor of the proposal. So, Brother Scopas said: "In lieu of waiting, as proposed, to report to the next National Convention" — which was 9 days off — he filed Ahepa's petition in Georgia on August 3, 1955, for authority to solicit applications for insurance within

the original Ahepa Charter of 1922. A permanent license would have been granted if 500 applications were filed, and upon compliance of other requirements within one year.

The Convention was informed of this registration; was told that the "preliminary details had been attended to," and that it remained for it to give the insurance program its endorsement, and to approve and adopt it. The Convention would have done so if it had been given the chance. But the administration, being clearly in the majority, forced the elections before the order of business was completed.

Nonetheless, the Supreme Counsellor accommodated the situation with an interpretation to the effect that the Supreme Lodge had full authority "to proceed with the creation of the Ahepa Insurance Fund."

A most intensive and expensive drive was launched for the necessary number of applications to qualify the Order for complete and permanent authority to enter the insurance business which, Brother Scopas, his "experts," counsellors and associates assured and reassured the membership would: "stand as a perpetual and glorious monument to the character, vision, and devotion of every member; amass huge assets to enable the establishment of homes for the aged and orphanages; and the power of Ahepa to fulfill its sacred mission will be fully realized."

The tempo was continued in high pitch and was climaxed in May, 1956, with a telegram to all present and past officers of Ahepa urging the immediate importance of forwarding all applications as the President was preparing for a final flight to Atlanta to complete the organization of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society, as initiated by the Pittsburgh Convention, and according to the proposal approved by the Chapters.

The telegram sounded like the final crack of the whip in a triumphant home stretch of the drive. It wasn't. It was learned later, at the New York Convention, that it was the final, frantic flutter in the ebbing life of a well conceived, favorably accepted Ahepa creation, sacrificed to the inane obsession that it must be born "now or never."

Like the premature "ground breaking," architectural contracts and drawings for the "Ahepa Hall for Boys," the Ahepa Insurance Program became another victim of the grandiose ambition "to start everything and finish nothing" in this administration.

After spending more than one year, and over \$30,000.00, extolling the security, soundness, safety, solidarity, scientific organization, expert preparation and business administration of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society, founded within the original Ahepa Charter of 1922, under the ideally perfect laws of Georgia and the provisions of the universally accepted Mobile Act, all of which favorable conditions would enable the Ahepa to "amass huge assets," the architect, author and finisher of Ahepa's future homes and happiness reports, in effect, to the New York Convention, with heroic pride and smug satisfaction:

Boys, it's all off! I've cancelled the arrangements, wrecked the Ahepa castles, homes and orphanages — they were built in the air. Not only there is no possibility to "amass huge assets," but there is a possibility of this Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society not being able to pay the claims of the widows and orphans of the Ahepans who might take us at our word and pay their money in this subdivision of the Order for the protection of their families.

If such a thing should happen, and the proposed Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society — a magnetic name and title — is organized under the laws of Georgia, we will wind up "with the resulting liability of all the assets and funds of our Order for the payment of death claims." And the Order of Ahepa is in peril of paying these claims!

Brother Scopas allayed all hopes and fears that the claims of the Ahepa widows and orphans might be paid. In keeping with his declaration to "satisfactorily discharge our (meaning my) duty to our beloved Order and obligations to our membership by keeping inviolate the sacred faith and trust they have reposed in us (as is imperial for me), he announced that he had found "the laws of the District of Columbia governing fraternal insurance societies revealed that the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society could qualify in that jurisdiction as a separate corporation and legal entity without subjecting the other assets and funds of our Order to any liability." — *Therefore:*

"In order to relieve the Order of Ahepa from any financial responsibility or the imperiling of any of its assets, the Temporary Certificate from Georgia was cancelled and it was decided to establish a *new and separate society* under the laws of the District of Columbia."

Thus was it announced that: the chapter-approved proposal to create a department of an Insurance Fund, as a subdivision of our Order, within the original Ahepa charter, which, under the management of our respected and honorable Board of Trustees, would "amass huge assets" for Ahepa, "was cancelled" aborning in Ahepa's mother Georgia, and "a *new and separate society* was born in the District of Columbia."

"Why?" "Because the insurance activities of this gloriously planned monument to the character, vision and devotion of every member of Ahepa and its auxiliaries, on legal reserve, permanent and sound basis, managed by our present respected and honorable Board of Trustees," had the inherent weakness of "imperiling the assets of the Order by virtue of the resulting liability its operations would impose on Ahepa to pay the claims of the widows and orphans of Ahepans who, relying on representations, might have contracted with and paid the Ahepa Insurance Department created in Georgia."

That's the reason why the Supreme Lodge SHIFTED its affections:

FROM the harsh "Old Grandma" Georgia, who would insist that her just and respectable daughter Ahepa must assume the obligations and pay the honest claims of the widows and orphans of those who purchased their security in reliance of representations made in her name and by her authority.

TO "the more liberal," cherryblossom-bedecked District of Columbia, where, "reverting to the more logical and economically sound step," they produced this "new and separate" paradoxical offspring that can play fast and loose with the honored name of Ahepa without it being responsible to Ahepa or Ahepa being responsible to its victims!

Why these "legal roadblocks" were not discovered before the chapters were asked to approve the "founding of a fraternal benefit society within the original Ahepa Charter in Georgia; why the discovery that the operation of the proposed insurance plan could imperil the assets of the Order came so late — after 10 months and \$50,000.00 were spent trying to secure 500 applications to qualify the organization in Georgia —; and why rush the shift and the creation of this "new and separate Ahepa Society" in the District when the New York Convention was only a month off, the report did not explain.

Nor did the Supreme President produce the charter nor a financial statement, nor any vital statistics of this new creation. And most significant of all statements and explanations in his 57-page dissertation on this subject is the *absence* of any plea, request or proposal that the Convention approve, accept, endorse or adopt this "new and separate" creation. He came to the brink of asking the Convention to honor itself by adopting his branchchild, but, fearing that such an act would bring the independently-minded cherub under the control and discipline of the Order, he skillfully avoided such a proposal —

even in this paragraph of characteristically Scopian oratorical flight:

"Now, in this history-making convention is the time to write your names in golden letters on the records of our Order, as leaving given your encouragement, your support, your blessings, and your good will to a project that will enable the Order of Ahepa to achieve true fraternal greatness and scale the heights of unprecedented strength, power, and prestige."

The Convention could give all that Brother Scopas requested for his "new and separate Society" and still not adopt or control it. But how could the Order achieve so much from this debt-ridden Society, which he says was created separately and apart from the Order, so that Ahepa could not be held for its debts, he kept it a secret — if he knew.

Brother Hatzes, in his report to the "convention" of the "Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society," September 10, 1956, gives another reason for shifting to the District of Columbia — they did not have the 500 applications required by Georgia. He further says that "the future of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society is tremendous, providing it is removed from all political shenanigans." It was "removed," why demand its return?

Brother Hatzes, also, reporting as president of the Society to its "certificate holders," makes no reference to its financial status. He says: "As of now (Sept. 10, 1956) there are 230 policies issued, 50% are for children under age 15 and the other half of members over age 15." How much money has been received? How much has been spent, by whom and for what? How much is left, and where is it? All such questions, so often on the tongues of Ahepans — and woe to the president who can't ask them — are too trivial for the heads of the "Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society."

Reliable information reveals that outstanding indebtedness against this Society in three places total over \$26,000.00. The assertions that the officers and counsellors are giving their services free can be taken with a "grain of salt." It is recalled that the same thing was said about Vozeolas while being paid as Executive Secretary, that he was "cheerfully serving the Sons of Pericles without additional charge." The statement was later found to have no relation to the truth.

The true state of this misnamed "Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society" is that it was organized by nine individuals in their private capacity for their own private reasons, objects and purposes. Except for the unauthorized use of the word "Ahepa" in its name, the Order of Ahepa is not mentioned in its charter or in its insurance contracts, and has no connection with nor responsibility for any of its transactions. This outfit has no relation, not even a remote resemblance, to the Insurance department, subdivision or Fund proposed to and authorized by the Chapters. It was never presented to the New York Convention for adoption, and the Convention could not even consider, much less adopt this Corporation, without having before it a complete statement regarding its financial and statistical condition. The Ahepa Convention never bought a "pig in a poke."

The use of the name "Ahepa" in business ventures involving financial trust and confidence over which the Order of Ahepa has no jurisdiction, control, direction or responsibility, should not be allowed or tolerated. It should also be of serious concern to the Order that some \$15,000.00 was drawn from the Ahepa Magazine account, was used to promote the "Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society," and was later replaced with money borrowed from the Atlantic Bank of New York. The most serious fact connected with this transaction is that it is not shown or reflected in the auditor's report of the deposits and withdrawals in this account.

It is hoped that those now in charge of this commercial project will appreciate the confusion created by the use of the word "Ahepa" and will graciously drop it from the title of their venture without further delay.

The Ahepa and Increased Immigration From Greece

By PETER T. KOURIDES, *Supreme Vice-President*

THE ORDER OF AHEPA, composed as it is of Americans of Greek origin and extraction, is obviously interested in all legislation that proposes to increase the number of Greek immigrants who are permitted to enter the United States. This year it is one of the major objectives of the present Supreme Lodge to do all in its power to support a general revision of the immigration laws so that more of our brothers from Greece may come to this blessed land.



PETER T. KOURIDES

Surprisingly enough for the first time in many years there is a strong possibility that Congress will approve during its current session legislation that will materially increase immigration from Greece.

II.

On January 31, 1957 President Eisenhower transmitted a special message to Congress in which he asked for a revision of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

This statute is essentially a codification of the then existing law and retained in its entirety the national origins quota system established in 1924. The President proposed in his message the following:

(a) That the immigration quota should be based on the 1950 census of population instead of the 1920 census which provided an annual maximum of 154,857 quota immigrants;

(b) That the economic growth of the United States over the past thirty years and its present economic conditions justify an increase of approximately 65,000 each year in quota numbers;

(c) That an equitable distribution of the additional quota numbers should be made as under the present system a number of countries have large unused quota numbers while other countries have quotas that are regularly oversubscribed;

(d) That the increased additional 65,000 quota numbers be distributed among the various countries in proportion to the actual immigration into the United States since the establishment of the quota system in 1924 and up to July 1, 1955;

(e) That quota numbers unused in any one year shall be pooled for distribution in the following twelve month period on a first-come, first-served basis without regard to country of birth but to aliens who have needed skills or close relatives in the United States;

(f) That the so-called mortgage on quotas resulting from the issuance of visas under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 and other special acts should be eliminated as such visas were charged against the regular immigration quota with the result that some national quotas were mortgaged far into the future; and

(g) That provisions should be made for the annual admission of orphans adopted or to be adopted by American citizens as experience has demonstrated that the orphans admitted under earlier special legislation have successfully adjusted to American family life and that there are still many Americans eager to adopt children from abroad.

III.

Simultaneously with President Eisenhower's message, Attorney General Brownell sent to Congress a

draft of a bill embodying the President's recommendations. This was introduced in the Senate as Bill S. 1006 by Senators Watkins and Bennett of Utah, Beal of Maryland, Bush and Purtell of Connecticut, Case and Smith of New Jersey, Cooper of Kentucky, Wiley of Wisconsin, Flanders of Vermont, Saltonstall of Massachusetts and Ives and Javits of New York. A companion bill was introduced in the House of Representatives as Bill H.R. 4205 by Representatives Hillings of California and Keating of New York.

IV.

In addition eighty other bills dealing with immigration have been introduced since the 85th Congress convened on January 3rd. Many of them are identical with bills which the 84th Congress failed to take or complete action. All of them have been referred to the Senate and House Judiciary Committees and their Subcommittees on Immigration. Senator Eastman of Mississippi is Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee while Representative Celler of New York is Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and Representative Walter of Pennsylvania is Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Immigration. Hearings have not been started as yet on any of the said bills.

V.

Amongst the eighty immigration bills there was introduced jointly in the House of Representatives on January 22, 1957 by Representative Celler and twenty-seven other representatives from all parts of the United States Bill H.R. 3364 designed to supersede in its entirety the present Immigration and Nationality Act, popularly referred to as the McCarran-Walter Act. Under this proposal the national origins quota system would be eliminated and in its place there would be substituted an annual quota of 250,000 which would be allocated to immigrants without regard to national origins. This bill which is 134 pages and which attempts a general omnibus revision of the immigration statutes appears to have little chance for passage this year.

VI.

Accordingly it is recommended that Ahepa chapters and members throughout the country personally contact or write to their senators and representatives urging them to support the Watkins et al Senate Bill S. 1006 and the Hillings-Keating House of Representatives Bill H.R. 4205 which not only incorporate the Eisenhower proposals but which contain in substance the promises of both the Republican and Democratic parties as recited in the platforms enunciated by them at their national conventions last summer.

VII.

The Ahepa, as the largest and most important Greek-American organization, must take the initiative and the responsibility in this great effort to marshal the support of all our people behind this legislation for its passage will be of inestimable value to our brothers in Greece. It will give to them the same opportunity that we have had to enjoy the blessings of this great country. There is nothing that we can do that will reap greater ultimate benefits than to make certain that President Eisenhower's immigration recommendations become the law of the land.

"Meet Me In St. Louie"

August 18 to 24, 1957

Plans for the 1957 Ahepa National Convention are well underway. The theme of the convention will be "Meet Me in St. Louie," the heart of America. St. Louis, located just north of the Mason and Dixon line, will offer Northern hospitality with the Southern touch. Reports being brought home by Co-Chairman Sam Nakis from his many travels into all sections of the country indicate that St. Louis can expect the best and largest cross-country representation of Ahepans in the annals of Ahepa conventions.

Travel and Hotels

More than 2,000 rooms in the heart of St. Louis have been made available to the St. Louis Housing Committee which is headed by Chairman Lee Camene. All rooms are in Class A rated hotels, within short walking distance of the headquarters hotel, the Sheraton-Jefferson. In addition, all rooms and facilities of the hotels selected are completely air-conditioned for the comfort of Ahepans and their guests.

Arrangements have been completed with TWA to circularize all Ahepans in the areas in which TWA operates for early reservations. All flights from the point of origin to St. Louis will be classified as Ahepa Specials for two days, August 17 and August 18. The TWA circulars will include return reservation cards and will reach Ahepans about 30 days prior to the convention dates.

Social Activities

The week of August 18 will be one of "Mardi Gras" atmosphere. Elaborate plans and preparations are underway to keep all Ahepans and their guests in a holiday mood. Arrangements are being completed to engage Peter Kara and his Orchestra from New York City for the

entire week. The versatility of the Peter Kara Orchestra for Greek and American dancing will insure the festive and dancing satisfaction of all ages and groups for the social functions. Also, several mid-west orchestras will offer their renditions to the swing crowds of the convention.

The social events will include a "Get-Together Party"; "Greek Glendi"; "Boat-ride and Dance on the Admiral," the largest inland steamer in the world. The Admiral is completely air-conditioned, accommodates 4,000 comfortably and its spacious dance floor can accommodate 2,000. More details will be outlined in the next issue. The Grand Banquet with prominent speakers; the Ahepa Grand Ball; and the Coronation which will be held in the Opera House of Kiel Auditorium are also on the agenda. The St. Louis Grand Ball and Coronation Committee promises to have the most elaborate affair ever witnessed at an Ahepa convention or elsewhere. The pomp and splendor of this affair is one to behold and will live in the memory of everyone attending. The Daughters of Penelope will sponsor their Grand Ball and Fashion Show while the Sons of Pericles and the Maids of Athens will stage the Farewell Party. Social functions galore during the entire week will keep everyone in a happy mood.

Extracurricular

The Fifth Annual National Ahepa Golf Tournament under the capable direction of Peter Tomaras will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 20 and 21. The golf event will be held at one of the most outstanding country clubs of the Midwest. Golfers, bring your clubs and be ready for tee off time. There will be three classes with beautiful trophies and other prizes



CONVENTION LEADERS — Supreme President John L. Mantra (center) with Anthony Kallias (left) and Sam Nakis, Co-Chairmen of the St. Louis Ahepa National Convention Committee, on his recent visit to St. Louis to discuss final plans for the 1957 grand Ahepa conclave.

for all contestants. Other special athletic events are in the offing.

A new innovation for the 1957 Convention in St. Louis will be the "Key Club." The Key Club will be located in the Boulevard Room, Lobby 2, of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel and will be open from 1:00 A.M. until 5:00 A.M. for the entertainment and dancing pleasures of the late-to-bed crowds. Music, dancing and refreshments will be the order of the early morning hours. Early morning snacks will also be available in the Hotel Coffee Shop which will be open 24 hours a day during the convention.

Make your plans now for a holiday vacation in St. Louis during the week of August 18. Come prepared for a full week of fun and relaxation. Be sure to look for the final detailed report in the Pre-Convention Issue of THE AHEPAN.



CONVENTION EXECUTIVES — Key officers of the St. Louis Ahepa National Convention Committee who will supervise the various activities of the 51st Ahepa National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, during the week of August 18, 1957. Left to right: Vice-Chairmen Byron Tampras and William Dillas; Co-Chairmen Sam Nakis and Anthony Kallias; Michael Hodges, Secretary, and Louis Jemas, Treasurer. Not shown in photograph, Executive Vice-Chairman Gus Cankaulis and Vice-Chairmen Edward Theodorou and John Georgeopoulos.

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Chapter News



Steve E. Gaveras, Governor Great Lakes District No. 25

Young Steve E. Gaveras is the first Governor of the new Great Lakes District No. 25. Brother Gaveras was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 30, 1922, and received his early education in Milwaukee and attended the University of Wisconsin. The young Governor was initiated into the Milwaukee Chapter No. 43 in July, 1943, and



S. E. GAVERAS

has served his chapter well as outer and inner sentinel, captain of the guard, board of governors, vice-president, president, and is now on the board of directors. Brother Gaveras was also active in the Sons of Pericles, where he served his chapter as president.

Besides being active in Ahepa, Brother Gaveras served as vice-president and president on the board of directors of the Annunciation Church in Milwaukee and is also an active member of the Masons, Elks and the American Legion. He is married to the former Dolores Reuter of Milwaukee and they have one son, age six months.

Golden Gate District Conclave At Sacramento, June 20-23

The annual district convention of the Golden Gate District No. 21 will be held at Sacramento, California, on June 20-23, 1957. Headquarters of the convention will be the newly remodeled Hotel Senator. Proceeds of the convention will benefit the Building Fund of the Sacramento Ahepa Home.

General Chairman of the Convention Committee is Past Supreme Vice-President George E. Johnson, outstanding Ahepa personality in the California capital. Chairman of the Daughters of Penelope is Miss Catherine Canakes. Members of the Executive Committee include: Cosmos Allipoulos, President of Sacramento Chapter No. 153; Demo Givas, Past President of the Ahepa Chapter; Manthea Marmas, President of Artemis Chapter No. 5 of the Daughters of Penelope; and Cella Andrews, Vice-President of the Daughters Chapter.

Supreme President Manta Visits Dallas, Texas

On Tuesday, January 8, the Dallas Ahepa honored Supreme President John L. Manta and Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes at a banquet at the Community Hall. Both visitors were made honorary citizens of the State of Texas by special certificates issued by Governor Allen Shivers and presented in his behalf by Andrew Brockles, Sr. The host chapter presented the visitors with Texas hats especially made by Victor Hat Works.

Other guests at the banquet were Mrs. Mary Kapsos of New Iberia, La., District Governor of the Daughters District No. 16, who was making her inspection of the local chapter; Presidents of all organizations in Dallas; and Evelyn Semos, Grand Governor Zone 3 of the Daughters.

A surprise presentation was made by Tom Semos, Past District and Supreme Governor, in behalf of the Ahepa to Jim J. Theo, Secretary of the local Chapter. Semos remarked that Theo was the best secretary the Chapter ever had in presenting him a gold watch. Theo was named Ahepan of the Year in June at the District Convention held in Monroe, La., for his work for the organization.

On Monday, January 7, a dinner meeting was held at Brockles Restaurant with approximately 50 Ahepans attending, representing Dallas, Ft. Worth, Waco and Houston. Brother Manta held an open discussion for the good of the Order.



MILWAUKEE AHEPA — Headquarters of Milwaukee Ahepans is the above modernistic Ahepa Hall located at 3208 West Highland Boulevard in the Wisconsin metropolis. Milwaukee Chapter No. 43 meets there on the first and third Wednesday of each month. When in Milwaukee, be sure to visit the Ahepa Hall. A welcome awaits you.

Alton Ahepans, Daughters Hold Successful Banquet

The Alton Chapter No. 304 of Alton, Illinois, in cooperation with its auxiliary, the Thalia Chapter No. 118 of the Daughters of Penelope, tendered a Banquet on November 11, 1956, for the benefit of the new St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in East St. Louis, Ill.

It was one of the biggest and most successful affairs ever given in the Alton area with approximately 500 persons attending from St. Louis, East St. Louis and other nearby communities.



KEY TO GOLDEN GATE — Supreme President John L. Manta at San Francisco City Hall receiving the key to the city from Mayor George Christopher. Prominent Ahepans and civic leaders of the western metropolis attended the ceremonies honoring Ahepa's chief. Left to right: I. Panagiotakos; George Peterson Cherakis; Nicholas Givers; Nicholas S. Dallas, Publisher of the "New California"; Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes; Supreme President John L. Manta and Mayor Christopher; Past Supreme Vice-President Nicholas Loumos; D. Harakas; A. Assimos; B. Sinadinos; J. Phillips; and C. Christofilis.

Peter C. Apostolakis Awarded Danforth Fellowship

Peter C. Apostolakis, lecturer and acting head of the University of Minnesota (Duluth Branch) department of psychology, has received one of approximately 60 teacher study grants awarded by the Danforth foundation for the year 1956-57.

The awards, among the most important in American education, were announced by the Foundation executive secretary, Kenneth J. Brown. Apostolakis was one of more than 2,500 applicants. The Foundation was established by the Danforth family of St. Louis, Mo., to enable teachers to take advanced work.

A native Minnesotan, Apostolakis is a graduate of Central High School and attended Duluth Junior College and Duluth State Teachers College. He received the B.B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1940 with majors in foreign trade and personnel administration.

In 1947 he received the B.S. degree from UMD with a major in mathematics and a minor in education and psychology. He received the M.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1949 with majors in psychology and statistics.

In 1940 he engaged in industrial personnel work with a Dayton, Ohio, manufacturing firm. From 1942 to 1946 he was in the finance section of the air force. He taught mathematics at DJC in 1946, then served in the U of M junior college counseling office in Minneapolis from 1947 to 1950, the latter two years as senior counselor and head.



RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP . . . Peter C. Apostolakis, acting head of the UMD department of psychology, is shown with instruments used to speed reading rates.

Since 1950 he has been lecturer in the UMD department of psychology, serving since 1951 as acting head as well. Currently he is working on a doctoral thesis involving clinical and actuarial predictions of the probable success of students enrolling in certain areas of study.

He is member of Kappa Delta Pi (DSTC) and Phi Delta Kappa (U of M), both honorary educational fraternities, the American Psychological Association, the American Statistical Association and the American Personnel and Guidance Ass'n.

Brother Apostolakis is a member of the Duluth Chapter No. 267 and served that chapter as its president for two years, 1954-1956. At present he is Chairman of the Board of Governors. Prior to his graduation into the ranks of the Ahepa, he was active in the Sons of Pericles and was president of the Duluth Chapter No. 79 of the Sons.

Sister Louise Hatzis, National Director of Public Relations Ted Mavrick and Mrs. Mavrick; District Secretary Peter Chimoures and Mrs. Chimoures; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Maniates; Sam Stavrakos, Louis Paras; and Jim Miller.

Other guests included Past District Governors Sam Skafidas and Mrs. Nicholas Coin; Past Lieut. Governors Mrs. Gus Spurgetis and Sister Ann Raptis; present Lieut. Governor of the 25th District Nick Chirekos; and the newly-elected Daughters Lieut. Governor of the 25th District Sister Carol Coin.

In addition to Brother Spurgetis, the other officers of the Tri-City Chapter are: Andrew Kalman, Vice-President; Basil Stavros, Secretary; Geo. Chirekos, Treasurer; James Boosalis, Chairman of the Board; and Peter Pappas, George Katsunis and Nick Caras, members of the Board of Governors.

Following dinner and speeches, dancing was held until the wee hours.

Tri-City Chapter No. 120 Celebrates 30th Anniversary

In celebrating its 30th anniversary since its founding on December 8, 1926, by 25 charter members, Tri-City Chapter No. 120 held a Dinner-Dance on Sunday, January 27, 1957, at "The Plantation" in Moline, Illinois. George Spurgetis, President of the Tri-City Chapter, acted as toastmaster and complimented the past officers and all its members for the splendid record of the 30-year-old chapter, and for its moral and material contributions in every worthwhile project sponsored by the Order of Ahepa.

The two speakers of the evening were 25th District Governor Steve Gaveras and Nicholas Luperis, Legal Advisor of the 25th District, who spoke on the goals of our Order.

Among the guests from Chicago, Ill., were the newly-elected Daughters of Penelope Governor of the 25th District,

RESOLUTION LAUDS AHEPA

Resolution adopted by the Community of St. Constantine in Karditsa, Thessaly, Greece, expressing its profound appreciation to the Order of Ahepa for the gift of \$2,000 for rehabilitation work, allocated to that Community from the Volos Earthquake Drive Fund.

ΙΕΡΟΣ ΝΑΟΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ
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Τὸ Ἐκκλησιαστικὸν Συμβούλιον τοῦ Ἱεροῦ Ναοῦ Ἀγίου Κωνσταντίνου Καρδίτσης, ἀποτελούμενον ἐκ τοῦ Προέδρου αὐτοῦ Αἰδέσ. Ἱερέως Ἀποστόλου Παπαβασιλείου καὶ τῶν μελῶν 1) Βασιλείου Παπαδοπούλου, 2) Ἀριστείδου Παλάσκα, 3) Βασιλείου Μανώλη καὶ 4) Βασιλείου Παϊζάνου, συνῆλθε σήμερον τὴν 9ην Ἰουλίου 1956 ἐν τῷ γραφεῖω τοῦ Ναοῦ εἰς συνεδρίασιν καὶ λαθὼν ὑπ' ὄψιν τὸ θέμα τῆς συνεδριάσεως, ἦτοι: ὁπως ἀνακρουχθῆ ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ἱεροῦ Ναοῦ Ἀγίου Κωνσταντίνου καὶ διὰ τὴν ἀποπεράτωσιν τῶν ἐπισκευῶν ἐν τῷ Ναῷ, ἐκφρασθῆ δὲ εὐφημος μνεῖα πρὸς τοὺς συμπατριώτας κ. κ. Κωνσταντίνον Διαμαντῆν καὶ Σωκράτην Σεκλιζιώτην οἵτινες ἰδιαίτερος συνετέλεσαν διὰ τὴν ὡς ἄνω δωρεάν.

ΑΠΟΦΑΙΝΕΤΑΙ

Παμφεφί ἀνακυρῶσαι δωρητῆν τὸν Σύλλογον τῶν ἐν Ἀμερικῇ ὁμογενῶν ΑΧΕΠΑ (ΑΗΕΡΑ) διὰ τὴν δωρεάν τῶν δύο χιλιάδων (2,000) δολλαρίων διὰ τὴν ἀποπεράτωσιν τῶν ἐπισκευῶν τοῦ ἐκ τῶν σεισμῶν ὑποστάντος σημαντικῆς ζημίας Ἱεροῦ Ναοῦ Ἀγίου Κωνσταντίνου, ἐκφράζει δὲ καὶ πρὸς τοὺς συμπατριώτας Κωνσταντίνον Διαμαντῆν (C. N. Diamond) καὶ Σωκράτην Σεκλιζιώτην (S. V. Sekles) εὐφημον μνεῖαν διότι ἰδιαίτερος συνετέλεσαν διὰ τὴν δωρεάν ταύτην ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ναοῦ.

Ἐφ' ᾧ συνετάχθη ἡ παρούσα καὶ ὑπογράφεται ὡς ἑπεται:

Ὁ Πρόεδρος
Ἀπόστολος Παπαβασιλείου
Τὰ Μέλη
Βασιλεῖος Παπαδοπούλου
Ἀριστείδης Παλάσκα
Βασιλεῖος Μανώλης
Βασιλεῖος Παϊζάνος

Detroit Testimonial Honors Charles N. Diamond

One of Detroit's best known citizens of Greek birth, Charles N. Diamond, was honored on November 1, 1956, with a testimonial dinner at the Wolverine Hotel for his 35 years' activities on behalf of the Greek-American community of Detroit, Michigan. Joining in paying tribute were many state, city and county officials.



C. N. DIAMOND

A Detroitier since he came to the United States as a youth in 1923, he has been an employee of the county treasurer's office since 1934. Active in Greek church, welfare, immigration, political and fraternal life in the Michigan metropolis, Mr. Charles N. Diamond is a past Supreme Governor of the Order of Ahepa and served as a member of the State Commission on Displaced Persons and Refugees. The dinner was given by the combined Greek women's societies in the Detroit area.

The event was honored with the presence of many dignitaries, including Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan; Attorney General Thomas Kavanagh; Supreme Court Justices George Edwards and Talbot Smith; Congressman Charles Diggs; Circuit Court Judges Wade McCree and Victor Targonski; Probate Court Judge William Cody; County Treasurer Harold E. Stoll; Registrar of Deeds Bernard Youngblood; Miss Adelaide Hart of the State Control Committee; Mrs. Gimore, Democratic County Committee Chairman; Neil Staebler, Democratic State Chairman; Judge E. N. Karay; Rev. Harry Magulias of the Greek Orthodox Community; and G. D. Raptieu, President of the Federation of Greek Societies.

Councilwoman Mary Beck, representing the City of Detroit, presented Brother Charles N. Diamond a lithographed Resolution passed by the Detroit City Council congratulating him for his 35 years as a leader in civic activities in Detroit. Also, Mrs. Mary Ball on behalf of the Hellenic American Women's Club presented Mr. Diamond with a plaque in recognition of his many services over the years.

Mrs. V. P. Moisesides was Committee Chairman and Mrs. Maria Karra acted as Toastmistress.

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RESOLUTIONS

CHARLES N. DIAMOND

By Councilman Beck:

WHEREAS, Charles N. Diamond, for a period of thirty-five years, has devoted immeasurable time, effort and ability in sincere service to the Greek Community in our metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, His efforts proved to be not only beneficial to thousands of his fellow Greek-Americans, but resulted in welding the group into an alert, patriotic and productive unit of our urban area; and

WHEREAS, Through his enthusiastic, zealous and constructive leadership he has inspired his people to participate in every worthwhile and civic endeavor, thus making a contribution to American life on the local, state and national levels and in return winning deserving recognition from public officials on all of those levels; and

WHEREAS, The Greek Community has determined to pay a long delayed public tribute to Charles N. Diamond for his many contributions at a Testimonial Banquet on November 1, 1956; Now, Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the Members of the Common Council, on behalf of the City of Detroit, hereby join the Greek Community as well as a host of his friends and admirers in saluting Charles N. Diamond as an outstanding citizen and leader; And, Be It Further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honoree, Charles N. Diamond, as tangible and continuing evidence of our admiration and esteem.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—9.
Nays—None.

Hammond Ahepans Observe 30th Year

More than 80 Ahepans gathered at the 30th Anniversary meeting of Hammond Chapter No. 123 of Hammond, Indiana, which featured the presentation of 25-year membership pins.

Principal speakers at the observance, over which Chapter President James S. Scofield presided, were Past Supreme Presidents Van A. Nomikos and Leo J. Lamberson, Hoosier State Governor George Stratigos, and visiting Brother Frank Tripp of Oakland, California.

Brother Nomikos represented Supreme President John L. Manta, who was unable to attend because of urgent fraternal business in New York. Among the dignitaries present were Ted Mavrick, National Ahepa Public Relations Director; and Sam Maragos, prominent Chicago Ahepan and former Supreme President of the Pan-Arcadian Federation.

Visiting Brothers who helped make it "the best chapter meeting in Hammond history," according to old-timers, came from the Gary, East Chicago and South Bend Chapters in Indiana and from Chapters in Chicago and South Chicago in Illinois. South Chicago Chapter was represented by 15 members.

Hammond Brothers who were presented their 25-year pins after a stirring address by District Governor Stratigos, who is a United States Commissioner, were Angelo Carras, Demetrios S. Condes, George Dallis, Peter Dimos, Nick Dorris, John Hanis, Harry C. Primis, George D. Scourtis, Steve Skufakiss, Gust H. Sofianos, Christ Sotos and Emanuel J. Thompson.



NEW ENGLAND VISITATION—Members of the Ahepa Family who spontaneously gathered at Ahepa Home of Springfield, Mass., to meet Ahepa's chief, John L. Manta, Supreme President, while visiting the New England area. Visitors included Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes; Yankee Past District Governor George J. Margoles, Counsellor of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund; and Gus Margoles of New Haven, Conn. Springfield is the home of Past Supr. Governor James Mazarakos, second from right, front row.

Thos. N. Christie Re-elected To Minnesota Legislature

It is indeed gratifying to report that Brother Thomas N. Christie of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was reelected for the fifth consecutive time to the House of Representatives of the great state of Minnesota. Indicative of the popularity and prestige he enjoys in the Minnesota metropolis, Mr. Christie received more votes in the

T. N. CHRISTIE

November 1956 election than all his opponents for the honor of representing the 30th Legislative District.

Brother Christie is a veteran member of the Demosthenes Chapter No. 66 of Minneapolis and has served that great Ahepa unit with distinction in many capacities, including three terms as its President. He made an outstanding record as Governor of Grainfield District No. 14 and over the years has attended many national conventions and was very instrumental in securing the national convention for Minneapolis in 1951, a convention that will always remain in the minds of all who attended as one of the best conclaves in Ahepa history.

As a member of the Minnesota Legislature, Brother Christie appeared before the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate in behalf of Ahepa and spoke in favor of amending the Immigration Law so as to permit more immigrants and war orphans from Greece to enter the United States over the quota. In 1951, he visited Mother Hellas and was officially invited to address the Greek Parliament.

Mr. Christie has been very active in the community and civic affairs of Minneapolis for many years and the citizens of his District have repeatedly rewarded him with election to the State Legislature for his many services and sacrifices in the cause of good government.

Denver Banquet Honors 25-Year Members

The Denver Chapter No. 145 of Denver, Colorado, and its auxiliary, the Athena Chapter No. 10 of the Daughters of Penelope, held a banquet on September 30, 1956, at which event the presentation of the 25-year pins was the highlight.

District Governor Gus Gatscos of Silver District No. 17 presented the pins and President Sam Ellis of the Denver Chapter outlined the history of that Ahepa unit. Also, the Daughter of the Year Trophy of the Silver District, given by Walsenburg Chapter.

Lord Baltimore No. 364 Aids Ahepa Hall for Boys

The Lord Baltimore Chapter No. 364 of Baltimore, Maryland, was very enthusiastic in the Ahepa Hall for Boys Campaign. Under the capable chairmanship of Brad Altemus a fund drive was conducted in the city of Baltimore and surrounding counties. At the end of the campaign, the Chapter proudly sent a check for \$1,000, the result of their efforts, to the Supreme Lodge.

Under President John Moreka's leadership, a new idea of an annual picnic was instituted for members of the Lodge and their families. The first one was held the last weekend in August and all the members who were fortunate enough to attend had a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. It was, indeed, a fine start for many more such annual affairs.

The installation dinner was held in September, 1956, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel with the following officers:

George Peters, President; Manuel Kajanghi, Vice-President; Brad Altemus, Secretary; Emanuel George, Treasurer; John Morekas, Harry Frankos, Peter Moralis, Sam Karavedas and Steve Dellis, Board of Governors; Angelo Zorbis, Director of Athletics; George Contos, Chaplain; Paul Kortises, Warden; Nicholas Petite, Captain of the Guard; James Kerzaglou, Inside Sentinel; Mathew Polites, Outside Sentinel.

John Vlachos, District Governor of Capitol District No. 3, and his District Lodge were all present and ably conducted the installation ceremonies.

Once a year, after much deliberation, the Chapter awards certificates of achievement to the most deserving in the fields of education and community accomplishment. The education award was presented to Tony Bravos, who was an outstanding student at Hamilton Junior High School, by Lieut. Governor Andrew Papiamas, of whom our Chapter is very proud for his progress in the Order of Ahepa. Brother Chris Loucas was presented his award by his proud brother, former Supreme Counsellor George Loucas, for his outstanding activities as President of his local union and leadership in the building of St. Nicholas.

The Athena Chapter, was presented to Loretta Polites. Master of ceremonies was Dr. Pete G. Frangos.

Distinguished guests were Steve McNichols, Lieut. Governor of Colorado; Mitchel B. Johns, Judge of the Superior Court; and District Judge Albert T. Frantz who was the principal speaker. Sizable representations were on hand from the Cowboy Chapter of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and its auxiliary, the Olympus Chapter of the Daughters, and from

Leo J. Zotaley Again Heads Demosthenes No. 66

Veteran Ahepan and Past District Governor of Grainfield District No. 14, Leo



L. J. ZOTALEY

J. Zotaley of Minneapolis, Minn., has once again been prevailed upon to serve Demosthenes Chapter No. 66 of that city as President. As a tribute to his unswerving loyalty to the Order of Ahepa, his charming wife, Tula, the retiring Grand President of

the Daughters of Penelope, held a dinner party in their home for all the new chapter officers and honoring the District Governor No. 14 Nick Lillios of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Lieut. Governor No. 14 John Mercury; and Daughters District Governor No. 14 Mary Mantis, prior to the ceremony of Installation held on November 19, 1956, at the VFW Hall.

To create and stimulate greater interest and fellowship within the fraternity, Demosthenes Chapter under the leadership of Brother Zotaley sponsored for the first time an Ahepa Family Christmas Party. All Daughters of Penelope and ladies of Brother Ahepans were cordially invited to partake of this celebration on the 17th of December, which included exchanging of gifts, refreshments, and dancing. The Christmas program was highlighted by the rendition of "The Littlest Angel" by Miss Kallitsa Mavroulis, a speech major at the University of Minnesota, and the lovely daughter of Brother Peter and Sister Anastasia Mavroulis. The singing of Christmas Carols was led by our talented Sisters Toni Cotton and Marie Ziaskas. Sister Zotaley was in charge of the program.

Chairmen of this tremendously successful good-will festivity were Brothers Nick Pettas and John Mercury.

A Correction

In the September-October 1956 issue of THE AHEPAN in the section listing the delegates who attended the 30th Ahepa National Convention in New York last August, the name of Brother Angel N. Yiatchos, delegate of the Apple Blossom Chapter No. 263 of Wenatchee, Washington, was erroneously omitted. Our sincere regrets to Brother Yiatchos for this unfortunate omission and we commend him for traveling all the way to New York, at his own expense, to represent his chapter at the 1956 national conclave.



IDAHO AHEPANS—Supreme President John L. Manta and Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes with officers and members of Boise Chapter No. 254 of Boise, Idaho, on their recent tour of the western states. From left to right: Jim Galouris; Ted Bokides, Boise Chapter President; James Mantakes; Past Governor George Morris of District No. 19; Brother Manta; George Cordes; Gus Davis and Frank Dagnes, Treasurer and Lieut. Governor, respectively, of District No. 19; Brother Chebithes; James Louis; George Speropoulos; and John Kallas. The touring officials were enthusiastically received everywhere.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa News and Activities

On September 23, 1956, Cedar Rapids Chapter No. 194 held a joint installation of officers with Alethea Chapter No. 8 of the Daughters of Penelope. The installing officer for the Ahepa was District Governor Nicholas E. Lillios of District No. 14, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Assisting the District Governor was District Marshal William G. Faches, also of Cedar Rapids. The officers installed were: Tom Siamis, President; Mike Zervas, Vice-President; Ted Dalamaggas, Secretary; Louie Chipokas, Treasurer. Board of Governors: William Faches, Chairman; John M. Costas, Tom A. Thomas, Christ Maggas, and Steve Varvaris. Nick Lillios, Chaplain; John George, Warden; Alex Pannos, Captain of the Guard; Steve Saris and Nick Matheakis, Sentinels.

Honored that evening were the members of the Ahepa who have just completed their twenty-five years of service in the Order. The following members received their 25-year pin: Angelo George, James Chukas, and Mike Petrakis. The assembly was asked to remain standing for 30 seconds in silent prayer in memory of our departed brothers who have died since our last installation. The deceased since then: Peter Cosmos, Louie Sames, and Eustace (Steve) Hamos.

The Alethea Chapter No. 8 of the Daughters held their installation of officers immediately following the Ahepa rites. The installing officer was Helen Dalamaggas, District Secretary of District No. 14 of Cedar Rapids. The officers installed were: Mrs. Nick Lillios, President; Mary Faches, Vice-President; Angeline Thomas, Secretary; Ida Mae Manos, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Helen Lasho, Chairman; Antonia Dala-

Hudson Chapter No. 108 Holds Annual Ball

Over 200 members and guests attended Hudson Chapter's 30th Anniversary Ball at the Plaza Hotel in Jersey City, New Jersey, on November 10, 1956. President Theodore Vlahopoulos and Gen. Chairman Dr. Gabriel G. Gregoriades are happy to report that the Ball and Souvenir Journal were a social and financial success.

Guests present were the Reverend Paul Apostolakis, Pastor of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church; Reverend Peter Raptelis, Pastor of Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church; Past Supreme President John G. Thevos and Mrs. Thevos; the Honorable Mayor and Mrs. James G. Argyros of Roselle, N. J.; Past District Governor Peter Caravoulas and Mrs. Caravoulas; Past District Governor Edmund Matsoukas and Mrs. Matsoukas; Past District Governor Marie Tsucalas and her husband, Dr. James Tsucalas; Past District Lieut. Governor Bob Fassoulis and Mrs. Fassoulis; Dist. Lieut. Governor James Katramados; President Peter Katramados of Eureka Chapter No. 52 of Newark, N. J.; President Thomas Fotinis of Alexander Hamilton Chapter No. 54 of Paterson, N. J.; and Brother Lester S. Garo, President of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church.

maggas, Mrs. Steve Karras, Mrs. John Costas, and Mrs. Mike Zervas. Mrs. Elias Georges, Priestess; Mrs. George Chipokas, Warden; Mrs. Charles Schermerhorn, Marshal; Mrs. Paul Cavros and Mrs. John Parlamas, Guards; and Mrs. Stavros Hadjiathanassiou, Sentinel.

Refreshments were served after the meeting and dancing followed. The joint installation proved to be very successful and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Cheyenne Officers

The 1956-57 officers of the Cowboy Chapter No. 211 of Cheyenne, Wyoming, are:

William Anderson, President; Harry Poulos, Vice-President; Leo Treantos, Secretary; Nick Anest, Treasurer; Mike Soulos, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Steve Johnson, Gus Pappas and Andy Triples, Governors; George Christopoulos, Athletic Director.

The officers of the Olympus Chapter No. 6 of the Daughters of Penelope in Cheyenne are:

Justine Anderson, President; Victoria Triples, Vice-President; Sofia Frangos, Secretary; Mary Tertipis, Treasurer; Esther Christopoulos, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Vasalaki Harrison, Helen Hatanelas, Mary Soulis and Sophia Xericos, Governors.

Ottawa, Canada

The Supreme Vice-President of the Order of Ahepa in Canada, Brother George D. Vlassis, has been kept very busy visiting the Chapters of the 23rd District in Eastern Canada, prior to his visiting the Chapters of the 24th District in Western Canada. Thus, he has visited twice the Mount Royal Chapter of Montreal. He assisted at the public Installation Ceremony of the Lord Byron Chapter of Toronto, Maple Leaf of Hamilton, and Citadel of Quebec City, and visited the Lord Nelson Chapter of London, Ont. In all these he was the main speaker. He addressed a joint meeting of the Chapters of Ahepa and of the Greek Communities of the cities of Kingston, Ont., and Sudbury, Ont.

In addition, his efforts are concentrated in establishing Chapters of Ahepa in the cities of Halifax, N.S., and St. John, N.B.



CANADIAN AHEPANS—Supreme Vice-President of the Order of Ahepa in Canada, George D. Vlassis of Ottawa, congratulating the newly installed officers of Maple Leaf Chapter CJ-5 of Hamilton, Ontario. The public installation took place on January 24, 1957, with Brother Vlassis as the principal speaker. Left to right: T. R. Curzon, Vice-President of Hamilton Chapter; Harry Vlahos, President; Supreme Vice-President Vlassis; N. Cooper, Captain of the Guard.



MID-WINTER CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT No. 25 — The Sherman Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, was the scene of the first mid-winter conference of Great Lakes District No. 25. Members of Supreme Lodge, the Board of Trustees and District officials participated in the deliberations of the very successful conclave. Highlight of the gathering was huge initiation held in honor of Supreme President John L. Manta. In photo may be seen national, district and local dignitaries who attended the event and some of the newly initiated members.

Great Lakes District No. 25 Stages Large Initiation Rite In Honor of Supreme President John L. Manta

On Sunday, February 10, 1957, at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, Great Lakes District No. 25 initiated a large group of new Ahepans in honor of Supreme President John L. Manta. Lieut. Governor Nicholas Chirikos was chairman of the day, with Louis Asimakopoulos, Garfield No. 203, and John T. Harris, Woodlawn No. 93, in charge of the initiation. James Carampelas, Garfield No. 203, performed the initiation. He was assisted by John Mustis, Nick Earnest, Gust Sperakis, and Gust Kalas, all of Woodlawn No. 93; Nicholas Limperis, Garfield No. 203; and Peter Patras, South Chicago No. 351. The initiating team made a lasting impression on the candidates.

Among the dignitaries present to honor the Supreme President John L. Manta Class were: George N. George, Supreme Secretary; George Bezaites, Supreme Treasurer; Chris Athas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Sam Nakos, Secretary of the Trustees; Anthony Aroney and Gus Nicholas, members of the Board of Trustees; District Governor Sam Karakostas of the 13th District; Ted Mavrick, National Director of Public Relations; Van Nomikos, Past Supreme President; A. A. Pantelis, Past Supreme Counsellor; Buckeye Past District Governor George Poolitsan of Middletown, Ohio; Alex Eliopoulos of Gary, Indiana; John Economos of Dallas, Texas; and a host of others.

The initiation was in honor of Supreme President John L. Manta but illness prevented him from attending the event. Therefore, members of the Supreme Lodge who were present acted in his behalf.

Great Lakes District No. 25 is already making plans for another large initiation class. Since the formative stages of the 25th District, and up to now, some 200 new members have been added to the roll of Ahepa membership. Another interesting note is that most of the neophytes are young men, which will add greatly to the strength our Order needs. Among the candidates initiated in the Supreme President John L. Manta Class was the son of the Supreme President, Leo J. Manta.

Over 160 Ahepans were in attendance to participate in this very enthusiastic and highly spirited meeting, which was also the mid-winter conference of District No. 25 and which ended with great confidence for the future. The meeting ended with a feeling of fraternal fellowship and was followed with refreshments.

Cincinnati Ahepans Acclaim Alex Grammas

The Liberty Chapter No. 127 of Cincinnati, Ohio, recently honored a fellow Ahepan, Alex Grammas, a member of the Cincinnati Redlegs Baseball Team, by awarding him a TV set, at a special Grammas Night.

Brother Anthony Gaspar was the Chairman of this affair, with the District Governor of the Buckeye District, Brother George Cavalaris, making the presentation. Among the brothers present were: Paul Dimitry, President; Andrew G. Mehas, Secretary; and Gus Plagakis, Treasurer. The affair was well attended by members from the various chapters of the Buckeye District.

It is a great honor to all Ahepans and people of Greek descent to have such a fine ball player as Alex in the major leagues. He is not only a perfect gentleman, but is also well liked in this area.



BASEBALL STAR ACCLAIMED — Officers and Members of Liberty Chapter No. 127 of Cincinnati, Ohio, honored Ahepan Alex Grammas, a member of the Cincinnati Redlegs Baseball Team, by presenting him recently a television set at a special Grammas Night.

Geo. J. Stathakis of Paterson Appointed Commissioner

Past District Governor George J. Stathakis of Paterson, N. J., was appointed by Paterson Mayor O'Byrne as Human Relations Commissioner and was designated as Vice President of the commission in its organization meeting. The popular and energetic past president of the Fighting Fifty-fourth Chapter of the Ahepa was the key figure in



G. J. STATHAKIS

the first meeting of the commission applying his Ahepa experience in steering the committee through a maze of organizational problems and as a result winning the approbation of Mayor O'Byrne and other members of the commission.

The Human Relations Commission is an important element in the life of the community of Paterson dealing as it does with the many and varied problems of the minority groups and carrying out the State policy against discrimination based on race, color, creed or national origin.

Congressman Gordon Canfield of the 8th District of New Jersey sent a congratulatory letter to the new commissioner in which he said, "Mindful of your splendid efforts in the City's Greek Community, I know that Mayor O'Byrne made a wise choice in naming you to his official family."

Commissioner Stathakis was recently elected leader of the American Hellenic Democratic Club of Passaic County by acclamation. He is active in the St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Community of Paterson, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees for many years and now is the vice president of the Community.

His Ahepa deeds are known to all of us having just completed an active and successful year as District Governor of the Fifth District.

He resides at 425 East 31st Street, Paterson, with his wife, the former Hazel Manos, and their children: Jon, 16 and Carolyn, 14.

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OFFICIAL VISITATION — Supreme President John L. Manta surrounded by the officers of the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York on the recent official visitation of the supreme leader to the East. Left to right: Past President Stephen Vafiades; Vice President George Sakellarios; Athletic Director Christ Christakis; President Cosmos C. Cosmos; George Marinakis, member of the Board of Governors; Supreme President John L. Manta; Past Presidents George J. Cashoty, Sarkis Sarafian, Vasilios Kassimatis (foreground), Anthony Yanelis; Past Dist. Gov. and Editor of THE AHEPAN George Dimas.

Westchester No. 51 Holds 33rd Annual Ball

The venerable Westchester Chapter No. 51 of Yonkers, N. Y., held an exceptionally successful Ball and Entertainment on February 16, 1957, at the Jewish Center of that city. The occasion marked the 33rd anniversary of the founding of the chapter.

The beautiful ballroom was packed to capacity by the members and their families and friends from the metropolitan New York area. There were delegations from the sister chapters and the Empire State District Lodge No. 6 was represented by Gus Cherevas, dynamic District Secretary. Other guests were Past Supreme Treasurer Constantine J. Critzas, father of the Westchester Chapter, and George Dimas, Editor of THE AHEPAN.

The 1956-57 officers are: Con Solomos, President; Luke Valedes, Vice-President; J. Andronico, Secretary; James Elenides, Treasurer; M. Brilis, Athletic Director.

The Committees responsible for this outstanding social function were:

Dance: Michael Brilis and G. Crousouloudis, Co-Chairmen; James Elenides, Treasurer; J. Andronico, Secretary; G. Karaganis, Master of Ceremonies. Journal: Basil Stylian, Wm. Kines, M. Polychron, G. Getsos, J. Kiamos, G. Milton, T. Mourges. Reception: Con Solomos, J. Elenides, B. Stylian, C. J. Critzas, P. Venetis, M. Polychron, J. A. Kiamos, G. Milton, A. Ellison. Ticket: A. J. Critzas, G. Karaganis, J. Andronico, T. Theodore. Refreshment: Th. Valedes, G. Spathos, J. Bekrakis, A. Brilis, J. Kikes, J. Hiotakis, J. Valmas, P. Cossifos. Decoration and Arrangement: N. Chivily, Con Solomos, L. Valedes. Flower: The Daughters of Penelope Diocles Chapter No. 226.

District No. 24 News

District No. 24, which embraces the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba with James Baltekos of Regina as District Governor, has been exceptionally active during the current fraternal year and is pursuing with zeal the several projects of the Supreme Lodge.

The District recently remitted to Headquarters a check in the amount of \$200.00 for the Ahepa School and Dormitory for Orphan Boys and is cooperating with the program of the Supreme President for raising more funds for this humanitarian project so that the Dormitory may soon become a reality.

In the cause of Cyprus, District No. 24 is doing everything possible to enlist the support of the Canadian people in the struggle of the Cypriotes for a just solution in their dispute over self-determination with Great Britain. At the 1956 district convention, Premier T. C. Douglas of Saskatchewan, in an address to the convention banquet, stated: "Everyone of us who knows Britain knows she has a problem in protecting her lifeline to the Near East. At the same time everyone who knows the Greek love of freedom knows the Cyprus problem never will be settled by bombs and bayonets. Britain must realize that a base on Cyprus can only be useful if it is surrounded by friendly people. Present attitudes seem a remnant of an outmoded colonialism."

In the field of education, the district sponsors annual \$50.00 awards to students of any nationality with the highest standing in Greek classics at the three prairie universities. It also gives four \$25.00 awards to high school students of Greek origin in the three provinces.

Garfield No. 203 to Host First 25th Dist. Convention

Garfield Chapter No. 203 of Chicago, Illinois, will be the host to the first annual District Convention of the newly organized Great Lakes District No. 25.

The Sherman Hotel has been selected as the headquarters of the conclave which will take place from June 28 to July 1, 1957. All the meetings and social functions will take place at the Sherman.

The Convention Committee under the able leadership of Nicholas S. Limperis, popular Chicago attorney, is planning one of the most "fun packed" district conventions ever held in the Ahepa Domain. The tentative social program is as follows:

FRIDAY, JUNE 28: Greek Night.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29: *Afternoon* — Daughters Fashion Show.
Night — Grand Ball.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30: Dinner, Dance and Entertainment.

Homer Chapter No. 98 of the Daughters of Penelope is the co-sponsor of the District Convention.

The officers and chairmen of the various committees are:

General Chairman: Nicholas S. Limperis; Chairman: Seta Tompany; Vice-Chairmen: Peter Kyros, Jayne Terovolas; Secretaries: George C. Floros, Jane Maxouris; Treasurer: John T. Kachians; Greek Night: Steve Choporis, Michael Hionis, Angie Ventouras and Stella Regas, Co-Chairmen; Grand Ball: Ted Yannias, Betty Dranias and Helen Siavelis, Co-Chairmen; Banquet: Peter Kyros, Thomas P. Ganes and Stella Pappas, Co-Chairmen; Program Book: Peter S. Siavelis and Michael Bakalis, Co-Chairmen; Publicity: Louis G. Asimakopoulos and Jane Maxouris, Co-Chairmen.

A. G. Chardoulis Heads Waterloo Community

Anthony G. Chardoulis, former President Ahepa Chapter No. 222, was recently elected President of



A. G. CHARDOULIS

the Board of Trustees of St. Demetrius Orthodox Church, Waterloo, Iowa. He will serve a term of two years, 1957-58. Brother Chardoulis, a member of long standing with the Fraternity, not only has proven a champion of local and district level

projects, but has proven an aggressive leader in Waterloo community affairs which has won for him the esteem of his fellow citizens.

The Board is also comprised of several members of the Order which again proves the loyal and faithful "endiaferon" the Fraternity evidences throughout the nation. Brother Ahepans elected to support Mr. Chardoulis in guiding the continued progress of St. Demetrius include the following: James Kostadelos, Vice-President; Kopia G. George, Secretary; James Michildies, Treasurer; Elias Myrsiades, Peter M. Kontos, and George Pappas.

In observance of Oil Progress Week recently, the Waterloo, Iowa, oil men decided to honor Waterloo's most courteous drivers. They were chosen by the Waterloo police department and received a \$25 United States Savings Bond as an award for acts of outstanding courtesy. Among the winners was none other than Brother Anthony G. Chardoulis, well known Ahepa in Grainfield District No. 14.

Angelo Colocousis

Ahepa was founded in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1922 by a group of young men. Others, equally young, founded many of our great chapters throughout this land of ours in the early 1920's.

They were young men then. Young and hopeful and dreaming a dream and seeing a vision of a better tomorrow for themselves and for their compatriots here in America. For some of them the strife and struggle and contention of this life have ended, and they have gone to meet their Maker. For many of those remaining, the tumult and the shouting sounds muffled, the lights are getting dimmer.

We owe a lot to these men. The phenomenal growth, diverse and useful activities and tremendous accomplishments of the Ahepa are due to their unity, vigor and vision. If the Ahepa today is in an enviable position of power, preeminence and responsibility, it is so because these men had unexcelled foresight and used masterful judgment to build upon a solid foundation, anchored in the rock of time.

Angelo Colocousis was one of these young men. He was the Founder and first President of the Acropolis Chapter in his home city of Haverhill, Massachusetts. Very few men have been as loyal and as active in this great Fraternity of ours. Very few worked as hard and inspired others to do so for all the charitable works and causes that the Ahepa sponsored and fought for. He was affectionately regarded and highly respected not only by all Ahepans who knew him, not only by the members of the Greek Community in which he lived, but by the entire citizenry of his beloved city of Haverhill.

May his memory serve as an inspiration to all those who desire to serve their fellow man, and may the Lord grant him everlasting peace.

—Peter L. Bell

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HOST CHAPTER TO 25TH DISTRICT CONVENTION — Officers and members of Garfield Chapter No. 203 of Chicago, Illinois, sponsors of the first annual District Convention of Great Lakes District No. 25 on June 28 to July 1, 1957, at Chicago's Sherman Hotel. First row seated, left to right: John Stryker and Alexander Gritsonis, Governors; George C. Floros, Treasurer; Louis G. Asimakopoulos, Secretary; Thomas P. Ganes, President; Ted Yannias, Vice-President; Steve Choporis, Chairman, Board of Governors; Thomas Hionis, Chaplain; and Lambros Vitinoros, Sentinel. In second row seated may be seen, left to right: Michael Hionis (with jewel), Warden; Peter Ladas, Captain of the Guard; Constantine Kakureoris, Governor; and Pendarius Galanopoulos, Athletic Director.



AHEPA IN THE MONUMENTAL CITY—Officers and members of the Worthington Chapter No. 30 of Baltimore, Maryland, with their guests and newly initiated members on the occasion of their recent initiation. Theo. Agnew was Chairman of the Chapter Degree Team.

Peter Nichols Appointed Connecticut Judge

On September 14, 1956, Governor Abraham A. Ribicoff of Connecticut appointed Judge Peter Nichols as Judge of the Wethersfield Town Court. Judge Nichols has a very colorful background, one that he can well be proud of. Judge Nichols is married to the former Bessie Bacus and has four lovely children.

Brother Nichols is Judge of the Wethersfield Town Court, being elevated from Deputy Judge; received "Man of the Year" award in 1955 at the Yankee District Convention in Hartford; former member of the Wethersfield Town Council, 1954, being the first Town Council in Wethersfield after 300 years of town meeting form of government; former member of Rules and Procedure, Town Council of Wethersfield, which formulated rules by which Council is governed; ran for State Legislature from Wethersfield in 1948 and 1952; member of Hartford County Bar Association; member of State Bar Association; admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court of Connecticut; admitted to practice before the Board of Immigration and Appeals and Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D.C.

Also, treasurer of the Wethersfield Democratic Town Committee for several years; member of the Wethersfield Business Men's Association; member of Wethersfield Veterans of World War II Association; member of Young Democratic Club of Wethersfield; member of Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers, New York City; former Chairman of Greek-American Democratic Club of State of Connecticut; veteran of World War II with Bronze Star Medal and other citations; Legal Advisor and member of Greek Orthodox Church "St. George" in Hartford, Conn., and legal advisor of its Building Committee.

Has served as District Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Treasurer of Yankee District No. 7, Ahepa; recipient of 1953

Varied Activities Of Worthington No. 30

Ten new members were initiated into the ranks of the Worthington Chapter No. 30 of Baltimore, Maryland, at an impressively conducted ceremony last November. The Chapter Degree Team under the chairmanship of veteran Ahepan Theodore Agnew performed the ceremony with dignity and decorum to the delight of the large attendance of brethren.

The event was honored with the presence of many Ahepa dignitaries, including Capital District No. 3 Governor John Vlachos; Lieut. Governor Andrew Pappas; President Peter Stathis of Washington Chapter No. 31; and President Alex Dematatis of Washington Chapter No. 236. Also present was a delegation from Lord Baltimore Chapter No. 364 of Baltimore.

The annual Banquet of the Worthington was held on January 30, 1957, and was a great social success. In addition to high Ahepa officials, many prominent civic and political leaders were present.

The officers of the Worthington are: George C. Rangos, President; Anestis Kampos, Vice-President; Nick Anderson, Secretary; Euripides Papachristou, Treasurer; Eleftherios Zannis, Director of Athletics. Board of Governors: Constantine Klosterides, Chairman; Jack Pillas, Louis Kyriacos, Peter Karangelen, Paul Stamas, James Krometis, Chaplain; Paul Psulos, Warden; Harry Karukas, Captain of the Guard; Louis Constantinides, Sentinel; Louis Kyriacos, Chairman, Building Fund Committee; Alex Diacumakos, Chairman, Charity Fund Committee.

Ahepa Membership Drive Award as District Governor; past President, Vice President and present member of Nathan Hale Chapter No. 58, Hartford; officer several years of Yankee District Scholarship Loan Fund Committee; Chairman of Committee for Scholarship Awards to Trinity College from Hartford Ahepa Chapter, 1952 and 1953.

Sup. Gov. Andreadis Announces Passing of His Father

I would like to use the good offices of THE AHEPAN to announce the unexpected death of my father, Charles Andreadis, Augusta, Maine, on November 19, 1956. He died in his sleep of a heart attack.

My family and I wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to our many friends who extended their condolences in the hour of our bereavement.

At the same time we thank the hundreds of our fellow Ahepans who were nice enough to send us holiday greetings. Unfortunately, we were unable to respond this kindness during the traditional 40-day period of mourning. We can only say: God bless you all with happy and prosperous New Years.

STEPHEN C. ANDREADIS
Supreme Governor



INSTALLING OFFICERS—Silver District Lodge No. 17 officials who participated in the installation ceremonies of the Cowboy Chapter No. 211 of Cheyenne, Wyoming, on October 21, 1956. Left to right: Nick Frangos, Advisor; G. E. Gankas, Secretary; Gus Gatsos, District Governor; Mike Soulis, District Lieutenant Governor; and James (Blackie) Kallas, District Marshal.



HONORED — United States Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont who was recently decorated with the Cross of Phoenix by the Hellenic Government.

Cross of Phoenix Awarded To Senator George D. Aiken

In a special ceremony in the nation's capital, Hellenic Ambassador George V. Melas in behalf of the Greek Government presented the decoration of the Cross of Phoenix to U.S. Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont in recognition of his many contributions over the years to the development of friendly relations between the United States and Greece.

The distinguished Senator is a prominent member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate and has always demonstrated a sympathetic view towards the hopes and aspirations of the Hellenic people. For the past ten years, he has been a member of the Vermont Chapter No. 244 of Burlington, Vermont, and is a very good friend of the Greek people in that New England state. Indeed, Senator Aiken is carrying on the great philhellene tradition for which New England is noted.

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As Chairman of the National Advisory Board for the Sons of Pericles, I am appealing to you in connection with the Stergios B. Milonas Scholarship Fund.

The late Stergios B. Milonas was a Supreme Governor of the Sons of Pericles. While returning to his home from an initiation that he had conducted on November 6, 1949, he met his death in an automobile accident.

In his memory, the Sons of Pericles have created the Stergios B. Milonas Scholarship Fund from which there is annually awarded a scholarship to a deserving and qualified member. This year's scholarship was awarded to John P. Christie, Jr. of Lakewood, Ohio, a pre-medical student at Colgate University.

In order to permanently perpetuate the granting of this scholarship, the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles solicits your contribution for this worthy cause. Your check therefor should be made payable to the Stergios B. Milonas Scholarship Fund and should be mailed to Mr. George Kokinos, Executive Secretary, Order of Sons of Pericles, 1422 K Street, Northwest, Washington 5, District of Columbia.

PETER T. KOURIDES,
Supreme Vice-President

Lewis P. Gaines Appointed Assistant State's Attorney

Lewis P. Gaines, practicing attorney, was appointed Assistant State's Attorney by Benjamin S. Adamowski who was elected State's Attorney of Cook County (Illinois) last November. Gaines has been assigned to the Criminal Division where he shall be a trial assistant in the felony branch of that court. Brother Gaines is the Executive Secretary of the 35th Ward Republican Organization and was sponsored by Committeeman Matthew W. Slowik. The 35th Ward was instrumental in electing Adamowski since that ward is heavily populated by citizens of Polish extraction. Mr. Gaines was campaign coordinator in the Northwest Side wards in behalf of Adamowski.



LEWIS P. GAINES



IN COWBOY COUNTRY — Supreme President John L. Manta during his Western tour visited the Cowboy Chapter No. 211 in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he was presented with a western hat by Chapter President Wm. Anderson as a symbol of affection for Ahepa's chief by the Ahepans of that region.

News From District No. 14

Thaasa Chapter No. 72 of Duluth, Minn., welcomed the Daughters of District No. 14 to their Fall Conference, on Sunday, October 28, at 1:30 P.M. President Estelle Bonis opened the conference and then turned over the gavel to District Governor Mary Mantis of St. Paul, Minn. Chapter reports were given and approved by the delegates present. District projects for the year were discussed and later elaborated upon by Past Grand President Tula Zotaley. An open discussion period followed and the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M. A nicely prepared lunch was served by the Duluth Sisters. Sisters Dena Fates, Algerette Andrews, Estelle Bonis, and Elaine Karnas were in charge of the arrangements.

The newly appointed prosecutor graduated from De Paul University Law School in 1949. A veteran of World War II, he is in the reserve holding a Commission as First Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate Department attached to the 5th Army. He is a member of Garfield Chapter No. 203 of Chicago; Hellenic Lodge No. 1084 F. & A. M.; Medinah Temple; Chicago Commandery K. T. No. 19; American Legion; Chicago Bar Association; Hellenic Bar Association; and United States Army Reserve Corp. Brother Gaines is a former Investigator with the Department of Revenue under the direction of Andrew Fasseas, Assistant Director of that Department and Chairman of the Hellenic American Republican League of Illinois which was successful in electing Governor Stratton to a second term last November. He is married and lives with his wife Irene and two children, Pamela (3) and George (2), on the Northwest Side of Chicago.



The Editor's Corner

In taking over the editor's work of The Penelopian section of The Ahepa Magazine, many thoughts have come to plague me as to how we can bring to a peak readership interest. An interest that would reflect itself, not only in increased yearly subscriptions from the vast legions of the Daughters of Penelope, but an interest that will compel every Daughter to want and to treasure her own personal copy of THE AHEPAN, regardless of whether some member of her family is already a subscriber.



L. MANETAS
Grand Secretary

To accomplish the first aim, it appears that as a basic plan, we should inaugurate a quarterly lead article built on current subjects which would hold national appeal. A second aim would be a series of timely articles from our national standing committees whose reporting would be geared to attract the interest of our membership, both here and abroad.

In all honesty to ourselves, we must admit that statistical reporting of everyday fraternal events, good in itself and most assuredly needed, is fundamentally more interesting for regional consumption. Many districts have for years published a monthly or bimonthly paper for the purpose of disseminating district or regional news. The Penelopian, therefore, should be geared for more informative reporting on the national scene. In this way, I am certain, we can insure a wider audience of interested readers and subscribers.

There is no question that some changes should be made in the interest of our national publication. Perhaps, a questionnaire should be inserted in a future issue of THE AHEPAN; however, it appears more feasible to consider such a questionnaire at our next national convention. In any event, letters from you could be a source of great help and permanent value to The Penelopian at this time. You are invited and urged to write to the Editor of The Penelopian. Your comments and ideas are very much needed. Write individually or as a chapter. It is hoped that through these letters we will be able to begin an interesting and lively "Letters to the Editor" column in future issues.

LILLIAN MANETAS
Grand Secretary

Testimonial Banquet Honors Grand President Cavalaris

The Marathon Chapter No. 2 of the Ahepa and the Venus Chapter No. 102 of the Daughters of Penelope of Charlotte, North Carolina, tendered an outstanding Testimonial Banquet in honor of Grand President Zoe Cavalaris of the Daughters of Penelope on Sunday, November 25, 1956, in the main ballroom of the Hotel Charlotte.

Venus No. 102 is the home chapter of Sister Cavalaris and with the cooperation of the Charlotte Ahepans staged the auspicious event which will remain memorable in the annals of Ahepa in that section of the country. An array of distinguished guests from near and far honored the event with their presence.

On hand, all the way from New York, was Past Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas in the role of Toastmaster. Also present were Gregory G. Lagakos, Supreme Counsellor, of Philadelphia, Pa.; George D. Vlassis, Second Supreme Vice-President, of Ottawa, Canada; and Past Supreme Vice-President Constantine P. Verinis, of New Haven, Conn. Other dignitaries present were Evelyn Semos of Dallas, Texas, Grand Governor Zone No. 3; District Governor John Vlachos of Capital District No. 3; Mrs. Madia Cummings, Daughters District No. 3 Governor; Past Grand President of the Daughters Adeline Geo-Karis; Congressman Basil Whitener of the 11th Congressional District; James Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem of Charlotte; Basil Tsamissis, First Secretary of the Greek Embassy at Washington, D.C.; Superior Court Judges Hugh Camp-

bell and Francis Clarkson; Charles Evans, Secretary of the County Democratic Committee; and C. M. Cockinos, President of the Charlotte Greek Community.

Many out-of-town visitors were present, including Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pappageorge of West Palm Beach, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Despopoulos of Hollywood, Fla.; Miss Alice Cavalaris of Hamilton, Ohio; the Grand President's mother, Mrs. John Pullman, of Huntington, W. Va.; Miss Helen Lagos and Miss Pauline Phillips, both of Lima, Ohio, District No. 11 Secretary and Marshal, respectively; and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson of Lexington, Ky. Mrs. Johnson is a Past Grand Secretary.

Many gifts and presentations were made to the guest of honor. The Venus and Marathon Chapters presented Mrs. Cavalaris with a Silver Punch Bowl and Tray and the Grand Lodge presented her with a Silver Chafing Dish. A Musical Clock was given her by the Capital District Lodge No. 3.

Tom Pappas is President of the Marathon and Angeline Andrews of the Venus.

The Committee in charge of the affair consisted of the following: For the Daughters — Miss Mary Plumides, Chairman; Mrs. Sophie Hondros, Secretary; Mrs. Emily Hondros, Mrs. Bertha Meleos, Miss Zoe Psomadakis, Mrs. Helen Pauls, Mrs. Alice Athans, and Miss Effie Chonis. For the Ahepans — James Meleos, Chairman; John Plumides, Phillip Forlides, and James Karres.



GRAND PRESIDENT CAVALARIS HONORED — At the Testimonial Banquet in honor of Sister Zoe Cavalaris, Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, which took place on November 25, 1956, in Charlotte, North Carolina. On the dais may be seen, from the left, Past Grand President Adeline Geo-Karis; Past Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas, Toastmaster of the event; Mrs. Cavalaris; and Supreme Counsellor Gregory G. Lagakos.

Helen Papadopoulos Governor, District No. 7

Mrs. Papadopoulos was born in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, and is the daughter of Mrs. Sophie Papadopoulos and the late Triantaflos Papadopoulos. She is a graduate of the East Greenwich High School and Bryant College of Providence and holds the degree of Bachelor of Secretarial Sciences. She is a member of Althea Chapter No.



H. PAPADOPOULOS

112 of the Daughters and has served her chapter as Secretary and Vice-President. In 1955, Sister Papadopoulos was elected Secretary of Yankee District No. 7 and at the 1956 District Convention she was unanimously elected District Governor.

Helen is also a member of GOYA and Treasurer of the Philoptochos Society of Providence. For the past five years she has held the position of Assistant Bursar at Rhode Island College of Education in Providence.

Founder's Day at Naias

Sunday, October 14, commemorated the six years that the Naias Chapter No. 231 of Lima, Ohio, was formed. A Founder's Day program was held at the YWCA with Mrs. Nick Chrissan, President, presiding. A short business meeting was conducted in which the Traveling Gavel was presented to Miss Georgia Giannakopoulos, President of Ithaca Chapter No. 22 of Springfield, Ohio, who was the honored guest. On behalf of her Chapter, Sister Chrissan presented Pauline Fillips with her Past President's Pin and a corsage. A small gift was also presented to Sister Fillips who recently was elected District Marshal, Buckeye District No. 11, and also to Ellen Lagos upon her election as District Secretary. After the meeting, a musical program was enjoyed by the members with Angeline Stanich acting as Chairman of this Committee. A delicious Buffet Supper was served by Mrs. George Anthony, Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Peter Giokaris. Past Presidents of Lima Chapter are: Mrs. George Anthony, 1950-1952; Mrs. James Vafis, 1952-1953; Miss Ellen Lagos, 1953-1954; Miss Vaceila Loukos, 1954-1955; Miss Pauline Fillips, 1955-1956.

On November 10, the annual "Harvest Hop" Dance was held at Springbrook Gardens with Karl Beach's orchestra playing Greek and American music. Chairman of the dance was Miss Mary Lagos, assisted by Miss Vaceila Loukos, Decorations; Miss Mary Gelo, Refreshments; Miss Christine Yurukis, Dance Tickets; Miss

Stockton, Calif., Daughters Hold Banquet-Installation

Mrs. Arthur Faipes of Stockton was installed as the Sparta's new President at a joint formal installation with the Order of Ahepa of Stockton, California, on Saturday, September 15, at the Hellenic Center. Candlelight ceremonies were headed by the Spirit of Penelope, led by Mrs. Elmer Wolf and an escort of eight attendants dressed in white Greek robes and bearing a lighted "lychnia" type lamp carried the unlighted candles to the altar.

Installing officers were members of the Daughters District Lodge of Golden Gate District No. 21, headed by District Governor Leah Vlahandreas of Oakland, California. Again this year, Sparta Chapter is proud to have two of their members on the District Lodge, Miss Georgia Poulos of Tracy, District Advisor, and Miss Elsie Seatzis of Stockton, District Treasurer.

Other Sparta members who took office at the joint installation were: Dorothy Trachiotis, Vice-President; Ethel Xanttopoulos, Recording Secretary; Muriel Chimiklis, Corresponding Secretary; Helen Vlandis, Treasurer; Helen Marmas, Chairman, Board of Governors; Ann Terezakis, Flossie Mitchell, Kay Chiarchianis, and Vivienne Vellis, Governors; Olympia Spanos, Marshal; Dena Wolf, Priestess; Elva Pikounis, Warden; Angeline Xanttopoulos, Pianist; Florence Sperry and Martha Andro, Flag Guards; and Stella Manuse and Belle Metaxas, Sentinels.

Angeline Xanttopoulos and Stacia Karelis served as pianists during the rites.

A festive banquet honoring the past presidents of the Daughters and the Ahepans was staged prior to the installation in the banquet room of the Hellenic Hall. Mrs. Stella Manuse and Nick Metaxas were chairmen from their respective organizations. During the evening, Mrs. Helen Marmas was presented with her past president's pin.

The Golden Gate District Lodge officers of the Ahepans and the Daughters were Stockton's honored guests at the banquet.

Sparta Chapter honored their past presidents Mmes. Angeline Xanttopoulos, Kay Kokonas, Olympia Spanos, Kathryn Vlahianos, Belle Metaxas, Dena Wolf, Helen Marmas, Malfalda Dremalas, Elizabeth Bisbikis, Sr., Jenny Theodorakis and the Misses Georgia Poulos, Dorothy Trachiotis and Effie Poulos.

by Helen Marmas

Pauline Fillips, Publicity. Miss Ellen Lagos was in charge of the donation tickets. An enjoyable evening was had by all with many out-of-town guests present from Toledo, Dayton, Springfield, Middletown, Cincinnati, Akron, and Lexington, Ky.

by Ethel Catel

Louise Hatzis, Governor Great Lakes District No. 25

The newly elected Governor of Great Lakes District No. 25, the newest gubernatorial district of the Daughters of Penelope, is a member of Medea Chapter No. 128 of Chicago. Sister Hatzis has been very active in the Chicago Daughters since her initiation in 1945 and has served her chapter in many posts, including two terms as president.



LOUISE HATZIS

On the Blue Ribbon District Lodge No. 13 she served as Athletic Director, Secretary and Lieut. Governor and at the organizational meeting of the new District No. 25 she was elected Governor.

For the past four years, Miss Hatzis has served as Advisor to the Delphi Chapter of the Maids of Athens in addition to her many other activities in the Daughters. Louise is a member of various civic and church organizations, including the P.T.A., the A.D.A. Service Unit, the St. Helen Women's Club, and the Women's Auxiliary of the Greek Archdiocese Welfare Foundation.

She received her early education in Chicago and attended De Paul University. Sister Hatzis is employed as Office Manager of the Cosmopolitan Linen and Towel Supply Company.

Charai Honors Kay Hadreas

Guest of honor at a most attractively appointed farewell dinner party given on November 27, 1956, in the Pioneer Room of Harman's Cafe in Salt Lake City, was Mrs. Kay Hadreas, former District Governor of the 19th District and the present District Advisor. Mrs. Hadreas and her family are leaving Salt Lake City to make their home in San Francisco. Chairman in charge of this affair was Mrs. Georgia Georgiadis with Miss Kay Goores and Mrs. Basil Anton assisting. Amid a Christmas setting, the chairman presented Mrs. Hadreas with a beautiful gift, a silver tray with the Greek letters "Theta Pi" engraved upon it. This gift symbolized the outstanding service rendered by Sister Hadreas to her chapter and to her District.

Sister Tina K. Zateres, President of the Charai Chapter No. 79, made a few remarks bidding Sister Hadreas farewell and thanking her for her splendid record.

Prior to Sister Hadreas' departure, she and her family were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Paules of Magna, Mr. and Mrs. E. Athas, and Mrs. Paul Saltas. Luncheons were given by Mrs. Basil Anton, Mrs. Manuel Gillas, Miss May Goores, and Mrs. George Nicolatus.

Toledo Daughters Have Busy Season

Eight past presidents of Dodona Chapter No. 24 of Toledo, Ohio, Daughters of Penelope, were honored at a special meeting, November 5, 1956, at the Greek Educational Building. After appropriate ceremonies, beribboned wine roses were pinned on the following past presidents: Mrs. John Yatrides, 1951; Liberty Kambas, 1952; Mrs. Theodore Calos, 1941, 1942, 1949; Mrs. Gus County, 1947; Mrs. Crist Kopan, 1955; Mrs. Lucille Diamond, 1955; Mrs. Catherine Nakos, 1950. Unable to attend were past presidents Mrs. Speropoulos, Mrs. Phillips, and Jenny County.

Frolicking clowns ushered in one of the most colorful carnivals ever held in the Toledo area. It was sponsored by the Dodona Chapter No. 24. The entire Greek Educational Building became a Midway. For the youngsters there were clowns, rides, games, cotton candy, fish ponds, etc. Teenagers rocked and rolled, while the adults passed away the hours shopping at the country stores for handiwork, canned goods, and Christmas items. Hot dogs and Greek pastry proved to be two of the most popular food items. Gay carnival decorations and music added much to the effectiveness of the affair. Credit and appreciation go to Sisters Liberty Kambas and Christine Polson who conceived and directed this successful project. Also, credit and thanks are due to all the Daughters who so generously donated their time and efforts, and to the other members of the community who so ably assisted.

Pauline Speropoulos was in charge of the Daughters' March of Dimes Project, continuing the social service work begun with our successful participation in the Community Chest Drive earlier this year.

A Christmas Party was given for all the children of the Greek Community by the Ahepa and Daughters Chapters on December 18. Santa was there with a bulging pack of lovely toys. The program included movies and refreshments.

The Daughters contributed their share to the Christmas gift which is annually sent by the community to the orphans of St. Basil's Academy.

Sister Makris was elected our new Warden to replace Mrs. Spilley who resigned.

Meandros No. 168 Officers

Meandros Chapter No. 168 of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, is happy to announce the election of the officers for the year 1956-57. They are as follows:

Mrs. Rita Selavranakis, President; Mrs. Mary Panopolis, Vice-President; Miss Pat J. Atsalinos, Secretary; Mrs. H. Pezoulos, Asst. Secretary; Miss Ann Xenos, Treas-

"Autumn Leaves" Dance Held by Olympia No. 266

The Olympia Chapter No. 266 of the Daughters of Penelope, Fayetteville, N.C., sponsored an autumn dance on November 20, 1956, at the Hellenic Center on Oakridge Avenue, to raise funds for the Greek Orthodox Church.

A highlight of the evening was a floor show in which Misses Sophia Makris, Alice Harris, Christina Harris, Bertha Contos and Helen Makris participated.

The special guests for the occasion were Grand President Zoe Cavalaris and Lieut. Governor Mary Plumides, of Charlotte. More than two hundred guests attended the affair including a number of out-of-town visitors. Weeks Parker and his orchestra furnished music for dancing.

The theme "Autumn Leaves" was cleverly carried out in the decor throughout the hall. Red and gold leaves in basket effect were hung from the six pillars which were flooded with red and gold lights. Cabaret tables were arranged at one end of the hall, each centered with an arrangement of yellow autumn leaves, yellow chrysanthemum and burning tapers.

Mrs. George Sakell was chairman of the food committee. Three refreshment tables, from which guests were served buffet style, further carried out the autumn theme.

Daughters District Lodge Organized in Great Lakes

At the Great Lakes District No. 25 meeting held on January 13, 1957, at the Fountain View in Chicago, Illinois, the Daughters of Penelope were formally organized on a district level in Ahepa's newest gubernatorial subdivision.

At the ceremonies of institution were many dignitaries of the Order of Ahepa and the Daughters of Penelope. Grand President Zoe Cavalaris presided over the proceedings of election and installation.

The following sisters comprise the new district lodge: Louise Hatzis of Medea Chapter, District Governor; Carol Coin of Cassandra Chapter, Lieut. Governor; Sophie Gregory of Hector Chapter, Secretary-Treasurer, and Jane Dranias of Homer Chapter, Marshal.

Among those in attendance were Grand Treasurer Dorothy Stacy of Milwaukee, Wis.; Past Grand Presidents Poppy Mitchell and Adeline Geo-Karis; Governor Emlee Lantob of the 13th District; and Past Grand Secretary Zoe Rummel.

uter; Miss Fanny Mechas, Priestess; Mrs. Alexandra Gramas, Warden; Mrs. Susan Ganos, Marshal. Board of Governors: Miss Kiki Pothitos, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Foundas, Miss Angele Picoulas, Mrs. Joan Picoulas, Mrs. Gilberte Mavros.



Smiling happily at the presentation of her first prize of a new De Soto automobile for winning the Mrs. America competition was Mrs. Cleo Maletis, Portland, Oregon. Left to right are: Roy Burnett, Jr., of Roy Burnett, Portland, Oregon; J. B. Wagstaff, Detroit, Michigan, vice-president in charge of sales for De Soto, who made the presentation; Mrs. Maletis; Governor Earl Smith of Oregon; and Acting Mayor Stanley Earl.

Mrs. America Feted at De Soto Prize Presentation

Mrs. Chris (Cleo) Maletis, recently named Mrs. America in the national competition sponsored by De Soto Division of Chrysler Corporation, was honored July 6 at a reception given by De Soto and the De Soto-Plymouth dealers of the Portland, Oregon, area, with factory officials from Detroit, local dignitaries, publishers and business men.

The reception and dinner in the Cameo Room of the Multnomah Hotel attended by over forty persons, preceded formal presentation of the new 1956 De Soto Firelite two-door Sportsman hardtop automobile Mrs. America received as her first prize for winning her title in the national competition.

Actual presentation of the keys to the glamorous pink and white car was made at the dealership of Roy Burnett Motors, Inc. Governor Elmo Smith and City Commissioner and Acting Mayor, Stanley Earl, attended the ceremonies.

Mrs. Maletis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Michas of San Francisco. She is a graduate of the University of Washington where she met her husband Chris from Portland, Oregon. They were married in 1947 and have three sons.

The Maletis and Michas families have been very active in the Ahepa and in the Daughters of Penelope.

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Grand President Cavalaris Visits Ajax No. 211

The Ajax Chapter No. 211 of Shreveport, Louisiana, had a rare but pleasantly surprised visit recently from Grand President Zoe Cavalaris. Sister Cavalaris was the guest of her nieces, Sisters Mary Mijalis and Christine Cossé. An informal meeting with the Daughters and Ahepans was arranged to honor Sister Cavalaris. The Grand President, in addressing the combined group, touched on many current projects of the Daughters of Penelope. She further indicated the need for every member to partake of every phase of our community work and to bring to prominence the wonderful activities of the Church. The Grand President emphasized the importance of participating in activities outside of our Greek Community so as to maintain the outstanding prestige of our forebears.

Immediately following the open session, a closed meeting was held for the purpose of conducting election of chapter officers. The following were elected and duly installed by the Grand President: Sylvia Booras, President; Mary Mijalis, Vice-President; Elaine Demopoulos, Recording Secretary; Ikki Booras, Corresponding Secretary; Alice Stravolemos, Marshal; Grace Booras, Treasurer; Pauline Demopoulos, Warden; Jennie Makrides, Priestess.

District Governor Mary Kapsos passed through Shreveport recently and was entertained by Sister Stella Chrisoovergus. The officers of Ajax Chapter received some very constructive advice and useful ideas from Sister Kapsos. The members of Ajax assisted the Ahepans with a Church Dinner and the Ladies Club with an all-day Bazaar. Proceeds of both affairs were contributed to the Church Building Fund for our new Parish Hall.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of the late Sister Helen Demopoulos. Our community and, especially, the Daughters have felt a tremendous loss in her passing. Sister Demopoulos was a faithful worker of the church and performed countless services for the chapter. May the soul of our departed Sister rest in eternal peace.

Eurydice Activities

On Sunday, November 18, 1956, the Eurydice Chapter No. 21 of St. Paul, Minn., held its Annual Bake Sale at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church Hall which turned out to be a huge success. Many Greek and favorite American pastries were sold to members of the community, as well as to the general public. Co-Chairmen of the chapter project were Sisters Diane Madaros and Athena Karras.

On Thursday, December 13, Eurydice held its Christmas Party in the Capitol



MRS. N. H. DESPOTOPULOS
The former Helen Dakis

Dr. Nicholas H. Despotopoulos Weds Miss Helen Dakis

Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Los Angeles, California, was the setting, on Saturday, December 29, 1956, for the marriage of Helen Dakis, daughter of Past District Governor John E. Dakis and Mrs. Dakis of Beverlywood, and Supreme Governor Dr. Nicholas H. Despotopoulos of Clinton, Mass.

The bridegroom, son of Harry N. Despotopoulos of Clinton, Mass., and his bride will reside in the eastern city.

His Grace, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Demetrios, spiritual leader of the Greek Orthodox Church for the 11 western states, officiated. He was assisted by the Very Rev. Leonidas C. Contos, dean of the cathedral.

The bride was gowned in a Cahill original of white satin and alencon lace. She carried a bouquet of white orchids. Her sister, Dorothea Dakis, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Charles P. Skouras, Jr., Marian Lyris and Kay Kalis, and Vicki Labrinos was flower girl. Peter Despotopoulos served his brother as best man, and ushers were Mr. Skouras, Jr., Charles Georgeson and Louis Nikitas.

Following the ceremony, a dinner and reception for 200 guests was held in the Venetian Room of the Ambassador Hotel.

The bride attended school in Providence, R. I. Her husband was graduated from Tuft's College and Tuft's University School of Dental Medicine, Medford, Massachusetts.

Room of the Ryan Hotel. After a deliciously prepared dinner was served, the members exchanged gifts, which was followed by a special Christmas program for the entertainment of those present. Sister Alice Marinos was in charge of arrangements.

New York Daughters At Women's Exposition

The Daughters of Penelope of the New York metropolitan area once more participated in the Women's International Exposition which took place in New York on November 5-11, 1956.

Monday, November 5, the Exposition featured Greek Night with a large attendance of Ahepans, Daughters and their friends on hand. The program of the evening consisted of Greek folk songs and Greek folk dancing to the great enjoyment of the audience. After the serving of refreshments, many inspected the Greek Booth sponsored by the Daughters. At the booth were exhibited ceramics, dolls, silver, jewelry, objects of art and food delicacies.

During the week a handsome profit was realized from the sales at the Greek Booth. The net profit was contributed to the Daughters of Penelope annual scholarship to UNESF and to the Building Fund for the Ahepa Hall for Boys at St. Basil's Academy at Garrison, N. Y.

The Committee in charge consisted of the following: Stella Zaimis, General Chairman, Poppy Dellas, First Vice Chairman; Mary Alex, Second Vice Chairman; Theodoti Stekas, Exhibits Booth Chairman; Angeline Panagakos, Secretary; Connie Lerangis, Treasurer; Mary Gorgas, Chairman of Publicity; Katherine Stekas, Chairman of Program Pamphlet; Titina Liverakos, Program Director and Mistress of Ceremonies; Maria Giviskos, Chairman of Entertainment; Kallie Michel, Chairman of Dance; Mary Cardel, Chairman of Arts and Decorations, with Marianthe Kapakis as Co-Chairman; Lydia Stamatias, Daily Fashion Show; Anna Tsiamas, Chairman of Pastries; Helen Mouzakis, Chairman of Children's Day; Evelyn Giannos, Chairman of Booth; Vivian Cokorinos, Hostess; Beatrice Anagnos, Ex-Officio.

The Penelopian

The Editor of The Penelopian respectfully requests that every Chapter President appoint a News Reporter. It shall be her duty to record all news items worthy of publication in our national magazine. The article should be typewritten, if possible, and contain answers to the following: *Who, What, When, Where, and Why*. In other words, Who did it happen to? What happened? When did it happen? Where did it happen? Why did it happen? I am certain that if such a formula is followed more interesting articles will be submitted by our chapters.

LILLIAN MANETAS, Editor

Charity and Social Activities Highlight Orpheus Program

An anniversary dinner was held by the Orpheus Chapter No. 184 of New Castle, Pennsylvania, at Harlansburg Village Smorgasbord and all but six of the total membership attended. The tables were a profusion of colorful flowers and each guest was presented with a corsage of baby mums. The corsages were prepared by the president, Miss Ann Louise Stevas and her mother, Mrs. A. Stevas.

Power District No. 4 is a member of the Pennsylvania State Federated Clubs of Pennsylvania and Orpheus Chapter is the first chapter in the district to become a member of the County Clubs. Eleven members attended a County meeting held at the Castleton Hotel where they were presented to about three hundred County members.

Among the many charitable activities of the chapter, ninety-five dollars was dispersed to local needy families at Christmas time. The annual pre-Lent party proceeds this year were donated to the Penelope Shelter Home for Teen-age girls in Athens, Greece.

In spite of the inclement weather, a successful Christmas party was held by the chapter for the entire Ahepa Family. During the course of exchanging gifts and carol singing, a happy and harmonious spirit manifested itself which promises to be long remembered by those who were present.

St. Paul Valentine Party

The Eurydice Chapter No. 21 of St. Paul, Minn., of the Daughters of Penelope held its annual Valentine Ham Dinner Sunday, February 10, at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church Hall. In a hall resplendent with cupids, hearts, and red roses, those attending enjoyed a most delicious dinner. Mildred Kides, chairman, was assisted by Adeline Dades, Athena Karras, Angeline Miller, and Helen Strengeles.



IN THE NORTHWEST—Brother A. Rotous of Aberdeen, Washington, with Mrs. Rotous and their daughter Helen, a medical student at the University of Washington. Brother Rotous is a veteran Ahepan and civic leader in the Aberdeen community.

Lansing Daughters Hold Colorful Rite

A buffet lunch served from a table covered with pale pink linen and centered with a bowl of Christmas holly flanked by tall green tapers, added social notes to the solemn candlelight initiation ceremony held by the Daughters of Penelope in honor of Supreme Governor Stephen C. Andreadis.

The ceremony took place in the church parlors of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and was conducted by members of the Antenor Chapter No. 216 of Lansing, Michigan. On the conducting degree team were Mrs. Anthony Stormant, team captain; Miss Helen Limber, president; Mrs. Steve Stavros, vice-president; Mrs. Michael Curtis, marshal; Mrs. Stephen Andreadis, priestess; Mrs. Nicholas Laskaris, Spirit of Penelope; Mrs. William Makris, Miss Yiota Miliones, Mrs. George Pappas, and Mrs. John Priggoris, maidens; Mrs. Mike Kaplanis, warden; Mrs. Otto Gallmeister, inside sentinel; Mrs. Bessie Ballas, Mrs. Nicholas Jeffries, and Mrs. William Limber, escorts; and Miss Connie Limber, pianist.

The seven neophytes were Mrs. Chris Baryames, Mrs. James Sgouris, Mrs. Steve Mellios, Mrs. Leo Nicholas, Miss Irene Gikas, Miss Elaine Jennings, and Miss Chrisa Miliones. The oath was administered by Mrs. Tom Kentes, District Governor No. 10, of Ann Arbor. Visiting guests were Rev. and Mrs. George Economou of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church; Mrs. Anne Hulce, District Treasurer, of Ann Arbor; and honored guest speaker, Stephen C. Andreadis, Supreme Governor of the Order of Ahepa.

Mantinea News

On November 16, 1956, at Paoletta's Restaurant in Chicago, the Sisters of Mantinea Chapter No. 152 of Oak Park, Ill., gave a dinner honoring Past District Governor Helen M. Sanichas, Past District Licut. Governor Ellen P. Kuchuris and District Marshal Clara Pekras, all members of Mantinea Chapter. Sister Kuchuris served as the first president of the chapter when it was instituted in 1947 and is again the president for the 1956-1957 term. Approximately 25 Sisters attended the dinner and presented the honored guests with beautiful corsages.

On December 20, 1956, Mantinea held its annual Christmas Dinner for the members of the chapter. Twenty-three Sisters attended the dinner and the Secret Pals for the year were revealed. For the Sisters not having a Secret Pal, a grab bag was held. Sister Vivian Batsakis was chairman of the dinner and a grand time was had by all who attended.

—Helen M. Sanichas



DAUGHTERS GOVERNOR HONORED—North Shore Chapter No. 94 of Chicago, Illinois, at its recent 31st Anniversary Banquet in honor of its Past Presidents, also paid honor to Sister EmLee Lambos, 13th District Governor of the Daughters and a member of Danae Chapter No. 121, a North Shore Auxiliary. Sister Lambos is the first member of Danae to have been elected to the highest office in the District. Presenting a gift to Sister Lambos on behalf of North Shore is its President, Nicholas G. Rekas. Looking on is State Representative James P. Loukas, also a member of North Shore. Brother Loukas has the distinction of being the first Hellenic in Illinois to have been elected to a State office. Thirteen Past Presidents of North Shore were presented with suitably engraved gavels in recognition of their outstanding services to the Ahepa.

Periboia No. 62 Installation

The Daughters of Penelope, meeting with the Ahepans and Maids of Athens in a combined session, conducted ceremonies of initiation on February 5, 1957, at the Ahepa Hall in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

The installing rites were presided over by Miss Elsie Sakiotis, Governor of Citrus District No. 2. Guests present included Nick Stamathis, Lieut. Governor of Citrus District No. 2; Miss Helen Sakiotis, Daughters Lieut. Governor; J. L. Baynard, President of George Washington Chapter of Tarpon Springs; and Miss Alex Panagos, President of Epiphany Chapter, Maids of Athens.

The officers are: Miss Rita Thomas, President; Mrs. A. P. Nichols, Vice-President; Mrs. C. J. Raptis, Secretary; and Mrs. George Mavros, Priestess.

Everett, Washington Daughters Officers

Mary Edwards, President; Sophie Ramos, Vice-President; Connie Raptis, Secretary; Eula Colliers, Treasurer; Anna Danos, Chairman of Board of Governors; Pauline Corotas, Vasiliki Kaddas, Victoria Drosos, Lola Karanson, Governors; Bessie Corotas, Priestess; Maria Raptis, Warden; Elaine Karavity, Marshal; Elaine Drosos, Sentinel; Bessie Vandos and Ella Costa, Flagbearers; Corrine Karas, Pianist; Bessie Corotas, Editor.

TINOS

THE SACRED SHRINE OF ORTHODOXY
ON THE OCCASION OF THE SPECIAL CALL
AT TINOS ON AUGUST 15, 1957
OF THE S.S. QUEEN FEDERICA

Tinos rises majestically from the deep blue waters of the Aegean Sea and is surrounded by many historic islands. Near Delos, which was the center of ancient Greek worship, it is significant that Tinos, which has become the religious center of Christian Greece, is thus but a stone's throw from the classic shrine of Apollo.

Tinos is the Lourdes of the Near East, the Delos of the modern world. Our Panagia of this sacred island differs from our Lady of Lourdes in that she is the cynosure of an entire race, the prophetess and defender of its liberty and unity. The vision to St. Pelagia, which brought about the discovery of the holy Icon, occurred a few days before the 25th of March, 1821, which is the fete of the Annunciation and the Declaration of War for Grecian Independence. Indeed, the event was heralded as a prophecy for the liberation of Greece from the yoke of Turkish tyranny; and Greece was liberated after centuries of slavery.

The cures by the miraculous Icon, cures of hopelessly sick and disabled by tones unknown to modern science, have made Tinos the most revered and most visited shrine of the Orthodox world. Each year, thousands of pilgrims pray in the magnificent church of the Lady of Evangelistria wherein the miraculous Icon is enthroned. The greatest of festivals is held on August 15th, which is the anniversary of the "Apokoimisis or Death of the Virgin." The whole atmosphere reflected from the majestic brilliancy of the ceremonies of this great festival of the holy day of August 15th intensifies faith, and all the pilgrims become absorbed in love of God and love of their fellow men.

For the first time, a pilgrimage from America shall proceed to Tinos where the faithful from beyond the seas shall have the privilege of reverently bowing and praying before the holy Icon and of sensing the manifestation of divine power. And indeed, it is also for the first time that a palatial trans-Atlantic liner, the S.S. QUEEN FEDERICA, shall anchor at Tinos, with its Pilgrims from America.

The S.S. Queen Frederica will sail from New York for Tinos on August 4th, 1957, and she will arrive in Tinos early in the morning of August 15th. All the passengers will disembark and follow the holy mass and the procession of the miraculous Icon and they will sail for Piraeus at 2:50 P.M., where the vessel will arrive late in the evening.

That is why this sailing is unique and extraordinary, for it is embraced with this great religious pomp and solemnity. All are urged and are welcomed to join this holy crusade together with their families and friends so that we may visit Tinos and pray before the holy Icon for salvation, peace and spiritual guidance.

Donation by National Hellenic American Line For Earthquake Victims of Thessaly

ATHENS—Mr. Nicholas Vernicos-Eugenidis, President of the National Hellenic American Line, owner-Company of the Greek flag luxury liner "QUEEN FEDERICA," continues to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, the late Eugene Eugenidis who was proclaimed national benefactor by the Greek Government, by donating \$6,000 for assisting the earthquake victims of Thessaly.

S. S. QUEEN FEDERICA 1957 Excursion

The National Hellenic American Line which has taken the lead in spearheading a most effective campaign for the development and promotion of Greek tourism, is proud to announce that, again in 1957—as in 1955 and 1956—the Greek flag luxury liner "QUEEN FEDERICA" will carry exclusively all the leading Greek-American organizations to Greece.

1957 Excursions to Greece

Ahepa	March 27
Gapa	April 24
Castorians	April 24
Micrasiatic and Thracians	April 24
* Panmessinians	May 19
Pansamians	May 19
Panlesvians	May 19
Pancorinthians	May 19
Panrhodians	May 19
Panarcadians	July 11
** Pancretans	July 11
American Mayors and Presidents of Greek Communities	August 4
*** Tinos—Greece Pilgrimage Under the sponsorship of American Foundation for Greece	August 4

* Will disembark at Kalamata.

** Will disembark at Khania (Crete).

*** Will disembark at Tinos.

The above-named organizations have chosen the luxury liner "Queen Frederica" because she is the only ship in regular passenger service between New York and Piraeus flying the Greek flag. The ship's popularity is further enhanced by the fact that she contributes to the "Eugenidis Foundation," an organization which provides poor or orphaned Greek students with scholarship to the best technical schools of the United States.

Notice to All Ahepans and Government Officials

The Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee has been *dissolved, dismissed and discontinued* by the Ahepa National Convention in New York City in August 1956. Any person corresponding under its name or pretending to represent the Order of Ahepa through this Committee for any purpose is an *impostor* and *guilty of misrepresentation*.

The present administration has appointed Brother Ted N. Mavrick of 6651 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago 36, Illinois, National Director of Public Relations and all legislative proposals of interest to the Order of Ahepa should be handled through his office.



THE AHEPA EXCURSION WITH THE S/S QUEEN FREDERICA—One of the most important and exciting events of the year is always the Ahepa Excursion to Greece which sailed March 26th aboard the S/S Queen Frederica. The above photograph was taken in the "Rhodes" suite of the Commander of the Excursion, Bro. John G. Thevos, while the latter received from the Supreme Vice-President of the Order of Ahepa, Bro. Peter T. Kourides, a program of the official reception and events planned by the Greek Government upon the arrival of the Ahepans in Piraeus. From left to right: Bro. Anestis Kampos, dynamic Ahepan from Baltimore; the Supreme Vice-President of Ahepa and well-known attorney in New York, Bro. Peter T. Kourides; the Vice-Commander of the Ahepa Excursion, Bro. Anthony Papageorgiou from West Palm Beach, Florida; the popular Captain of the S/S Queen Frederica, Admiral C. C. Condyannis; the Commander of the Excursion and Director of Law and Public Safety of New Jersey, Bro. John G. Thevos, who served Ahepa as Supreme President for two terms; and the other Vice-Commander of the Excursion, Bro. George J. Margoles, well-known attorney from New Haven, Connecticut.

Yankee District Stalwarts Confer on Protective Fund

A conference recently held at the Garde Hotel in Hartford, Conn., on the call of Past District Governor George Margoles, Counsellor Director of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund, was attended by such distinguished leaders among the Ahepa stalwarts in the 7th District as: Brother Pliacas of Providence; Brothers Basel, Pappas, George and Gus Margoles, Bespsides, and Nicholson of New Haven; Jim Mazarakos of Springfield; John Maniates, Pete Dimas and John Giftos of Pittsfield; Jim Sentimentes of Bridgeport; James J. Starr, Bill Karabots, and Ernie Koples of Hartford; and Paul Fotios of Waterbury.

A large number of important topics were discussed, especially the projects of the Ahepa School and Dormitory for Orphan Boys, and the newly established Department of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund. Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, Chairman of the Board of Directors handling the affairs of this Department, was present and explained the features about which the members of the group questioned him.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Brother Starr treated the stalwarts to refreshments. Everyone left the meeting more inspired and better informed about the current programs of the Ahepa.

Keystone No. 84 Sponsors Intra-Chapter Bowling

The Keystone Chapter No. 84 was host to an intra-chapter bowling match held in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on November 25, 1956. While only four teams participated, due to a snowstorm, the match was successful in that it stimulated additional interest in bowling by Power District teams.

The teams represented were: Bethlehem, Allentown, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton. Bethlehem was high scorer for the match. District Athletic Director John Mandros arranged for the meet and the teams were guests at the home of District Secretary George Carros after the games. The entire group then traveled to Wilkes-Barre to attend the annual dance of the Greek Church in that city.

Homer No. 65 Initiation

A special initiation of four new Ahepans was conducted by Bethlehem's (Pa.) Homer Chapter No. 65, on October 9, 1956, at the chapter's lodge rooms. A large number of Ahepans were on hand to welcome the new members who are: Brothers Dr. Mannosi Antonis, Dennis Pappas, Peter Kladios, and George Lees.

Two District Lodge members participated in the degree work, namely: District Secretary George Carros and District Athletic Director John Mandros.

Zeus No. 38 News

Zeus Chapter No. 38, Des Moines, Iowa, initiated two new members at their January meeting. They are Bessie Stamatelos and Stella Stamatelos. Bessie left for a trip to Greece shortly thereafter.

New parents in our community are George and Ethel Phillips, who have a son Jimmy, born in January; and Jack and Marie Peterson, who adopted a six month old baby girl from Greece. The little girl arrived in this country in January.

Zeus Chapter hosted a Valentine Dance for the Greek community on February 10. Jim and Georgia Striggles left for Greece on the Ahepa excursion, as a gift from their son.

American Mayors Excursion Again on "Queen Frederica"

Following the success of last year's "American Mayors" Excursion to Greece, the Greek Tourist Office is again organizing a similar pilgrimage with the Greek flag luxury liner "QUEEN FREDERICA." This excursion will include, apart from Mayors from towns all over the United States, the Presidents of Greek Communities. Mr. John Roosevelt, son of the late President of the United States, will head the excursion.

The excursionists will sail from New York on August 4th, 1957, with the "Queen Frederica" which will make a special call at the island of Tinos on August 15th, before arriving at Piraeus, giving them the privilege of participating in the religious festivities which take place on that day.



Photographed above in the offices of the National Hellenic American Line in New York are, left to right: Mr. S. Y. Smith, General Manager of Passenger Sales of the Home Lines Agency, representing the National Hellenic American Line; Mr. John Roosevelt, and the Director of the Greek Tourist Office, Mr. Stelios Papanikolaou, who is again organizing the "American Mayors" Excursion to Greece.

Stentoumis Sets Record 30 Years Chapter Warden

An outstanding achievement has been recorded in the glorious annals of the



S. A. STENTOUMIS

Massachusetts Ahepa with the completion of thirty years of service in the post of warden by Brother Soterios A. Stentoumis of the Golden Rule Chapter No. 101 of New Bedford. Brother S. Stentoumis was born in Megara, Attiki, on March 11, 1884, and belongs to the great pioneering immigrant generation that did so much to lay a solid foundation upon which is based the phenomenal progress of the Hellenes in the United States.

He is a charter member of the Golden Rule Chapter in which he was initiated on April 7, 1927, and ever since has held the office of warden and to his everlasting credit *has never missed a meeting* since his initiation. Indeed, an inspiring accomplishment. A few years ago, he was presented with a certificate of merit by the (then Supreme President Peter L. Bell for outstanding work as a Warden and for his many contributions in all projects undertaken by the Order of Ahepa.

Brother Stentoumis is now retired from his grocery business and is living in the quaint and typical New England town of Fairhaven in Massachusetts. Congratulations and best wishes for continued good health and service to the Ahepa.

North Shore to Stage Building Fund Drive; "Masquerade Ball"

North Shore No. 94 of Chicago, Illinois, the "Blue Ribbon" Chapter of Ahepa, has undertaken a gigantic fund-raising drive and "Masquerade Ball," commencing March 1 and culminating October 31, it was announced by Nicholas G. Rekas, President.

Known as the North Shore Community Building Fund, the drive will consist of a huge drawing with first prize a 1957 Chevrolet "Two-Tone" four-door sedan. Among the other prizes are Webcor Ravinia Hi-Fi, two Webcor Musicale Hi-Fi sets, Dormeyer Broil-Well Rotisserie and Dormeyer Silver Chef Mixer. In all, 14 prizes will be awarded to the lucky ticket holders. Each ticket is 25c.; 5 tickets to a book, at \$1.00 per book.

The drawing will take place at the beautiful Aragon Ballroom during the giant "Masquerade Ball," Thursday, October 31, 1957. Music will be supplied by Chuck Foster and his orchestra. Cash prizes will be awarded for the four top costumes and selection will be made by an independent panel of judges, prominent in the entertainment field. George Pyre has been appointed General Chairman of the two-stage event.

In 1951, North Shore played host to the 13th District Convention at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. With the net proceeds, the chapter established the North Shore Home Building Fund for the specific purpose of establishing a home for the chapter and its auxiliaries, Danae Chapter No. 121 of the Daughters and Jacma Chapter No. 40 of the Maids.

Members of the Executive Committee appointed, in addition to Brother Pyre, are: Zack T. Ritsos and Dr. Louis Angelopoulos, Vice-Chairmen; Miss Helen Makris, Secretary; and George Makris, Treasurer. Committee Chairmen are: George Vourvoulis, Program Book; Zack T. Ritsos, Dance; Nicholas G. Rekas, Publicity; George Panagopoulos, Drawing Tickets; Paul J. Costulas, Dance Tickets. Other members of the committee will be announced shortly.

The Community Building Fund and "Masquerade Ball" are the two biggest ventures ever undertaken by an Ahepa Chapter in the 13th District in the past 15 years. The "Ball" is expected to draw up to 5,000 members of the Ahepa family. With the conclusion of the dual promotion, North Shore will be in a position to climax a long-sought desire . . . the establishment of an Ahepa Home on Chicago's near North side.

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DISTRICT OFFICIALS — Participants in the installation rites of the Cheyenne, Wyo., Ahepa Family. Left to right: William Anderson, President of Cowboy Chapter No. 311; Gus Gatsos, District Governor No. 17; Sotrea Meates, District Governor No. 17 of the Daughters of Penelope; and Justine Anderson, President of Olympus Chapter No. 6.

American Foundation for Hellenic Culture

PROPOSED BY SUPREME PRESIDENT MANTA
FOR ENDORSEMENT BY ST. LOUIS CONVENTION

FOR MANY YEARS Mr. John L. Manta has been striving to bring into full recognition the continuous and abiding influences exercised by the Hellenic race over the trends and character of human history from ancient to modern times. To this purpose he has dedicated much of the physical, spiritual and financial resources that came within his discretion to direct.

Mr. Manta is keenly conscious of the incalculable good derived throughout the centuries from the high ideas and ideals; the deep knowledge and understandings; the fertile and fruitful imaginations; the religious adorations; the love of freedom and democracy; the patriotic devotion and heroic virtues; the art and architecture; the poetry and music; the philosophy and wisdom; the comedy and drama; and from the broad horizons given to the world by the sons and daughters of fabulous *Ellin*, who are still *Ellines* at home, though known as "Greeks" abroad.

These priceless attributes of human excellence were born from the minds and practiced in the lives of the people who created themselves, and their gods, on that rocky promontory that juts like an open palm into the Aegean Sea, when the world was young, in its morning age, free from the worries and woes that weigh upon it now.

John Manta firmly believes that these contributions will reach the pinnacle of service only when they are known, understood and appreciated in their original setting. He also reached the conclusion that the arduous task of highlighting the golden threads of Hellenic influences in the fabric of modern life rightfully belongs to the Greeks. With them alone rests the perpetuity of Hellenic Culture.

Although Mr. Manta has carried the torch of Hellenic Culture steadily, bravely and ungrudgingly, he realizes that the task is for all Greeks to serve the cause in an intelligently organized effort.

Since his elevation to the Supreme Presidency, Mr. Manta has found strong encouragement in "the objects, principles and ideals" of Ahepa, part of which are:

"To receive, cultivate, enrich, and marshal into active service for humanity the noblest attributes and highest ideals of true Hellenism; and

"To open, establish and maintain new channels for facilitating the dissemination of culture and learning."

To the end that these objectives of the Order might be achieved for the eternal benefit of all mankind and the everlasting glory of the Hellenic people, Supreme President Manta conjures the Ahepans in the name of their proud patrimony to sponsor the organization of a Holy Crusade for Hellenic Culture of universal scope and purposes, which will enlist the moral and material assistance of all Hellenic and philhellenic elements for their successful fulfillment.

The establishment of an American Foundation for Hellenic Culture, under the auspices of the Ahepa, was the keynote of the tour of chapters made by the Supreme President at the beginning of this year. He discussed the subject in public and private gatherings at every place he visited. The idea was received with favorable comments and many promises of support.

Therefore, as a basis on which the Chapters, District Lodges and District Conventions may conduct discussions and

express opinions, modifications and amendments, the general plan of procedure is that:

The Supreme Lodge be authorized to invite representatives of educational, scientific, legal, medical, and industrial professions to draw a charter, constitution and by-laws, and plot the purposes, forms of government, types of membership and qualifications, and the means by which the purposes of the Foundation will be attained.

It is contemplated that the funds of the Foundation will come from annual membership dues, to which all persons and organizations will be eligible, and from gifts, bequests, and endowments; and will be used to improve existing schools, build new ones, endow Hellenic chairs in established institutions of learning, and grant scholarships.

Membership in the Foundation will be voluntary. No one will be taxed without his individual consent, and neither the Order of Ahepa nor any subdivision of it will be charged with any responsibility.

The time is now ripe for all admirers of Hellenic Culture and Traditions to join a crusade for its revival, enrichment and perpetuation.

The Order of Ahepa, being the largest and most representative organization of the Hellenic elements on the continent, is also the most logical body to assume the leadership in this movement which affects the future of Hellenism everywhere. In sponsoring the establishment of the proposed Hellenic Cultural Foundation, Ahepa is not assuming the control, direction or financial responsibility of its operation. The Foundation is proposed to be a self-governed and self-supporting institution.

SPECIAL REQUEST TO ALL Chapters, District Lodges and Conventions

The Supreme President, Brother John L. Manta, respectfully requests all Chapters, District Lodges and District Conventions to formally consider, discuss and vote on a motion to approve or disapprove the following proposal which he plans to submit to the St. Louis Convention for final action:*

It is proposed that:

The Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa be authorized to sponsor the organization of a

FOUNDATION FOR HELLENIC CULTURE

of broad universal scope, membership and application, to function independently and outside of the Ahepa jurisdiction, legal direction or responsibility, for the general purpose of doing all acts and things that it might consider prudent, necessary or proper for the revival, preservation and perpetuation of Hellenic culture, language, literature and traditions.

* Please report your action, comments and suggestions to Ahepa Supreme Headquarters, 1422 K Street N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

Statecraft, Politics and Pollution

IT WOULD BE THE HEIGHT OF FRATERNAL FOLLY if the official organ of this Order continued to ignore the existence of the currents and counter-currents of statesmanship, smart strategies, and political campaigns conducted on every conceivable level throughout the Ahepa Domain. *The Ahepan* has no illusions that all is well or that all is bad on the stage of Ahepa life and activities. It is well acquainted with the acts and actors responsible for the disappointments, as it is with those justly accredited for the triumphs of the Order. *The Ahepan* knows the hard facts of Ahepa statesmen, politicians, opportunists and hatchetmen. The time has come to lift the curtain and turn the spotlight on all acts and actors, that the audience may bestow its cheers, or jeers, according to its interpretation of the illuminated acts.

Statesmen Distinguished From Common Politicians

Practically every subdivision of the Order has been exposed to every kind of political treatment in various doses and forms of application.

A pure Ahepa statesman is a member who, without hope of reward or fear of criticism, devotes his time, talent and money to think, plan, present and promote practical methods and permanent works for the benefit of the Order. His unselfish contributions might range anywhere from an amendment to the constitutional government or ritualistic ceremonies, to the building of a local temple, or the establishment of a District summer camp for children, or completion of a project for the entire Order.

A good Ahepa politician is a member who desires to be honored by the Order, either with office, or with any other form of recognition, and is also desirous to be worthy and deserving of the honor he covets. He works and earns the reward. He continues to work for and be interested in the progress of the Order just as much *after* as before he received the honors he earned.

Opportunists are of many varieties and of equally fluctuating importance in the degree of good or harm that each stripe can do for or to the Order. The most numerous are: The capable but lazy, and the incapable but industrious.

The capable but lazy is the member who has the ability to serve but will not sacrifice the required time to do so. But whenever there's an opportunity for a special favor—like a picture, publicity, appointment, or office without a struggle—he pushes his way to the front and makes himself available.

The weak but ambitious opportunist works for his own promotion. He wants the honors but has not the ability to either earn or attract them to himself. His chance for advancement is to run against someone weaker than himself.

The hatchetman is a sad specimen. More to be pitied than patronized; more to be dodged than despised. He is neither dumb nor lazy. He has education and ability, he can write and speak; his speeches are good, but the same can't be said about him. He can make the worse appear the better reason. He wields a poison pen and hammers heartless attacks from his typewriter—whether unsigned yesterday or signed today, they are the same. Neither the shrouded dead nor the living in the bosom of their homes and families can escape his abuse.

There is a stripe of this ilk who make it a practice to write such letters to persons who they know will not and cannot answer without losing their self-respect. This type of attack is classified in their books "smartest" among the strategies.

The Fight for Votes and Favor

It is generally accepted that Ahepa politics has become an intensely personal matter. As in every democratic state or institution, so in Ahepa, the constituency which supports and maintains it, also chooses the winner in a contest of conflicting claims and clashing ambitions.

The fight to find favor with and exercise influence upon the thoughts and ideals in the Ahepa mind can, and does assume many forms. Sometimes it is open and direct, others subtle, flattering and strategic. And in some instances it is brutal, unethical and groundless.

Fight Must Be Fair and Decent

With the right to judge the fight and pick the winner, comes the duty and responsibility of setting bounds of decencies beyond which the fights should not go. There are standards of human rights which should remain inviolable; fraternal laws and mandates which should be obeyed and performed; and above all, there are Ahepa needs, interests and problems which must be served, protected and solved.

Even though there are no written rules governing the conduct of a political campaign, members of the Order can set up in their minds standards of moral values, by which to measure the qualifications of candidates and contestants.

The danger of going wrong comes from not knowing that the proponent might either be an impostor, or responsible for the situation he criticizes, or have a personal interest in the result of the action.

There's also the danger of a member becoming accustomed to apparently accomplished facts, subdue his indignation, offer no resistance, and resign himself to what he may consider inevitable.

Hence, the importance of alerting the Ahepans to be on guard, "prove all things, and hold fast that which is good."

Most Unpleasant But Necessary Task

It is with mingled sorrow, regret and indignation that *The Ahepan* finds it necessary to record disapproval of certain acts and practices utterly unbecoming erstwhile officials of this Order.

Specific reference is made to the continued disregard of the Convention mandates; unjustifiable criticisms regarding the Convention Minutes; distorted, half-true, wholly untrue statements concerning the so-called "Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society"; the protective program authorized by the New York Convention; the disrespectful letter to the Supreme President, copies of which have been published in the public press; and the dramatic affectations regarding the appointments to the Board of Directors; politically inspired letters, smeared with abusive, disrespectful and unfounded charges against tried and

true Ahepans; and to the bad taste, poor sporting blood and shabby hospitality displayed to the Supreme President when entertained as guest of honor, and then confronted with anonymous statements for the sole purpose of embarrassing him.

The Dissolved Refugee Relief Committee

The New York Convention voted for the dissolution of the Refugee Relief Committee, its chairman, Leo Lamberson to complete his report and turn it over, with all records, to the Supreme Lodge, which was directed to make a final audit of all its transactions and report to the Order. The Supreme Lodge went to the expense of employing a staff to carry out this mandate, but has been unable to do so, because Brother Lamberson refuses to surrender the records and continues to correspond, collect monies, and conduct business as usual for and in the name of the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee.

Skippping the Miscellaneous And Coming to the Minutes

With a passing reference to the stereotyped topics prepared to heckle the Supreme President with statements attacking: Creation of 25th District, Appointment of Excursion Commander, Ahepa Family Protective Fund, "V. L." Ahepa Magazine Policies, and alleged financial deficits from '49 to '53, *The Ahepan* cites, as another flagrant example of bad politics, the improper attempt to blame the Supreme President for the now infamous mystery of the missing minutes. His firm stand on the sound and simple business principle expressed in the four axiomatic words: "No minutes, no money," remains unassailable.

Verinis Writes to Manta, Runs Copy to Mantzoros

From all indications, the ugly passion to smear the character and pollute the climate of irreproachable personages at the San Francisco Convention is still alive and on the loose in the camp of its worshipers. It reappeared, in speeches and letters, shortly before the New York Convention, to abuse and smear Ahepans whose only fault is a steadfast devotion to the Order.

The refusal of a person to answer a disrespectful, abusive and obviously hypocritical letter is far from being an admitted proof of the charges it absurdly levels against him. The more logical view is that the receiver does not care to lower his self-respect to the level of the writer.

For the benefit of the Ahepans who have not read the published letter addressed to Supreme President Manta by Brother Verinis on February 21, 1957, the sum and substance of its contents are:

1. That Brother Verinis is "shocked" to see the names of Brothers Scopas, Athas and Manesiotos on stationery of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund, when he, "by letter of Oct. 2, 1956, appointed them directors of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society," and charges that this act is to perpetrate a hoax upon the membership and to mislead them as to the facts.

In connection with this statement, Brother Verinis is invited to consider that:

(a) His letter designated his appointees to serve on the "Ahepa Fraternal Society." There is no organization by that name, except that Ahepa itself might be so called. The natural presumption was that "it was to this new set-up that he appointed them," as he says in his letter. There is no other "new set-up" except the plan of \$2.00 a year per \$100.00 benefit up to \$1,000.00, named "Ahepa Family Protective Fund."

(b) The profession of a "shock" at the sight of those names on the letterhead, Feb. 21, 1957, appears slightly hypocritical if not downright dishonest. The Bulletin of Nov. 15,

1956, carried those names in the same connection in the article he "observed the rejection of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society," as well as on the list of Boards and Directorates published on page 14 of the same Bulletin. It is not easy to believe that they saw their names with this "new unauthorized, and economically ruinous insurance plan" in November, '56, and were all "shocked" at one and the same time — though thousands of miles apart — on Feb. 19-21, '57.

(c) There was no point of appointing these three Brothers on the so-called "Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society," when they were on its Board of Directors already.

(d) Why would the Supreme President want "to perpetrate a hoax upon the membership and to mislead them as to the facts"?

2. The so-called "Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society" as now organized and operated does not have any of the features, characteristics or advantages of the "Ahepa Insurance Fund" submitted to and approved by the Chapters. It has not even a "coincidental resemblance" with what the Chapters approved.

Any representation to the effect that the plan Brother Verinis talks about is the same, or nearly the same, or that in any way resembles the plan or program approved by the Chapters in the referendum of March 25, 1955, is completely false and amounts to slightly more than a hoax.

3. The third point gives his views on the right of Ahepans to purchase protection up to \$1,000.00 at \$2.00 per hundred. He says this "was approved by the delegates of the New York Convention," but with limitations as to health and restrictions as to age. He does not specify what they are.

4. He complains that there is confusion in the Ahepa domain and everyone is asking, "How many insurance plans do we have?" The only one confused is Brother Verinis. The difficulty seems to be that he and his associates are seeking to conceal the troubles plaguing them by trying to create troubles for others.

There need be no confusion in this matter. The operators of the so-called "Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society" either do or don't own the outfit. If they don't, and Ahepa does, there's nothing to do but turn it over to it. If they own it, and want to sell it to the Ahepa, let them make an offer accompanied with a clean and complete statistical statement of its condition.

Plans of deception cannot be carried out when the membership is alert and insists upon full information concerning all affairs affecting the Order.

There are good members who cannot see the full extent of the evil which threatens Ahepa through such intrigues and intriguers. It is the madness of folly to expect any good from those who have refused to do justice for and by the Order. Even the good done, where unjust acquisition of power is the object, it is only the trick of a treacherous mind. The cunning of the fox is just as fatal as the violence of the wolf.

Perhaps the reason is now clear why the Supreme President declines to answer letters of the type written and published by Brother Verinis. *The Ahepan* did not relish the job either.

To be told by anyone that those who have labored the longest, sacrificed the most for the Order, never put their hands in its fleshpots, are now working for its ruin and destruction, perpetrating hoaxes and deceptions on the membership, would be insufferable enough, but to be told and be accused of those things by the likes of members who never did an unselfish thing for Ahepa, and availed themselves of every opportunity to accuse and vilify everyone who did, it is not the part of prudence and respectability to waste words in any attempt to reason with such people.

The Ahepan has brought these shady acts and practices to the sunlight of truth and justice to the end that no honest member can be duped by lofty and glittering generalities.

Totalitarianism In Cyprus

CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATED — A QUESTION FOR ALL AMERICANS

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IN DETERMINING the day to day and the long range policy of the United States on the Cyprus Question it is important for us to fully understand the nature of the violence on that tragic island. The Tory Government, which views all anti-imperialist movements as terroristic, has been conducting a campaign to deceive neutral nations into thinking that the Cypriot movement for freedom lacks popular support. Nothing could be further from the truth.

PATRIOTS, YES — TERRORISTS, NO

The Cyprus issue is a struggle between the Cypriots, who are overwhelmingly Greek, and a foreign government which rules them against their will. On factual and theoretical grounds, the characterization of EOKA as "terrorist" is completely untenable. Any objective analysis of EOKA would have to begin from the neutral characterization "rebel." The military arm of the Cypriot people, EOKA, has been undertaken by young men who are leaders in their community. Of the 35 men the British have posted price tags on, none has a prior criminal record, and all, with the exception of the alleged leader, are in their twenties. The same is true of the eight men who were hung without trial by jury.

The British claim that EOKA is composed of a handful who are not supported by the people. Yet they contradict themselves when they decree severe emergency regulations, impose harsh collective punishment and collective fines on whole towns and villages, and curfews throughout the entire island. Such actions are an admission that the movement for freedom in Cyprus has deep popular roots. There can be no doubt that the people of Cyprus consider the members of EOKA as patriots and freedom fighters.

The Cyprus plebiscite in 1950, in which over 95% of the Greek Cypriot community voted for an end to Britain's dictatorial colonial rule, further demonstrates that the movement has vast popular support. As Mr. John Dugdale, M.P., said in a recent House of Commons debate, (Sept. 14, 1956: c. 407):

"The Government must think again and realize what they are up against in Cyprus. They are not up against just a few somewhere in the hills, who come down from time to time to disturb the population. They are up against the mass sentiment of the people of Cyprus, and much of this mass sentiment has arisen because, whether we like it or not, the terrorists stand to many Cypriots as the terrorists of Ireland stand to the people of Ireland."

BRITAIN'S TOTALITARIAN METHODS

Britain, which prides itself on its system of legal justice, is today in Cyprus using severe totalitarian measures including the complete suppression of justice as we know it. Nowhere is there a more flagrant example of double standards than in a comparison of British freedom at home and her treatment of Cyprus. It is supremely ironic to see one of the world's great democracies resort to dictatorial measures in the name of freedom. The list of measures imposed tells its own tale:

- 1) Political hangings.
- 2) Persons imprisoned without charge or trial. (Britain has concentration camps on Cyprus although they prefer the more polite phrase "detention" camps.)
- 3) Collective punishment and collective fines.
- 4) Arrests without charge.
- 5) Arrests even after charge and acquittal.
- 6) Entire families evicted from their homes.
- 7) Censorship.
- 8) Persecution of Church.
- 9) Searches and seizure of persons and homes without warrant at any time of day or night.
- 10) Public assemblies prohibited.
- 11) Freedom of speech and press curtailed.
- 12) No grand jury indictment.
- 13) No trial by jury in any criminal case.
- 14) Writ of habeas corpus abolished.
- 15) Severe curfews, including a 22-hour a day 8-day curfew in Nicosia, the capital.
- 16) Radios jammed.
- 17) Children whipped.
- 18) Schools closed.

BRITAIN'S POLITICAL HANGINGS

A full article could be devoted to the significance of each of these items. We shall deal here primarily with the political hangings in which eight young men, all in their twenties, have been executed on the gallows within the past seven months. If one examines the facts it becomes clear why these hangings are political. Cyprus is presently under martial law with the British troops on a war basis. Britain recognizes she is dealing with a rebel army yet refuses to deal with the captives as prisoners of war. (The Articles of War prohibit the hanging of captives.) Not one of the eight had trial by jury, much less a grand jury indictment. Two of the eight were charged with attempted murder. In Britain or the United States, even assuming grand jury indictment, trial by jury and conviction, these two could not have been given the death penalty. The respected British *Manchester Guardian* in an editorial acknowledges this and has characterized the hangings as "political executions" (Sept. 27, 1956, p. 8).

Drop by Drop

In Cyprus we are carrying out a policy of drop by drop — drop by drop of the gallows trap. The hanging on Friday of three Greek Cypriot terrorists has brought the total of political executions to eight. Two were hanged in May and three in August; there is at present one more man awaiting execution. The policy seems to be to hang two or three every two months or so. One says "policy" because the carrying out of death sentences under the Cyprus emergency regulations is a political matter. "The law," we are told in such cases, "should take its course," but in an emergency the law is a creature of policy. The Cyprus Supreme Court acknowledged this when it rejected, because of present conditions in Cyprus, the appeal of one of the three men under sentence (he, but not the other two, could in an ordinary court have been convicted only of attempted mur-

der). It is not much use hoping that the Government, committed as it is to coercion, will see the tragic folly of the drop by drop policy. Yet there is no surer way of making martyrs.

It is time Britain learned that today force cannot be a substitute for mutual accommodation between peoples. Britain has one alternative before her repressive measures harden into habit and that is to transform hate into cooperation by adhering to the principles which are both the basis and the prime defense of a beleaguered Western civilization.

HUNGARY—CYPRUS

AND UNITED STATES POLICY

In essence, the movement of the Greek Cypriots is no different than the Hungarian movement for freedom. Both are struggling to throw off the yoke of foreign rule. We, as a Nation, cannot have a double standard for patriots. We cannot refer to the Hungarian rebels as patriots because their oppressor is the Soviet Union and at the same time refer to the Cypriot rebels as terrorists because their oppressor is our ally Britain. Everyone in the free world considers the Hungarian freedom fighters as patriots for they are struggling to remove the yoke of foreign tyranny. Nothing is changed in the Cypriots' case except the names of the oppressor and the oppressed. If there is any terrorism on the island it is that which flows from Britain's attempt to impose its will upon Cyprus by armed force.

The opening sentence of *The New York Times* editorial of October 27, 1956, on the Hungarian revolt could be applied equally to Cyprus:

"They alone are worthy of freedom who are willing to fight and die for freedom."

Senate Resolution 81, calling for the application to the people of Cyprus of the historic American principle of self-determination was introduced by Senator Irving M. Ives of New York on January 30, 1957, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The resolution was co-sponsored by the following Senators:

Frank A. Barrett (R.—Wyo.)
 J. Glenn Beall (R.—Md.)
 John A. Carroll (D.—Colo.)
 Joseph S. Clark (D.—Pa.)
 Theodore Francis Green (D.—R.I.)
 Hubert H. Humphrey (D.—Minn.)
 John F. Kennedy (D.—Mass.)
 Irving M. Ives (R.—N.Y.)
 Russell B. Long (D.—La.)
 William Langer (R.—N.D.)
 Warren G. Magnuson (D.—Wash.)
 James E. Murray (D.—Mont.)
 Frederick G. Payne (R.—Maine)
 William A. Purtell (R.—Conn.)
 Jacob K. Javits (R.—N.Y.)
 Charles E. Potter (R.—Mich.)
 Milton R. Young (R.—N.D.)

Other Senators who have indicated support for the application of the principle of self-determination to the people of Cyprus, but who did not have an opportunity to co-sponsor S. Res. 81 before it was referred to the Committee, are:



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Norris Cotton (R.—N.H.)
 Richard L. Neuberger (D.—Ore.)
 John Marshall Butler (R.—Md.)
 Clifford P. Case (R.—N.J.)
 Dennis Chavez (D.—N.M.)
 Paul H. Douglas (D.—Ill.)
 Estes Kefauver (D.—Tenn.)
 Herman E. Talmadge (D.—Ga.)
 Pat McNamara (D.—Mich.)
 Wayne Morse (D.—Ore.)

Passage of this resolution is important to American foreign policy as a strong reaffirmation to the peoples of the world that the United States and the Senate of the United States are deeply interested in all genuine movements for freedom. It would give added substance to House Concurrent Resolution 149 (84th Congress) which unanimously expressed the sense of the Congress that the United States in its international relations should maintain its traditional policy in opposition to colonialism and communist imperialism.

It is our obligation as American citizens to do all we can to speed affirmative Senate action on this important resolution. The resolution reads:

RESOLUTION

Whereas the overwhelming majority of the people of the island of Cyprus are struggling for their liberty and are demanding an end to their present colonial position in the British Empire; and

Whereas serious tension has arisen in the eastern Mediterranean area over Cyprus between our North Atlantic Treaty Organization ally, Great Britain, and our North Atlantic Treaty Organization ally, Greece, which has close ties of kinship and culture with the people of Cyprus; and

Whereas the United States is now recasting and remodeling its policy in the Middle East, of which Cyprus is an integral part, with a view to repairing the damage done to the free world's collective security system; and

Whereas the United States fought a great world war under the banner of the principle of self-determination of peoples: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of the Senate of the United States that—

(a) the British Government should be urged by our Government to see the wisdom of seeking to maintain its influence in this area by the exercise of leadership in the cause of freedom rather than by use of force and repression; and

(b) free world collective security considerations should be given due weight but should not be used as an excuse for the frustration of the legitimate aspirations of the people of Cyprus; and

(c) the principle of self-determination, to which the United States has historically subscribed, be applied to the people of Cyprus.

Ahepans who believe the Cyprus Question is important to American self-interest and would like to be placed on our mailing list are requested to write to Committee on the Cyprus Question, 147 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y. Bibliography and research topics also available for students.



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AHEPA FAMILY PROTECTIVE FUND Defined and Clarified

By V. I. CHEBITHES
Chairman, Board of Directors

The following article is intended to answer every question that has been asked in connection with the recently established Protective Fund. If your question is not answered anywhere in this article, please direct your inquiry to the Chairman at Supreme Headquarters, 1422 K Street, N.W., Washington 5, D.C.

1. The Ahepa Family Protective Fund is a department of the Order of Ahepa established under the authority of a proposal presented to and passed by the Ahepa National Convention held in New York City, August, 1956, giving every member of the Order who is now or hereafter shall be in goodstanding with his Chapter the right to purchase protection from the Order up to \$1,000.00, in units of \$100.00, at the annual contribution of \$2.00 per unit.

2. The Fund created by these contributions and readily available for the payment of protective benefits maturing under the terms stated in the application signed by the member and in the certificate issued to him, is officially known as the Order of Ahepa Family Protective Fund.

3. The benefits of this Fund have been extended upon equal terms to all goodstanding members of the Ahepa Family, namely: Ahepans, Daughters of Penelope, who are under the age of fifty and there is a dangerous possibility that they may be able to effect this restriction at the next National Conclave.

4. The only requirement of eligibility during the current period—September 1956 to September 1957—is that the member be in good standing with his or her Chapter and that his or her dues are paid in full for the whole year of 1957. Every member being now in goodstanding or hereafter acquiring such a status, through initiation or reinstatement, upon the filing of a prescribed application and the payment of the required contribution, shall be automatically accepted and included within the protection of the Fund to the extent of his application and payment, but in no case shall the amount of protection in this Fund exceed \$1,000.00.

The protective amount becomes due and payable only in the event of the member's death occurring when he or she is no more than 90 days in arrears with the payment of his or her dues to his or her Chapter and in the payment of his or her contribution to the Fund. There are no limitations regarding age, health or choice of beneficiary. The protection becomes effective immediately upon receipt of the application, contribution to the Fund and payment of the Chapter dues. Benefit Certificates evidencing membership in this Fund are issued in due course of time.

5. A member of the Ahepa Family may join the Fund at any time when he or she is qualified and eligible. Every member of the Fund, regardless of when his or her membership became effective, must pay his or her Chapter dues and contribution to the Fund every year thereafter on or before the 31st day of March. Failure to pay Chapter dues and Fund contributions on or before March 31st, in any year after joining the Fund, terminates the protection of the member and his beneficiary is entitled to nothing from the Fund. Reinstatement after such termination rests solely within the discretion of the Board of Directors or an authorized representative thereof.

6. The Ahepa Family Protective Fund is an unincorporated property, project and department under the complete ownership, control and direction of the Order of Ahepa, just as are the funds of the Ahepa Emergency, the Scholarship, the Banquet, the Ahepa School

and Dormitory for Orphan Boys, the Ahepa Magazine, the Ahepa properties in Florida and New Mexico, and the General Fund.

7. The Board of Directors managing this Fund are appointed by authority of the National Convention; are responsible to the National Convention; and their acts are subject to the examination of the National Convention. All rules, rates and regulations governing the Fund can be revised, either by the National Convention or the Board of Directors, in accordance with the provisions of the applications signed by the members, and the Benefit Certificates issued to them. Future limitations as to age and health cannot be retroactive. Neither can the amount of protection granted be lessened by any changes of the present rules and regulations. The only changes made in the future which can apply to those who are already members are such changes as may be found necessary to be made in the amount of contribution.

8. The Ahepa Family Protective Fund is not an insurance. It is a Fund created by the Ahepa Family upon the altruistic principles of mutual helpfulness, equality and cooperation as expounded in the Ahepa Constitution and taught by precepts and examples in the Ahepa rites and rituals. Participation in this Fund is voluntary. One can be a member of the Ahepa Family without participating in the Fund, but no one can be a member of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund without being a goodstanding member of the Order of Ahepa or its auxiliaries.

9. The Ahepa Family Protective Fund is in addition to the Ahepa Emergency Fund which was created as a voluntary protective fund in 1935, was made compulsory in 1956, and has been revised since then to provide a scale of benefits depending on the age at which a member is initiated or reinstated. A member's rights under the Emergency Fund are in nowise affected by the Family Protective Fund.

10. The Ahepa Family Protective Fund is not to be confused, confounded, or in any way connected with the so-called "Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society."

Contrary to the misconception created by the flagrant abuse of its popular name, mailing list and membership, the Order of Ahepa has no jurisdiction, control or direction over this "Society"; has no interest in and is not responsible for its operations; and desires or expects nothing from it except to stop using the name of Ahepa; to return the money—\$1,289.51—which has been paid out of the Supreme Treasury of the Order for debts and expenses incurred, and cash disbursed exclusively for the "Society" by its officers; and to pay its debts for which its creditors—principally the Hennage Lithograph Co. of Washington, D.C., to which it owes \$10,000.00—embarrass the Ahepa Headquarters with demands for payment and threats of suits.

It is hoped that this article clarifies many of the points raised and answers the questions asked by a large number of Ahepans whom it has not been possible to answer with personal letters. The Ahepa Family Protective Fund does not pay any commissions, salaries, or any other compensation to the directors and officers in charge of promoting its operations. Consequently the membership is requested to be patient and charitable, if the correspondence and other services have been slower than expected. Every effort is being made to set up a suitable system whereby the Fund can be properly and profitably administered at the lowest possible expenditure of time and money.

Attention Superannuated Forty-Niners

All Ahepans and Daughters of Penelope who are about to pass or have passed the age of fifty and who desire to come within the protection of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund are hereby urged to do so without further delay.

The reason for this timely warning is the pessimistic opinion among certain members of our Order who believe the benefits of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund should be available only to those who are under the age of fifty and there is a dangerous possibility that they may be able to effect this restriction at the next National Conclave.

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I also agree that said \$1,000.00 shall become due and payable only if my death occurs when the annual payments of my chapter dues and \$20.00 contribution herein mentioned shall have been made according to the terms of this application; and that neither I nor my beneficiary shall be otherwise entitled to any cash surrender value, loan, dividends or interest from said certificate.

I further agree that the terms in the application may be amended by the Directors of this Fund or by the Ahepa National Convention to comply with the laws of my state or province, or to meet any safety requirements of the fund in the future, and that such amendments shall have the same force and effect as if in this application when I sign it, or in the Benefit Certificate issued to me evidencing my beneficiary's rights to participation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name this day

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Grecian Isle: An Idler's Aegean Idyll

By WALTER HACKETT
The New York Times

A SUDDEN RUSH of tourists could spoil Mykonos. Therefore, somewhat grudgingly the writer recommends that anyone who wants to get a glimpse into the life on a small Greek island in the fabled Aegean Sea should visit Mykonos. Conversely, anyone looking for lush accommodations should remain in the air-conditioned ease of an Athens hotel bar.

Statistically, Mykonos is just another small splash on the map of Greece, an island not nearly as well known as Crete or Rhodes. Only twelve miles long, it has a population of 6,352, and its economy hinges upon fishing and home weaving.

What the map cannot show and what the guide books do not record are the quiet charm, sunny days, blue skies and stretches of white sand that combine to make Mykonos an unusual retreat. Terse descriptions of this island also fail to relate how 177 white windmills flail their arms and why there are 365 churches; nor do they mention the fine swimming, fishing and sailing. Also lacking is the pleasant attitude of the islanders, 200 miles from the sophisticated mainland.

A CASUAL SAIL

The best period to visit Mykonos is between the end of April and the middle of September. The days are warm, but at sundown a breeze washes in, driving away the heat.

It is a casual sail from Piraeus, port of Athens, to Mykonos. The first-class round-trip fare is under \$8. The ship, modern and clean, normally sails at 1 P.M. and arrives at the island late that night, usually around 10, depending upon the sea, wind and the chief engineer's disposition. The first stop is Tinos, reached after dinner. An hour later, flickering lights to starboard signal the presence of Delos. Twenty minutes later the ship drops anchor outside the breakwater at Mykonos.

Because of the late arrival, it immediately becomes obvious why it is best to book accommodations in advance through one of the Athens travel agents. With the limited number of rooms, anyone without a reservation may well find himself being greeted by only a dog and one of two policemen, none of whom speaks English, not even the smallest smattering thereof. This situation may become somewhat disconcerting.

The island has one first-class hotel, so designated by the Government, built in 1952 with American E.R.P. funds at a cost of \$240,000. The somewhat vague manner in which it is operated is equalized by a good chef and a magnificent location at one end of the crescent-shaped harbor. Five dollars covers room and three meals.

There is another hotel (second class) and there are a number of small pensions, where a room may be had for as little as \$1. They are Spartan-like, but always clean.

Mykonos is probably one of the few places left in the world where a tourist suddenly finds himself confronted by a grinning youngster, who shyly presents a bunch of wild flowers. If the visitor gives the young islander money, he looks at it blankly, a hurt expression covers his face and he may very well hand it back.

The town wanders uphill and downhill, as though it had no place to go, which indeed it hasn't. The whitewashed houses, huddled together and separated by slits of flagstoned lanes, have a strong Moorish touch; indeed, they resemble houses in North Africa and in the Algarve, Portugal's southernmost province, where Moorish architectural influence is strong.



Mykonos, Isle of Quiet Charm, Sunny Days and Blue Skies.

WIND, WATER, CHURCHES

The many white windmills, wearing caps of straw, whirl their circular sails in the slight breeze, providing natural power for pumping water.

For hundreds of years, Mykonos fishermen and sailors leaving their home port have vowed that if they returned safely, they would erect a church. The results can be seen in the 365 churches that dot the island. Usually they are tiny affairs, large enough to hold only one family.

The best beaches and swimming are to be found on the far side of the island, reached either by ancient taxi or donkey back. The third choice is to hire a boat and sail alongshore. The writer tried this means (\$3 for the day including a boatman), and squeezed in some fishing on the way. The boatman, incidentally, was something of a singer. When he tired of native ballads, he turned to American tunes. It is safe to say it was the first time any visitor from the United States ever heard "Ghost Riders in the Sky" sung in Greek.

Aside from fishing—the catch is consumed on the island—the only industry on Mykonos is home weaving. Practically every woman makes blankets, blouses, skirts, shirts and bags, all of which bring a fair price in an Athens shop. Prices here are much lower, and a colorful skirt may be bought for \$2.

One of the few shoemakers will gladly turn out a pair of handmade sandals for \$1.50. As he does, however, he eyes the customer's American shoes, and undoubtedly wonders why anyone would want to wear sandals.

ADJACENT ANTIQUITIES

While Mykonos contains nothing in the way of classical ruins, the Island of Delos, twenty minutes away by small boat, displays an excavated town dating back to 200 B.C. It includes a theatre, market place and temples. According to the legend, Delos was raised out of the sea so that Apollo could be born there.

What Mykonos lacks in the classical vein is balanced by its warm attitude. According to local tradition, as the visitor sails away, the 177 windmills semaphore "Come back, come back!"



Sport News



GEORGE SPANEAS HONORED—Lowell, Mass., youth is proclaimed the most outstanding Hellenic athlete in America. Scene on the occasion of the presentation of the second annual Harry Agganis trophy to Mr. Spaneas by Dr. Monthe Kofos of Marlboro, Mass., New England Ahepa Athletic Director, while George Foundas (r.), President of the Athens Chapter of Boston, approvingly looks on.

Ahepa All-Star Track Team To Greece Fund

Watch this list grow! Any member or chapter who contributes to this project becomes a sponsor. No amount is too small. Send your contribution to Peter D. Clentzos, National Director of Athletics, 275 Wallis Street, Pasadena 5, Calif. Use tear-off printed elsewhere in Sports Section.

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Attention Track Athletes

The Order of Ahepa is planning a trip to Greece composed of track and field stars for summer '57. The trip will be about four to six weeks. Letters and bulletins will be forwarded to each chapter soon giving details and information concerning this trip. If you know of some athlete who you think can qualify for this trip, please forward the information below to National Director of Athletics Pete Clentzos at 275 Wallis Street, Pasadena 5, Calif.

Information needed:

Name of athlete

Address

Birthplace and date

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NOTE: No athlete should be mentioned or suggested unless he meets the following standards:

100 Yards	under 10.1
220 Yards	under 22.0
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Two Miles	under 10.00
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Javelin	200 ft.

If you know of any athlete (**must be of Greek descent**) in your area, please send in this information at once.

James Pavlatos, Cage Star Awarded Scholarship

Picked as one of the outstanding players on the all-star squad to the All-Tech



J. PAVLATOS

Tournament in the City of Chicago, Ill., co-captain Jim Pavlatos ended his high school basketball career upon graduation. However, he was awarded a scholarship to Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill., where he will continue basketball along with his studies. Jim was an honor student in high school. Jim has also contributed his skill of playing basketball regularly with the Sons of Pericles. He is the son of Brother Angelo Pavlatos, Athletic Director of the 13th District.

Sports Briefs

George Roubanis, now of UCLA and formerly of Greece, placed *third* in the Olympic Games pole vault held in Melbourne, Australia, last November. . . . He is now in Greece being tested for his great job . . . he vaulted 14 ft. 9 1/2 inches for a new Greek record and one of the highest vaults ever made by a European athlete. A real hero, for he scored the only points in the Olympiad made by Greece!

—Pete Clentzos

BELOW — Outstanding track stars competing for high athletic honors at the 13th National Ahepa Olympiad which took place at Randall's Island in New York last August.



THE AHEPAN

Ahepa All-Star Track Team

Sometime in July, an All-Star aggregation of track and field stars composed of from five to eight American boys of Greek descent will depart for Athens, Greece. They will represent and proudly wear the colors of the Order of Ahepa (the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) in a series of track and field exhibitions throughout Greece.

BACKGROUND

The background for this project began back in 1935, when five outstanding American college athletes of Greek descent sponsored by the Greek-American Sports Club of New York, under the able management of popular George Pharmakis of New York, competed in several meets in Greece. In this venture, the team left New York on the liner "Byron" on June 27th and arrived in Piraeus about ten days later. The team received a tumultuous welcome by the Greek people. They participated in exhibitions in Athens, northern Greece, the Balkans and had a dual meet with Austria. The athletes took time out to visit the ancient ruins in many cities and traveled to the villages where their fathers and mothers were born. They spent many happy hours dining and singing in the homes of relatives. These were never to be forgotten experiences.

AHEPA IS POPULAR IN GREECE

The fine and pleasant relationship between the people of Greece and the Americans of Greek descent created as a result of this trip, left a lasting impression in the warm and friendly hearts of the Greek people. Now, twenty-two years later, is the time for another goodwill trip. The idea of the Order of Ahepa sponsoring such a trip was enthusiastically endorsed by the delegates at the National Convention in New York City.

AN EXCITING PROJECT

The people of Greece know and appreciate what Ahepa has done for them in the generous and philanthropic assistance for hospitals, roads, earthquake relief, refugees and other worthwhile and well-meaning endeavors. They know how thrilling and memorable the Ahepa excursions have been. The Ahepa All-Star Track Team will add another chapter to these thrilling and exciting projects. Furthermore, Ahepans and friends who journey over on the Excursion will have the opportunity to see them in action.

ATHLETES TO VIEW SITES

This project will take to Greece a youthful group of eager and anxious athletes of Greek descent back to the land of their glorious ancestry. Their eyes will open wide at the splendors of ancient Hellas. Being athletes and having a true appreciation for their ancestors as being the originators of the ancient Olympic Games, they will be thrilled to view the site of the first revival of the modern Olympic Games in the marble stadium at Athens. What a thrill it will be for them to visit the birthplace of the Games in Olympia! They will represent and be the symbol of Ahepans everywhere.

A PROUD HERITAGE

In many of our banquets and convention gatherings we extol the virtues and the great contributions that the Greeks have handed down to us: science, art, culture, philosophy, yet we forget one of our greatest heritages, athletics! When are we, as Ahepans and Greeks, going to wake up and acknowledge and realize that the glory that was Greece is still recognized and honored in every modern Olympic Games? It is honored by having Greece lead the opening day procession into each stadium. Every person who views that parade knows and recalls that Greece, the originator of these great Games, rightfully deserves this privilege and honor. American athletes of Greek descent look forward to the day when they can view these historical sites.

START OF AHEPA OLYMPIADS

In 1935, in Los Angeles, the Order of Ahepa under the leadership of your National Director, Pete Clentzos, organized the Hellenic Olympiads to bring the Greek youth together. Now for the past 22 years they have served a noble purpose. Ahepa has one of the finest fraternal athletic programs in the nation. Hundreds of athletes have competed in these Olympiads since the First Olympiad was held at Brown Stadium in Providence, R. I., in 1939. The purpose of the Ahepa All-Star Track Team to Greece is a noble one. It will serve to unite the youth of both countries in the universal language of all countries—sports.

FORMER OLYMPIC STAR

The membership of this team will be selected by your National Director of Athletics, Pete Clentzos. His experience as an athlete and coach takes in over thirty-five years. His favorite event was the pole vault in which he established a personal mark of 13 ft. 9 in. while competing for the University of Southern California. In 1932, he competed in the 1932 Olympic Games. In 1935 he was undefeated in foreign competition in Europe and the Balkans. He is the present track and field coach of Roosevelt High in Los Angeles. Last season his track team was undefeated.

CANDIDATES SCREENED

Circulars and information on this project are being sent to all chapters, colleges and universities as well as high schools and being screened for the best possible talent to represent Ahepa. Please submit the names of any boys who aspire to make the team. Close scrutiny will be made of all applicants. The personnel must be of the highest caliber in character and ability. Every effort will be made to select a team that will represent the Order of Ahepa in a manner that will make you proud of them.

AHEPANS ARE GENEROUS

As philanthropic and generous Ahepans who have contributed to every major cause during the past many years we are asking your wholehearted support for this worthy project. The National Convention in New York City last summer officially approved of this great affair. If every Ahepan gave one dollar for this noble cause it would more than cover the expenses. All chapters and individuals are asked to contribute. We would like to send over a team in a manner that will not cause embarrassment to anyone. In our ranks are many sports-minded Ahepans who would like to donate for this project. A special fund is being made up called the *Ahepa All-Star Track Fund*. Names of all donors will be listed as sponsors of this trip and printed in the next issue of THE AHEPAN. No amount is too small. The plan of this project is to leave about the 1st of July and return back to the States in time for the National Convention in St. Louis.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION NOW USE THE TEAR-OFF

Date _____ 1957

Dear Peter:

I am proud and happy to contribute the sum of \$ _____ to help the Ahepa All-Star Track Team to Greece to represent the Order of Ahepa in a series of exhibitions. This trip will promote good-will between the two countries.

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Individual, organization, or chapter name and number

Address _____
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Please make check out to: AHEPA ALL-STAR TRACK FUND and send to Peter D. Clentzos, National Director of Athletics, Order of Ahepa, 275 Wallis Street, Pasadena 5, California.

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Εἰς τὸ προσκυνήμα τοῦτο προσκεκληθῶσιν ἐπισημῶς καὶ ὅλοι οἱ Ἐντιμ. Πρόεδροι τῶν Διοικητικῶν Συμβουλῶν τῶν Κοινοτήτων τῆς καθ' ἡμᾶς Ἑλληνικῆς Ὁρθοδόξου Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς, Βορείου καὶ Νοτίου.

Προτρεχόμεθα ὅθεν ὅπως, ὅπως συμμετάσχῃτε εἰς τὸ προσκυνήμα τοῦτο, εἴτε προσωπικῶς, εἴτε δι' ἀντιπροσωπεύει τῆς δικῆς Κοινότητος, προτρέψατε δὲ καὶ τοὺς ἐσθέρους Χριστιανούς τῆς δικῆς ἀγαπητῆς Κοινότητος, ὅπως συμμετάσχουν καὶ αὐτοὶ εἰς τὴν προσκυνηματικὴν ταύτην ἐκδρομὴν.

Ἡ δὲ χάρις καὶ ἡ εὐλογία τοῦ Σωτήρος Χριστοῦ εἴη μεθ' ὅμων καὶ μετὰ τῶν εὐλογημένων μελῶν τῶν Κοινοτήτων ὅμων.

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Διὰ περισσότερας πληροφορίας ἀποταθῆτε εἰς τὸ

GREEK TOURIST OFFICE 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The loss of members through unpaid dues, the inability of some chapters to attract, at least, a quorum to hold a meeting, the unwillingness of the young members to assume responsibility, and the unwillingness of the eligible Greek-Americans to join the Order, indicate that if AHEPA is to survive, it needs to re-appraise its objectives and purposes.

AHEPA was organized for two purposes: (1) To *acculturalize* (Americanize) the Greek immigrants, and (2) to help them gain their self-respect. Becoming an AHEPAN meant that the transition to the new life would be less abrupt and shocking. It also meant the acquisition of a permanent social status in the American community.

AHEPA has successfully carried out its original objectives. The Greeks through AHEPA have won the respect and admiration of the American people. We are no longer a marginal minority group. We have become an integral and vital segment of the American society.

AHEPA'S main source of members has been the Greek immigrants. Many of them joined the Order for the aforementioned purposes. Today, however, Ahepa's membership source is the native born Greek-Americans. A small number of them has joined AHEPA, but there still exists an infinite number to be tapped. Why are the young Greek Americans apathetic towards joining the Order?

Three reasons may be advanced for their indifference. (1) The main objectives of the Order do not appeal to them, for they already are Americanized. (2) Unlike membership either in the Elks or the Masons, joining AHEPA carries little, if any, prestige. (3) Ahepa's benefits to its members are non-existent.

To prevent the disintegration of the Order, we must change the main objective of AHEPA from that of assisting the Greek immigrants to *Americanize* to that of helping the descendants of the Greek immigrants to *Hellenize*. I believe that AHEPA should make a conscientious effort to perpetuate Hellenic memories and traditions, customs and institutions in the United States. Then, AHEPA will become the permanent background of our lives, the projection of our individualities.

Sincerely yours,

DR. PAUL P. VOURAS
Archimedes Chapter No. 126
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Asst. Professor of Geography
New Jersey State Teachers
College, Paterson, N. J.

George V. Allen Appointed American Envoy to Greece

George V. Allen took the oath of office on August 28, 1956, as United States Ambassador to Greece.

He succeeded Cavendish Cannon who became the first American Ambassador to Morocco. Greece will be the fifth country to which Mr. Allen has been assigned as Ambassador. His first ambassadorial post was to Iran where he served from April, 1945 until 1948, when he became Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs. Mr. Allen was named Ambassador to Yugoslavia in October, 1949. He was appointed Ambassador to India and Nepal in March, 1953; and served since November, 1954 as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs.

Mr. Allen began his career in the Foreign Service in 1931 as Vice Consul at Kingston, Jamaica. In 1934 he was assigned to Patras, Greece, and later to Athens and Cairo. He has also served at Shanghai and other posts in the Far East and Near East. Before entering the Foreign Service, Mr. Allen was a newspaper reporter and school teacher. He was born at Durham, North Carolina, November 3, 1903 and graduated from Duke University in that state in 1924 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He taught high school from 1924 to 1928 and during the last three years of that period was also a newspaper reporter. In 1929, after attending Harvard University, he received his Master of Arts degree and was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Duke University.

Mr. Allen was 26 years of age when he entered the Foreign Service. In 1938 he returned to the State Department from overseas and was named Assistant Chief of the Division of Near Eastern Affairs in 1943. He acted as liaison secretary at the United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture at Hot Springs, Virginia, in 1943, and the same year accompanied Secretary of State Cordell Hull to the Moscow Conference.

He became Chief of the Division of Middle Eastern Affairs in January of 1944 and subsequently became executive officer and deputy director of the Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs. He has specialized in Near Eastern relations almost from the beginning of his career and was on the staff of the United States delegation to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco in 1945.



G. V. ALLEN

BOOKS

BEYOND THE AEGEAN. By Ilias Venezis. Translated from the Greek by E. D. Scott-Kilvert. 260 pp. New York: Vanguard Press. \$3.50.

On the eastern shores of the Aegean (i.e., Turkish mainland of Asia Minor), somewhat south of ancient Troy, is the region called Anatolia. Greeks have dwelt there from the oldest times. They knew this loved terrain as Aeolia—and the wildly beautiful mountain uplands above the city of Dikeli are known as the Kimindenia. This is the setting of Ilias Venezis' pastoral masterpiece, "Beyond the Aegean."

I give it such a label consideredly. It has the universal, earth-rooted, timeless quality of all true people's classics—the quality of Manzoni, Mérimée, Anderson-Nexo, Hansun. In form it is not the conventional novel, but is a loosely woven fabric of memories of the somewhat Eden-like existence on the Kimindenia culminating in the heartbreaking expulsion of the Greeks at the outbreak of World War I.

These are the boy Peter's recollections of the childhood of himself and his sisters, Anthippi, Agapi, Artemis and Lena. Looming over them is the patriarchal figure of the grandfather, Jannako Bibelas. His serenity, fearlessness, wisdom and integrity are the binding forces of family life. From his youthful encounter with Lazos the Brigand to this association in old age and exodus with the epic smuggler Antonas Pagidas, Jannako is strong, unshaken.

But the dominant quality of this book is its sheer, exotic and lyric beauty. As the translator observes, "The world it describes is strangely archaic; it is nearer to the pastoral world of Hesiod and Homer than it is to our own. Yet the intellectual charm of Venezis' style interprets it perfectly."

Rich legends and tales are embedded in the rambling narrative. There are the tensions of veiled desire as in the involvement of the boy Peter and his sister Artemis with the Scottish wife of a neighbor and a hunter of the Kimindenia. The children do not know the forces at work, yet these can inspire Peter to the nearly fatal climb to seek a young eagle for the Highland girl. In contrast is the peace of Uncle Joseph, the grafter of trees.

It is gratifying to have a full American edition. Placed beside the more turbulent works of Nikos Kazantzakis, this lovely novel of Venezis' shows us that there is a rich vein of contemporary Greek writing.

—EDMUND FULLER

Cancer Warning

The Food and Drug Administration has issued a public warning that the Hoxsey treatment for internal cancer distributed by the Hoxsey Cancer Clinics at Dallas, Texas, and Portage, Pennsylvania, is worthless and may be dangerous to those who rely upon it instead of obtaining competent medical treatment. All persons who may be considering the Hoxsey treatment are advised to secure a copy of the warning notice.

Write to:

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THE FRATERNAL YEAR

The fraternal year, now coming to a close, has been a period of evaluation and consolidation. The administration has approached the pressing problems confronting the organization with common sense and in business-like fashion. It has reappraised the several Ahepa projects and with resolution and foresight has placed them on a systematic basis. It has avoided overnight miracles and adventures into unknown spheres. It has diligently concentrated on the business of the fraternity and with determination has endeavored to consolidate the gains of the past into a period of stability and measured progress.

In line with the mandate of the New York National Convention regarding the establishment of a protection plan for the benefit of the membership, the administration has set up the Ahepa Family Protective Fund and has succeeded so far in enrolling over three thousand subscribers to the Fund. This is an outstanding accomplishment and augurs well for the ultimate acceptance of the plan by the entire membership. In every undertaking, it is axiomatic that there is always room for improvement and the St. Louis Convention, upon further study, may strengthen the plan for the mutual welfare of the fraternity and the rank and file. However, the fundamental fact remains that the Ahepa Family Protective Fund is an Ahepa project *strictly* within the jurisdiction of the Order of Ahepa, and is essentially designed to *benefit the members* and no one else. That is the test, the *critereon* by which to judge it.

The campaign to raise funds for the Ahepa Hall for Boys is progressing very satisfactorily. The administration, with *little expense*, has raised a considerable amount of money. The results will be announced at the national convention. Good news is in store for the delegates.

The fraternal year has seen the financial structure of the Order reinforced and the membership lists in excellent shape. Special attention has been directed to our Senior and Junior Auxiliaries with the result that their morale is at an all time high. The assets of the Order have been wisely and profitably managed and conservation has been the keynote of the economic policies of the administration.

As we are about to convene once more in national convention, the Ahepa can be proud that under the tested and capable leadership of John L. Manta, a magnificent record of achievement has been emblazoned on the glorious pages of Ahepa history.

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East of the Continental Divide and west of the Appalachian Range, in the very heart of America, is the beautiful city of St. Louis, the historic metropolis of the great and storied Mississippi Valley. Ahepa in 1957 is proud and privileged to convene its national assembly in St. Louis, Missouri, the crossroads of the American midlands, there to deliberate in democratic fashion on the problems of the day. Even though the National Convention is primarily dedicated to the transaction of serious business affecting the welfare and progress of our organization, it is also a unique opportunity for the reunion of old friends and the making of new ones. It is an occasion for the exchange of views and ideas which will better and improve our fraternity and the services it renders to its membership and to our country. Moreover, convention time is a happy time and the delegates, alternates and visitors are in for a week of merriment and fun. This year, the St. Louis Chapter No. 53, has gone all out to present one of the most outstanding and most colorful National Conventions in the history of our Order. For a wonderful, fun-packed, exciting week, plan to attend Ahepa's 51st National Convention in St. Louis, August 18 to 25, 1957.

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In the centerfold of this issue, there is a Special Supplement containing a comprehensive summary of the minutes of the 1956 Ahepa National Convention. The reasons for the delay in obtaining the minutes from the stenotypist engaged to report the proceedings of the 1956 convention are adequately explained in the introductory remarks to the summary. The administration's decision to print a synopsis of the minutes as part of the pre-convention issue of THE AHEPAN is, indeed, commendable. In this manner, *every member* of the Order of Ahepa is given the opportunity to study the minutes and *judge for himself* as to what transpired at last year's convlave, particularly in the field of legislation.

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The 1957 Easter Excursion to Greece must be recorded as an overwhelming success. Under the very able leadership of Past Supreme President John G. Thevos, this year's pilgrimage to our Motherland was marked by efficiency, harmony and cooperation. At the various ceremonies, festivities, and press conferences, and in their contacts with high governmental officials, the members of the top command of the excursion displayed, at all times, tact, dignity and decorum. To their everlasting credit, the Ahepa excursionists further enhanced the name and prestige of our fraternity in the eyes of the Hellenic nation.

WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS

By SAM NAKIS, Co-Chairman
1957 Ahepa National Convention Committee

THERE WAS A TIME when visitors to St. Louis heard it in the French, "*Souhaitez un bien venu!*", in the Spanish, "*Bien venido!*", in the German, "*Wie Gebts!*", and even in the laconic, "*Welcome stranger!*" of the western pioneer.

In the year 1957, the month of August, commencing with Saturday, August 17th, the Welcome to St. Louis will be in the most classic and beautiful language in the world, "*Kalos Orisate!*" — and its meaning will be . . .



CONVENTION CHIEFS — *The directing executives of the St. Louis Ahepa National Convention Committee under whose supervision the various operating committees have worked harmoniously for the presentation of the great 1957 Ahepa National Convention during the week of August 18-25 in St. Louis. Co-Chairmen Anthony Kollias (left) and Sam Nakis.*

Today, Metropolitan St. Louis has a population of almost two million. The city itself is the eighth largest in the United States. It is the world's greatest fur market, a leading grain market, producer of stoves and ranges, woodenware, bricks, beer, shoes and clothing, as well as many of the mobile land and air vehicles and planes of the day.

ST. LOUIS HOSPITALITY

"*Northern hospitality with the Southern touch*" will be the key note of the day awaiting the vanguards of Ahepans and visitors to St. Louis for the 31st annual National Ahepa Convention. The dates again, August 18th to August 24th. A truly Mardi Gras atmosphere will surround you from the time of your arrival to the time of your departure. Nothing has been left undone to insure a "holiday mood" visit for all Ahepans and their friends.

HOUSING

The Housing Committee of the 31st Annual National Convention with Lee Camene as chairman has extended its efforts to obtain and confirm adequate facilities for delegates, their families and visitors. All hotels will extend their family plan

with children under 14 being housed free if accompanied by their parents. More than 2000 rooms, all in modern air-conditioned hotels located in the center of all convention functions, have been reserved. Mr. Lee Camene and his committee assure everyone their personal attention so as to facilitate the reservations and to insure the relaxing and sleeping comfort of all conventioners. You are urgently requested to mail your reservations at an early date. The hotels and their rates are listed for your perusal:

SHERATON-JEFFERSON HOTEL, 12th and Locust (Headquarters)

Single	Double	Twin Beds	Parlor	Suite
\$7.50 to 10.50	\$10.50 to 13.50	\$13.00 to 17.00	\$28.00 to 30.00	\$45.00

STATLER HOTEL, 9th and Washington

Single	Double	Twin Beds	Parlor	Suite
\$7.50 to 10.50	\$10.50 to 13.50	\$13.00 to 17.00	\$28.00 to 30.00	\$45.00

LENOX HOTEL — MAYFAIR HOTEL — MARK TWAIN HOTEL

Approximately same rates as above.

REGISTRATION

The Registration Committee under the supervision of the Secretary of the Convention, Michael Hodges, has adopted and will institute new methods and procedures as well as identification badges to completely facilitate the handling of registration, assuring no loss of time, no standing in lines.

CHURCH SERVICES

"*Kyrie Eleison*" chants the choir of more than 75 mixed voices and the heads of Ahepans and the Greek Orthodox Christians bow in reverence, seeking guidance for the entire Ahepa domain meeting in St. Louis, a week of prime significance. His Eminence, Archbishop Michael will officiate in the surroundings of the Convention Hall of Kiel Auditorium. He will be assisted by His Grace, Bishop Ezekiel, titular Bishop of Nazanzos, and an array of some 15 to 20 guest priests and deacons as well as the priests of the host churches: Rev. George A. Mastrantonis, Pastor of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church; Rev. Harry Apostolakis, Pastor of The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church; and Rev. Dimitrios Vannikos, Pas-



"*MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS*" — Paula Lee Nakis, daughter of Co-Chairman Sam Nakis, as the St. Louis Poster Girl at the San Francisco National Convention in 1955 when St. Louis was awarded the 1957 Ahepa National Convention.

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Part of Main Lobby

tor of SS. Constantine and Helen, East St. Louis, Illinois. His Excellency, George Melas, Greek Ambassador to the United States, will be among the civil and fraternal dignitaries who will be attending.

"KALOS ORISATE" PARTY

The "Kalos Orisate" Party will be held in the beautiful surroundings of the Gold Room, Hotel Sheraton-Jefferson. This will be the official opening social function of the convention where Ahepans throughout the width and length of the Ahepa domain will meet and greet each other amidst the Northern hospitality with a Southern touch of our well-traveled Ahepan, John Jamieson, and his entire Committee. Greek and American dancing will be the order of the evening to the swing and sway tunes of the well known orchestra of Peter Kara from New York.

GREEK NIGHT (GLENDI)

The Greek Glendi will take place on Monday evening commencing at about 6:30 P.M. The Greek Glendi will be held on the entire mezzanine of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, incorporating the beautiful Gold Room, Crystal Room and Ivory Room. Greek decorations, food and music will lend to the atmosphere for the Greek Glendi. Two orchestras directed by Peter Kara of New York will furnish you with your favor-

The Coffee Shop—open twenty-four hours a day



ite Greek and American dance music. A highlight of this evening's festivities will be the "Greek Taverna" which will be a room of atmosphere, refreshments and a Bavarian setting. Young men and women in "evzon" and "amalia" costumes will perform a series of Greek dances under the direction of Director Alex Tsimines. Gus G. Coukoulis, Chairman, Mike Demmas, Vice-Chairman, and the entire committee promise a most memorable occasion for all.

BOAT RIDE

One of the most enjoyable and unusual evenings of the convention will, of course, be the Boat Excursion to be held on the world's largest inland excursion steamer, the S.S. Admiral. Five decks of fun with an immense dance floor and all completely air-conditioned. The dance floor accommodates over 2000 dancers at any one time. Departing time will be 9:00 P.M. with continuous music by Peter Kara of New York City and Hal Havird of St. Louis for the swing and sway crowd of the convention as well as those who relish in the more favorite tunes of Greek origin. Free bus transportation will be furnished from the Sheraton-Jefferson and the Statler Hotels to the boat and back. It is suggested that you buy your tickets in advance for this occasion as the maximum capacity of the boat approximates only 4000. Louis E. Jemas and his committee will be at your disposal to answer any of your questions and service your requests immediately upon your arrival.

CORONATION BALL AND QUEEN'S SUPPER

Again, the Committee heading the Coronation Ball and the Queen's Supper under the direction of William E. Dillas has left no stone unturned to assure everyone attending an affair so different in scope from the average Grand Balls that it is really and truly hard to put into words. The Coronation Ball this year is a carry over of the St. Louis Annual May Festival which affair is patterned after the world renowned Veiled Prophet Ball sponsored annually in St. Louis by the leading citizens of the city. The pomp and splendor of this affair will be ever left in the memories of those who avail themselves of the opportunity to attend. The combined orchestras of Peter Kara of New York and Ben Rader of St. Louis, a total complement of 30 musicians, will add to the grandeur of this awe-inspiring event. The Queen's Supper will immediately follow the Coronation Ball with a delicious menu prepared by Mr. John Cowlen, Maitre d'Hôtel Sheraton-Jefferson, in the beautiful special setting of the Gold Room. Dining, wining and dancing, will continue into the wee hours of the morning.

KEY CLUB

A novel and unique innovation of the 1957 National Convention in St. Louis will be the Key Club. Under the direction of Co-Chairman Sam Nakis, plans and preparations for the flood of requests for participation in the Key Club are nearing completion. Only 1000 keys at a very nominal cost for the entire week will be available. The Key Club will be open from 1 A.M. to 5 A.M. on the following nights: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Greek and American dancing under the direction of Peter Kara will continue from 1 A.M. to 5 A.M. Arrangements are being completed to obtain the services of a very vivacious, curvaceous and talented Greek singer recently arrived from Greece. The Key Club atmosphere will be one of an Athenian Night Club in the beautiful setting of the supper club room, off the main lobby of the Hotel Sheraton-Jefferson, the Boulevard Room. A truly festive and Mardi Gras atmosphere will prevail in these surroundings for the late to bed crowd. It is the suggestion of the writer, Sam Nakis, that his many Ahepa friends throughout the country write him at a very early date to insure a key for the Key Club as the size of the room will limit the keys to only 1000 registrants.

THE AHEPA 31st National Convention Official Program

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Arrival of Supreme Lodge of the Ahepa and Grand Lodge of Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens and Sons of Pericles.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

Arrival of District Governors and vanguards of delegates and alternates.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

Church Services at Convention Hall, Kiel Auditorium, Archbishop Michael officiating with other members of the clergy and the combined choirs of the three St. Louis Churches. 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Official Buffet and Welcome to Supreme Lodge officers Order of Ahepa, and Grand Lodge officers of Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens, and Sons of Pericles, with local and out-of-town dignitaries attending, 2:00 P.M., at the Forest Park Hotel, Surf and Sirloin Room, and hosted by Mr. Nick Carter, proprietor, Sam Nakis, Co-Chairman, and Anthony A. Kollias, Co-Chairman.

Official Opening will be held at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, Gold Room, 4:30 P.M.

"Kalos Orisate!" Party and Dance, Sheraton Hotel, 8:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Key Club, Boulevard Room, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH

General Session — Election of Convention Officers, 9:30 A.M.

District Governors Luncheon, 1:30 P.M.

Greek Night (Glendi) at Hotel Sheraton-Jefferson, 6:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Key Club, Boulevard Room, 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

National Ahepa Golf Tournament, Crystal Lake Country Club. Tee off 8:00 A.M.

Boat Ride, S.S. Admiral, 8:30 P.M. to 2:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21ST

National Ahepa Golf Tournament, Crystal Lake Country Club. Tee off 8:00 A.M.

Daughters of Penelope Fashion Show, Hotel Sheraton-Jefferson, Gold Room, 12:30 to 4:00 P.M.

Ahepa Grand Banquet, Gold Room, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, 7:00 to 12:00 P.M.

Maids of Athens and Sons of Pericles Dance, Hotel Statler, 8:00 to 12:00 P.M.

Key Club, Boulevard Room, 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND

Ahepa Grand Ball, Coronation of Ahepa Queen, Kiel Auditorium, 8:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Queen's Supper, Gold Room, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, 1:30 A.M. to 5:00 A.M.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD

Daughters of Penelope Grand Ball, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, 8:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Key Club, Boulevard Room, 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH

Elections and Installations of Officers.

Farewell Dance, Statler Hotel, 8:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.



Adolphus Cuscb Room

FIFTH ANNUAL AHEPA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers, bring your clubs and vie for the many honors and prizes that can be yours. Three classes have been established under the capable direction of Peter Tomaras, Golf Tournament Chairman. Three beautiful trophies will be awarded to each of the class winners and beautiful and useful prizes are assured every golf participant. Tee off time will be 8 A.M. on Tuesday and Wednesday, with buses providing the transportation, starting at 6 A.M. of each respective morning. The tournament will be held on the beautiful settings of the Crystal Lake Country Club, located in beautiful St. Louis County. For further information, write to Peter Tomaras, c/o Headquarters Hotel Sheraton-Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri.

SIGHTSEEING

Plans have been completed with the Anheuser Busch Brewery to supply buses leaving the Sheraton-Jefferson and Statler Hotels every hour on the hour. Sight seers will be treated to a tour of the city, the Anheuser Busch breweries, with a stop and refreshments at Grant's Farm, one of the

The Gold Room — scene of Grand Banquet





The Executive Committee — St. Louis Chapter No. 53 — 31st Annual Ahepa National Convention.

favorite show places of St. Louis. These tours are on a no charge and no cost basis and will give visitors to St. Louis a beautiful picture of this great metropolis on the western banks of the Mississippi.

A festive and holiday mood will prevail in St. Louis during the week of August 18th through 24th. Nothing has been left to the imagination in the preparations of the St. Louis Chapter No. 53, Order of Ahepa, host to the 31st Annual

National Convention. A Committee of over 40 leading Ahepans from this blue-ribbon chapter in the heart of America has been meeting and working diligently for the past year to assure all Ahepans and visitors a most memorable convention. This Committee has been under the capable and forceful supervision of Co-Chairmen Anthony A. Kollias and Sam Nakis, capably assisted by the Executive Officers: Gus Coukoulis, Executive Vice-Chairman; William Dillas, Byron Tompras, Edward Theodorow and John Georgopoulos, Vice-Chairmen; Michael Hodges, Secretary; Louis Jemas, Treasurer.

District No. 8 Bowling Title Won by Marlboro

In probably one of the largest gatherings in Ahepa District bowling tournaments, over 150 participated in the 9th Annual District No. 8 Bowling Championship in Lawrence, Mass., on Sunday, March 17, 1957. A record total of 14 teams entered with teams from the Daughters, Sons and Maids also participating.

Marlboro, Mass., again showed its class to the whole District by winning its third title in a row and sixth in nine years. They also won the Owl Shop Award donated by the Owl Shop of Worcester, Mass., to the team gaining the District Title three years. Lawrence won the Class B title, their first ever. Marlboro B team won consolation honors, while Peabody took Class A consolation honors. High Triple went to N. Leangos of Worcester with 333, while High Single went to S. Matsos of Lawrence.

Marlboro qualified in Class A, then gained momentum knocking over two tough rivals, Peabody in the semifinals and Worcester in the finals. A steady team effort by Marlboro pulled both matches out.

The Daughters who held their tourney also showed some good bowling with High Triple going to M. Parios of Peabody with 294, and High Single to C. Tsorvas with 114.

High Triple for the Maids went to H. Vontzolidis with 264, while High Single went to H. Vasilion with 96. G. Loupas' 503 won High Triple for the Sons, while 102 won High Single for N. Kriketos. An excellent buffet was prepared at the Lawrence Ahepa Home where a social followed.

Ahepans who hit 300 for the day were: A. Gounaris 318, C. Tsorvas 315,

J. Tranos 307, H. Coconis 311, C. Mastonakis 310, J. Bakios 301, T. Zechos 324, P. Valles 305, G. Mantha 310, M. Kofos 314, N. Liangos 333, C. Matsos 307, C. Chanis 301, J. Angelos 306, J. Laskaris 302, V. Balkus 329, G. Agoritsas 311, K. Troumpalos 320, N. Ravanis 302, J. Bougas 313, A. Hatzis 300.

George Velonis and Dr. Monthe Kofos, Athletic Directors, were in charge.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MAIDS OF ATHENS AND SONS OF PERICLES

Co-Chairmen:

Mary Ann Leontsinis of the Maids of Athens
John Gianoulakis of the Sons of Pericles

Vice-Chairman:

Maria Tompras of the Maids of Athens

Secretary:

Mary Kassaros of the Maids of Athens

Assistant Secretary:

Pete Mavromatis of the Sons of Pericles

Treasurer:

Nick Scambilis of the Sons of Pericles

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS — Statler Hotel.

THE GRAND BALL OF THE MAIDS OF ATHENS AND SONS OF PERICLES will be given at the Statler Hotel on Wednesday, August 21, 1957. An enjoyable evening of dancing and fun is in store for all.

REGISTRATION will be held at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel.

SWIMMING PARTIES and PICNICS are also on the program with enough activities to make it an enjoyable week.

Grand Surprises Highlight Daughters Program

By MARY J. FRANGOULIS, *Publicity Chairman*

St. Louis — the Birthplace of Hospitality — is opening its arms and heart wide to welcome the Ahepa Family August 18 to 25, 1957. While our Brother Ahepans are preparing for this big event, the Cynthia Chapter No. 110 of the Daughters of Penelope has also been working diligently.

At a chapter meeting early last fall, the following Convention Officers were elected: Violet Anastas and Helen G. Pappas, Co-Chairmen; Mary J. Frangoulis, Secretary; and Dorothy Varvares, Treasurer.

These officers began immediately with their plans. A very capable Convention Committee was rounded up and the various Committee Chairmen were appointed: Dorothy Varvares of *Credentials and Registration*; Loretta Thomas and Alexandra Anagnos (Co-Chairmen) of *Luncheon and Fashion Show*; Penny Ferretti of *Grand Ball*; Helene Anagnos of *Hostess*; Violet Anastas and Helen G. Pappas (Co-Chairmen) of *Housing*; Mary J. Frangoulis of *Publicity*; Katherine Tsimines of *Initiation and Installation*; and Helen Mackris of *Tickets*.

When it came to the choice of an Advisor to the Convention Committee, the choice was singular and unanimous — our dear Sister Dorothy Stacy of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, presently the Grand Treasurer of the Daughters of Penelope. Sister Stacy has been a staunch and loyal friend of Cynthia Chapter and of its each and every member, so we were all very pleased when she accepted our offer.

The Convention Headquarters will be at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in Downtown St. Louis, with the nearby Statler Hotel taking the overflow. Both the

Daughters and Ahepan delegates will be housed in the Convention Hotel, if at all possible.

Cynthia Chapter is striving to present something quite different and unusual for its two sponsored affairs — the Luncheon and Fashion Show and the Grand Ball.

The outstanding affair given each year by the Daughters at the National Convention is the Luncheon and Fashion Show. This year it will be held in the beautiful Gold Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson. GARLAND'S, INC., one of the leading women's department stores in St. Louis, will be presenting the latest fashions by the leading designers of the United States and Europe. And GARLAND'S is just a few blocks from the Convention Hotel, where these gorgeous gowns may be purchased at a reasonable price.

The Daughters Grand Ball promises to be a very pleasant surprise to all. It is to be called the "Daughters Bal Masqué." The Committee is at work making various unusual and beautiful masks to be given at the door at no extra charge for both men and women. The ballroom itself will take on a festive carnival spirit with a good time guaranteed to all! There will be continuous dancing all evening, with two outstanding local orchestras alternating between Fox Trots and Latin American music. Be sure to bring your dancing slippers along!

Amidst all of these preparations, Cynthia Chapter instituted a Maids of Athens Chapter in March. There were thirteen charter members, with the following girls elected as its first officers: Denise Georgopoulos, President; Maria Jarvis, Vice President; Mary Panages, Secretary; and Maria



EXECUTIVE CO-CHAIRMEN — Violet Anastas (left) and Helen G. Pappas of the Cynthia Chapter No. 110, Daughters of Penelope, St. Louis, Missouri, the Convention host chapter for Ahepa's Senior Ladies Auxiliary.

Negas, Treasurer. The District Governor, Sister Louise Hatzis, of District No. 25 acted as Installing Officer, and Sister Betty Dranos, who is the Maids of Athens District No. 25 Advisor, assisted her. This Chapter (Sigma Lambda Mu) has begun the tedious task of preparing for a National Convention immediately after their institution.

We cannot stress too strongly the wonderful feeling of cooperation and loyalty which the entire Ahepa Family in St. Louis is enjoying, while working together to put on the National Convention!

There are so many local features of St. Louis that will be of interest to everyone attending the National Convention, that we will not mention any of them at this time. We shall leave them for your own pleasant discovery in August.

Come on and see us — you can't miss us — we're right in the middle of this wonderful country of ours!

Shoreline Bowlers Win "Ice Bucket" Trophy

Two teams from Shoreline Chapter No. 580 (formerly St. Andrew's) combined strike-zone artistry to defeat North Shore Chapter No. 94 February 17 and regain possession of the "Ice Bucket" trophy. The rivalry between the two chapters began last year with North Shore winning.

Shoreline team No. 1 rolled a 2646 for three games against a 2568 for North Shore team No. 1. Shoreline No. 2 rolled 2519 against a 2865 series for North Shore No. 2. The two-team totals for three games were: Shoreline, 5165 and North Shore, 5133.



GRAND BALL COMMITTEE — Members of the enterprising committee preparing a program of novelties and surprises for the entertainment of the visiting sisters from all over the United States and Canada. Seated, left to right: Catherine Tsimines, Penny Ferretti (Chairman), and Dorothy Varvares. Standing, left to right: Mary Vlabopoulos, Praxithea Frangoulis, and Mary Frangoulis.

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Cyprus and Ahepa's Responsibility

By EUGENE T. ROSSIDES

Associate Chairman, Committee on the Cyprus Question

AMBASSADOR NORMAN ARMOUR'S recent report on Greece, Turkey and Iran to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (February 1957) dispels any doubt that Cyprus is an American problem and one which seriously affects all of us. The need for a settlement of the Cyprus conflict for the protection of American security interests permeates the entire report of Ambassador Armour. He states (p. 14):

"The Cyprus issue has seriously impaired the unity and cooperation which should exist between Greece and its North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, especially Great Britain and Turkey. Greek-Turkish friction over Cyprus has, in fact, prevented the Balkan Pact—in which these two are joined with Yugoslavia—from developing into more than a piece of paper. From the viewpoint of free world unity and United States security interests, the Cyprus conflict is serious and harmful."



EUGENE T. ROSSIDES

As American citizens of Greek descent we in Ahepa have a responsibility to be in the forefront of any international problem affecting the United States and Greece. Recently Mr. Nicholas Coffinas, District Governor of the Empire State and Assistant United States Attorney, stressed in a year-end Report the importance of Ahepa acting "as the spokesman for all Americans of Greek descent." The Cyprus issue presents a classic opportunity for Ahepa to assert its leadership.

What can or should be done by Ahepa and individual Ahepans in this problem to further the interests of the United States? We have at least two functions to perform in the interest of American foreign policy and prestige. First, we must inform ourselves and our fellow Americans as to the facts—and all the facts—in this problem. We ourselves must fully understand and then make every other American aware that the struggle in Cyprus is a struggle between absolute government and government by consent. This is extremely important because effective action by the United States depends on an informed public.

Secondly, in the interest of American foreign policy we must urge our government, using all the resources at our command, to actively press and openly support the application to Cyprus of the historic American principle of self-determination. In this connection it is to be noted that our elected representatives, our President and our State Department have all stated that they seek the views of the people in order to aid them in their official duties. The making of foreign policy decisions and their implementation is intricate and complex and in such a vast country as ours the insights and thoughts of the people are important to our government in determining what is the best policy for the United States and what is the best method of carrying it out.

There is in addition President Eisenhower's program of People to People Democracy. This program is most appropriate for the Cyprus problem. Americans here should write to their relatives and friends in Greece and Cyprus assuring them of the United States' continuing interest and support in the struggle for freedom.

How does one learn about the Cyprus Question? Actually it is not difficult and does not require too much time. Each Ahepa chapter receives copies of our literature. A library file on Cyprus should be kept so that any member can borrow the materials for reading and study. Many of the statements we circulate are not long and these could be read during the meeting. Those seeking additional information can write to the Committee on the Cyprus Question, 147 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.

What are some of the methods of disseminating information about the Cyprus Question to our fellow Americans? To give you an example of a few, I list the following:

1. Letters to newspapers.
2. Talks before local groups.
3. Appearances on local radio and TV programs.
4. Articles in community publications.
5. Urge your children who are in school to study and write about the Cyprus Question. They may do it for a weekly assignment or for a term essay. We could supply them with a bibliography and suggested research topics.

What are the methods of political action? They are many and varied and run the gamut from the local level to the national one and from group action to individual action. The following are a few examples:

1. Letters and telegrams to the President, to your Senators and Congressmen and to the Secretary of State. The importance of such communications from all parts of the country cannot be overestimated.
2. Work through various groups such as veterans organizations, labor unions, teachers associations, bar associations, etc.
3. Resolutions to be transmitted to the President, your elected representatives and the Secretary of State.
4. Personal contact. Each Ahepa chapter should have at least two representatives, one for each political party, solely concerned with contacts in each party on the Cyprus Question.

In all phases of work on this problem, American self-interest as the leader of the free world should be stressed.

Those of you who feel you can be of help in this cause and are interested in receiving our literature please write to us and we will place you on our mailing list. As our resources are limited, please send in your request only if you can use the information. In this connection I might add that anyone who wants to make a donation may do so by sending a check or money order payable to the order of Cyprus Relief Committee, 147 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y. A receipt will be forwarded. Our financial need is great and any donation, no matter how small, will be deeply appreciated.

In concluding, let me stress that our responsibility as Ahepans in this matter is great. The struggle of the people of Cyprus will go down in history as one of the great struggles for freedom. All of us can and should be a part of that story. The goal for which we strive—human freedom and dignity—is the noblest of causes. The people of Cyprus, who are contending against the combined strength of the British Empire and their former oppressors, the Ottoman Turks, look to Ahepa for support.

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THE AHEPA IN CANADA

By PETER T. KOURIDES, *Supreme Vice-President*

THE LIBERAL Canadian immigration policy which has resulted in the admission of an ever increasing number of Greek immigrants into Canada during the past seven years makes it necessary for the Order of Ahepa to reappraise carefully its position in Canada.

II.

From February 1, 1928 to date we have organized



PETER T. KOURIDES

19 chapters in Canada and have initiated therein approximately 2,000 members. Two of these chapters have merged with other chapters so that we actually have 17 functioning chapters with approximately 750 members in good standing. Vancouver Chapter with 121 members is the largest chapter in Canada. Montreal Chapter has 102 members and Toronto Chapter has 44 members.

III.

Though this situation in our Canadian Jurisdiction might have been condoned in the past, it can no longer be disregarded in view of the tremendous growth of our Greek communities in Canada. Though there were but five Greek communities in 1950, there are now 13 communities with two more at Windsor and Calgary in the process of organization. Though one priest was assigned to both the Montreal and Quebec communities up to recently, there are now two priests in Montreal to meet the ever growing demands of this expanding community. It is reliably reported that the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America is preparing to establish shortly a separate Canadian Diocese in order to better serve the religious and educational needs of our people in Canada.

IV.

Conservative statistics disclose that there are now 50,000 Greeks in Canada of whom nearly one-half arrived within the last seven years. Montreal and Toronto each have approximately 10,000 Greeks and one-half of them have settled in these two cities since 1950.

If the present liberal immigration policy continues for the next few years, it is conceivable that there will be more than 100,000 Greeks in Canada by 1965.

V.

This phenomenal growth of our people in Canada does not make it possible any longer for the Ahepa to maintain the status quo and drift aimlessly with its present meagre membership. The Ahepa can no longer be content with 44 members in good standing in Toronto when there are 10,000 Greeks living in that city. Neither can it accept a Montreal Chapter with 102 members when there are similarly over 10,000 of our people residing in that city.

VI.

The situation in Canada offers a tremendous opportunity to the Order of Ahepa for growth and expansion in that country. It cannot, however, be achieved with our present organizational set-up. Though a decision in the right direction was made at our New York City national convention last August in electing a Supreme Vice-President for Canada, we did not, however, provide the funds which would finance the field work required to launch Ahepa's growth and expansion objective in Canada. It is hoped that our coming St. Louis national convention will seriously study this matter and provide the funds with which this program can be promptly commenced.

VII.

Our existing Canadian chapters must meanwhile exploit fully their country's liberal immigration policy and become the outspoken champion of increased immigration from Greece. Our Canadian Jurisdiction should become the official mouthpiece of our people on this issue in the Parliament House in Ottawa in the same manner as the Ahepa in the United States has consistently lobbied in Congress for increased Greek immigration to America.

In addition, our chapters in Canada must aid and comfort in every way these new immigrants as they arrive for each of them is a potential Ahepan. It must never be forgotten that in this new immigrant element lies the future growth and expansion of the Order of Ahepa in Canada.

VIII.

And finally, while our Canadian Jurisdiction is in this manner safeguarding its future survival, it will also simultaneously be serving the best interests of our wretchedly poor motherland. In Greece only one-third of its inhabitants are able to earn their own daily bread and adequately provide for themselves and their families. The liberal Canadian immigration policy offers to our chapters in Canada an opportunity to obtain a haven for an ever increasing number of Greek immigrants who would find in Canada the means of a decent livelihood and a wonderful country in which they can raise and educate their children on a level undreamed of in their native land.

There is no greater service that our Canadian chapters could render than to make certain that the Canadian immigration policy continues to be liberal and favorable to Greek immigration so that as large a number as possible of our brothers in Greece may come to Canada and enjoy the privilege of living in that blessed land of untold material wealth and boundless opportunity.



Chapter News

Supreme President Manta Visits Tucson, Arizona

Arizona Chapter No. 275 of Tucson, Arizona, was honored with a visitation by Supreme President John L. Manta on February 21, 1957. On this occasion, Brother Manta was accompanied by Past District Governor Christ Anton of Chicago. Also in the presidential entourage were Brothers S. J. Gregory, John Smedalakis and Harold Abbott, all of Chicago.

Presiding at the special meeting was President Jack Polson who introduced the supreme leader and visiting Ahepans. Brother Manta spoke at length on the programs, plans and policies of his administration with particular emphasis on the principal Ahepa project, the Ahepa Hall for Boys at St. Basil's Academy.

On Sunday, February 24, after church services, a banquet was tendered in honor of Supreme President Manta at the Saddle and Sirloin Steak House. The owner of this beautiful restaurant, Brother James Sfarnas, closed his place to the public for the occasion. The dinner was attended by all the members and their families and the Daughters of Penelope. An interesting speaking program followed the dinner with witty and capable James Sfarnas in the role of toastmaster and Chapter President Jack Polson as the spokesman for the Tucson Ahepans. The Supreme President took the opportunity to express his sincere appreciation for the genuine hospitality extended him during his stay in Tucson and in his address once more emphasized the important part Ahepa should play in the efforts of the Hellenic people to perpetuate here in the United States their language, culture and traditions.

The Arizona Chapter was paid an official visit on March 16, 1957, by Supreme Governor George Brotsis of Burbank, California, and the entire District Lodge of the El Camino Real District No. 20. This was a historic occasion for it was the first time that all the members of the District Lodge visited the Arizona Chapter in a body. The officials were District Governor Harry Boosalis; Lieut. Governor George Manos; District Secretary Nick Barboutis; District Marshal Gus Sellas; Deputy Marshal Nick Andrew; Past District Secretary Frank Rhodes; and Hollywood Chapter President Nick Koumiotis.

The observance of Greek Independence was marked with an outstanding affair on March 25 at the Tucson Shrine Club. The presence of Bishop Ezekiel of Chicago

Shoreline Again Sponsors Monte Carlo Night, Sept. 21

The Shoreline Chapter No. 380 of Chicago, Illinois, again this year will sponsor its famous Monte Carlo Night and Dance. This outstanding event will be staged in the beautiful Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette, Illinois, on September 21, 1957, and as usual will feature the best in entertainment and dancing to a well-known band.

The Shoreline has an ambitious program all lined up for the fall season which includes a Halloween Party, Smoker and Card Party, and the Annual Christmas Party.

Its current officers are: Curt Lulias, President; George Kapantas, Vice President; Robert J. Moshos, Secretary; Theodore Zoros, Treasurer; and Orphanos Askounis, Chairman of the Board of Governors.

lent significance and dignity to the event. His Grace was the principal speaker and his message on the great heroes of 1821 was an inspiration to all. An excellent program was presented by the committee with songs and patriotic poems by the youth of our community. We were also honored with the presence of Mayor Don Humble who eloquently spoke on the great contributions of the Hellenic people to Western civilization.

The proceeds of the affair in the amount of \$755.37 were sent to Headquarters for the Ahepa Hall for Boys.

Ahepa Hall for Boys Aided by Denver Chapter

In line with the request of the Supreme Lodge, Denver Chapter No. 145 of Denver, Colorado, held a "March 25th Greek Independence Day" celebration for the benefit of the Ahepa Hall for Boys at St. Basil's Academy.

The event was sponsored by the Denver Ahepa Chapter with the cooperation of the Daughters of Penelope Chapter No. 104, the Pan-Arcadian Society, the Youth Club, the Choir Group, the Pan-Cretan Association and the Denver Greek Orthodox Community.

Brother G. F. Gankas, Secretary of Silver District No. 17, was the very capable and hard-working chairman of the event. Chapter President Sam Ellis was in charge of refreshments and Brother Chris Polites was ticket chairman. District Governor Gus Gatsos was the genial host of the evening and Brother Sam Solavenites headed the raffle prize department. Chairman for the Daughters was Sister Sarros.

All participating societies did a splendid job in helping to stage a very successful event. The Greek Orthodox Community particularly deserves special commendation for assisting the Ahepa in this project. Also, Brother G. Athens, who was the secretary of the affair, is worthy of the highest praise.

A check in the amount of \$515.22 representing the net proceeds has been sent to Supreme Headquarters.



OFFICIALS OF BUCKEYE CONCLAVE — Members of the Convention City Committee which successfully staged the 29th District Convention of Buckeye District No. 11 which took place at the Cleveland Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, June 8 to 10, 1957. The host chapter was the Lakewood No. 389 of suburban Cleveland. Seated, left to right: Margo Pitsunes and Ann Callas; Nick Makrides, Lakewood Chapter President; Mary Janas and Ann Demetriou; James Herouvis, Co-Chairman of Welcome Night; and Mary Linkas-Standing, left to right: Peter Cashy, member of the Executive Committee; John Papouras, Convention Committee Secretary; Steve Conzaman, Album Committee Chairman; Fred K. Spanos, General Convention Chairman; and Jack Conzaman of the Honorary Committee.

Supreme President Manta Urges U.S. Foundation to Preserve Greek Language

Establishment of an American Foundation for Hellenic Culture to preserve the Greek language, faith and customs was advanced by top Ahepa leader, John L. Manta of Chicago, Ill., at a meeting of the Nashua, New Hampshire, chapter on May 6, 1957.

The supreme president of the Order of Ahepa who presented what he termed his pet project, told some 50 members of the Nashua chapter that the program calls for co-operation from all Greek-American groups.

He reported that if 150,000 members of these organizations each donated \$10, a million and one-half dollar fund would be created to further the program. Mr. Manta explained that large sums would be used to establish seats in leading American universities and colleges for the instruction of modern Greek and Greek cultural subjects.

He said he also envisioned the establishment of a junior college which would in time be self-sustaining.

The Chicagoan said he felt Greek children would become better American citizens if they were drilled in Greek traditions and understood the principles of democracy.

Mr. Manta was introduced to the group by Angelo Chouramanis, president of the Nashua chapter.

Eight-time supreme president of Ahepa, V. I. Chebithes of Washington, D. C., also addressed the body. As chairman of the board of directors of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund, Mr. Chebithes explained an insurance plan which was inaugurated this year.

He told Nashuans that he had addressed the local chapter back in 1957 and then he listed some of the Ahepa achievements. He stated that the Ahepa excursions to Greece, started in 1928, had made it possible for many Greek-Americans to visit their birthplace. He also revealed that the excursions had produced great competition among Greek steamship lines and that the Order was able to receive \$30,000 from a steamship line for the privilege of handling Ahepa excursions.

Both Mr. Manta and Mr. Chebithes congratulated the Nashua chapter for owning its own home and said they were impressed with the building.

Also addressing the group was former Nashuan, Paul Caros of Dover, who is governor of District 9, Northern New England. He recognized District officers, Attorney Nicholas Pantelas, lieutenant governor, and George J. Pappademas, secretary.

—The Nashua Telegraph



IN NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND—Supreme President John L. Manta on the occasion of his visit to the Nashua, New Hampshire, Chapter on May 6, 1957. Left to right: Lt. Governor Nicholas Pantelas of District No. 9; Nicholas Flione of Manchester, N. H.; Past District Governor John T. Dimtsios; Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes; Chapter President Angelo Chouramanis; Brother Manta; District Secretary George J. Pappademas; and Northern New England District No. 9 Governor Paul Caros of Dover, N. H.

Plato No. 4 Celebrates 34th Anniversary

Sunday, March 3, 1957, was devoted to the observance of the 34th anniversary of the founding of the Plato Chapter No. 4 by the Ahepans of Charleston, South Carolina. The day-long ceremonies commenced in the morning with church services at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity with the Rev. Nicholas Trivelas officiating.

In the afternoon, the Maids of Athens held a Coffee Party in honor of Grand President Zoe Cavalaris of the Daughters of Penelope who was on hand to participate in the celebration.

The highlight of the auspicious event was a Dinner-Dance at the Hellenic Community Center with over 250 guests in attendance. The principal speaker was Sister Cavalaris who delivered an inspiring address with particular emphasis on the drive for the Ahepa Dormitory for Boys at St. Basil's Academy.

After the dinner, everybody joined in singing "Happy Birthday to Plato" as Chapter President Angelo Anastopoulos blew out the 34 candles on the birthday cake.

The Committee in charge of the successful affair consisted of the following: Bill Logothetis, Chairman; Angelo A. Anastopoulos and John Stratos, Publicity; Nick Theos, Master of Ceremonies; and Athanas Tsiropoulos, Peter Demos, Pete Papafilipou, John Liatos and Nick Tsiropoulos.

The 1957 administration is headed by dynamic Angelo Anastopoulos who was reelected to the presidency. Brother Anastopoulos has served on the District Lodge No. 3 on several occasions and is a pillar of the Charleston Ahepa. The other

Oakland Testimonial Honors Jim Molakides

Brother Jim Molakides, a member of Oakland Chapter No. 171 of Oakland, California, for quite a few years and one of Oakland's leading businessmen, was honored at a Testimonial Dinner, March 18, 1957, at the beautiful Villa de la Paix in Oakland.

For his numerous contributions to many organizations, his kindness to his employees, his fairness to his business associates, his love toward his friends and many other accomplishments, a group of young Hellenes sponsored this well-deserving Testimonial Dinner. The Rev. G. Vlahos of the Greek Orthodox Church opened the dinner with a prayer.

Oakland's Ahepa Vice-President, Brother John Koplos, was fortunate to be asked to serve on the committee. Since Brother Molakides has been most generous to our Order for many years, it was a pleasure to work with the committee.

Brother George Padis, Chairman of this Testimonial Dinner, is to be highly complimented for a job well done. Our own Brother Peter Tripp, City Councilman, was our main speaker, with Brother Mike Rafton acting as Master of Ceremonies. Supreme Treasurer George A. Bezaies and Oakland Chapter President John Stevens were amongst the guests honoring Brother Jim. Approximately two hundred and fifty Ahepans, Daughters and Friends attended this banquet.

Officers are: Nick Tsiropoulos, Vice-President; John D. Stratos, Secretary; John Liatos, Treasurer. Board of Governors: William Logothetis, Chairman; Nick Theos, Athanas Tsiropoulos, Peter Demos and George Telegas. George Stamatides is Athletic Director.



AT TRADE SHOW — Mayor Robert F. Wagner (left) of New York City (Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42) and Harry Papps, Past President of Delphi Chapter No. 25, discussing the highlights of the Greek pavilion at the World Trade Show at New York's Coliseum. Brother Wagner has been decorated by the City of Athens and Brother Papps by the Greek Government.

Indianapolis Rite

On May 11, 1957, the James Whitcomb Riley Chapter No. 252 of Indianapolis, Indiana, initiated six candidates into the Order in honor of Governor Harold Handley, a member of long standing. The initiation was presided over by Emmanuel S. Zaphiriou, president of the local chapter, and Nick Smyrnis, chapter secretary. The District Lodge officers, Governor George S. Stratigos, South Bend; District Secretary Steven J. Tsalikis, South Bend; and District Marshal John Jatrass, Anderson, pronounced the oaths and obligations.

The ceremony was held in the K. of P. Lodge Rooms. Those initiated were as follows: Honorable Judge John Christ, Municipal Court; James Andriakos, William Thomas, James Argeropoulos and Constantine Poulimas, all of Indianapolis; and Frank S. Pryor of Frankfort, Indiana. Others assisting in the ceremonies were Nick Ricos, Jess Zilson, Gust Belcas, George Marinos and William Zilson.

Incidentally, Judge John C. Christ was recently appointed Municipal Judge of Marion County by the Honorable Harold Handley, Governor. He is the first Hellenic of Greek descent to be appointed to this office. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in honor of the initiates.

Research in
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
is being done by the National
Multiple Sclerosis Society
of New York City.

Ahepa Factions

Rivalry in Ahepa between two groups is a good, healthy condition. It is akin to the two major parties — the Democrats and the Republicans — in our great nation. It serves to keep the boys on the ball and to eliminate the feeling of "stacked" conventions. It is — let's face it — one of the reasons for the excellent attendance at our conventions. It promotes interest and develops a critical eye on new legislation, new projects — making them pass the test of fire and tempering them like good steel. Temperate factionalism is GOOD.

There are some who in their enthusiasm, however, go overboard to the extent that the rivalry tends to take a bitter personal note. We thank Heaven that these are in the minority. It is as if they have had too much wine. We do not approve of their behavior while "under the influence," yet we cannot castigate them since we know that at heart they are all good men. We are brothers, all of us . . . and we must never forget it.

In elections, some win and some lose. Someone must always lose. But a man who cannot take defeat gracefully proves that he does not have the stature required for the office to which he aspired.

The way to a good, constantly improving Ahepa, is for the losers — all — to do their utmost for the betterment of Ahepa, and to serve their officers — whoever they might be, and of whatever faction — in their program. This does not mean that we should have a "yes man" membership — not by a long shot. The best a group of officers could dream of, is a membership devoted to constructive criticism and cooperation.

With this thought in mind, we congratulate all who were elected to Supreme and District Lodge office. The eyes of the nation — and Ahepa — are on you. Make us proud.

—*The Power District News*

Monroe, Louisiana

The Monroe Ahepa Chapter contributed the net proceeds of its recent picnic in the amount of \$113.12 to the local Greek Orthodox Church. Also, it made a \$25.00 contribution to the Goodfellow Club for gifts to underprivileged children.

Dallas Ahepa Marks Greek Independence

Celebration of the 136th Anniversary of Greek Independence was marked in Dallas, Texas, on Sunday, March 24, at the Hellenic Community Hall with songs, recitations, patriotic orations and a dinner. This outstanding event was sponsored by the Dallas Chapter No. 20 and in cooperation with the Rev. Peter Bithos, the Church Board, and all the local Hellenic organizations, for the benefit of the Ahepa Hall for Boys to be built soon at St. Basil's Academy at Garrison, N. Y.

In charge of the Committee on Arrangements was Nick P. Carnegis who was also a very able Toastmaster that evening. Included on the program were students from the Greek School and the Church Choir which sang the National Anthems. Mr. M. K. Foster, Greek School teacher, delivered an oration in the Greek language. The Rev. Bithos and Dr. Peter Athens, President of Dallas Chapter and President of the Church Board, extolled the greatness of the Greeks throughout the ages and the deeds of the immortal heroes of the heroic struggle of the war of 1821.

Special guests at this celebration were Mayor R. L. Thornton; Lawrence Melton, President of Citizens Charter Association of Dallas; County Judge Lew Sterrett and Mrs. Sterrett; and Sheriff Bill Decker and Mrs. Decker.

Grand Governor Evelyn Semos' extemporaneous remarks lauded the Order of Ahepa for supporting such a worthy project. Her closing remark, "Tonight, I have helped an orphan," prompted a \$50 donation from Mayor Thornton.

The Hellenic Church Community, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens, Sons of Pericles, St. Barbara Ladies Society, Gapa and Goya united with the local Ahepa Chapter in this celebration.



MONTREAL OFFICERS — The 1957-58 executive officers of the Mt. Royal Chapter C. J. No. 7 of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Seated, left to right: Nick Liaskos, Vice-President; and George Prahales-Panos, President. Standing, left to right: Nick Vlahos, Secretary; and Chris Poulos, Treasurer.

District No. 20 Sponsors Special Benefit Show For Ahepa Hall for Boys

It was Greek Night May 9, 1957, at the Hollywood Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood, California, as several hundred members of the Hellenic-American colony turned out for the special showing of "Boy on a Dolphin" for the benefit of the Ahepa Hall for Boys.

Under the able leadership of District Governor Harry Boosalis, the 20th District went all out to raise funds for the Ahepa Hall for Boys. All chapters of the District gave affairs which raised over \$6,000. Culminating the Drive was the District sponsored special benefit showing of "Boy on a Dolphin." This Cinemascope color production showed the beauty of Greece.

The story is filmed with spectacular views of the Acropolis, the Parthenon, Coliseum and the beautiful islands of the Aegean. A most enjoyable picture and a must for all Hellenes. District No. 20 of the Order of Ahepa wishes to thank 20th Century Fox and Mr. Ralph Hathaway, Managing Director of the Hollywood Grauman's Chinese Theater, for granting us part of each ticket sold by members for the Special Benefit.

Peter N. Chumbris Named Senate Subcommittee Counsel

Senator William Langer's office announced recently that Peter N. Chumbris has been named Counsel for the Minority for the Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee of the United States Senate.

Mr. Chumbris has, for the past three years, served as Associate Counsel for the United States Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee. During this time Mr. Chumbris accompanied Senator Langer on hearings and investigations in many aspects of the juvenile delinquency problem and also hearings on the Indian reservations in various sections of the United States to ascertain the best approach to improving the way of life of the American Indian and thereby aid the Indian youth on Indian reservations.

From 1949 to 1953, he served as Assistant Attorney General and Special Assistant Attorney General, respectively, for the State of New Mexico where he represented the State Oil Commission, State Corporation Commission and the State Public Service Commission, which agencies dealt with such problems as telephone rates, railroad rates, public utility rates and regulation of the oil and gas industries.

Mr. Chumbris was born in Washington, D.C., and was educated in Washington, D.C., high schools. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Maryland; Bachelor of Law and Master of



IN THE FILM CAPITAL — Personalities at the Special Benefit Show of "Boy on a Dolphin" at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood, California, on May 9, 1957. The affair, given for the exclusive benefit of the Ahepa Hall for Boys, was sponsored by the El Camino Real District No. 20 as the culmination of that District's drive to raise funds for the project. Left to right: Past Supreme Vice-President Anthony Aroney, now a member of the Ahepa National Board of Trustees; Nick Koumiotis, President of the Hollywood Chapter; Joan and Rita Tsioutsias, in Greek costumes; Tom Phillis, Hollywood Radio Hour Commentator; Supreme Governor George J. Brotsis; and Ralph Hathaway, Managing Director of Grauman's Chinese Theater. The event was a financial success.

Queensboro Initiation

The Queensboro Chapter of Astoria, New York, at its April initiation inducted into the Order the following: James Grontas, George Valsam, Peter S. Spiridon and Stilianos Gavalyas. The ceremonies were skillfully conducted by the Metropolitan New York Degree Team with Empire State District Secretary Gus Cherevas presiding.

Dr. Pandelis Camesas is President of Queensboro and George Kalpakis is Secretary.

Law from Georgetown Law School in Washington, D.C. In 1947 he was voted the outstanding young man in Washington, D.C., by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. In 1953 he was voted the outstanding Greek Orthodox layman by the Western Diocese of the Greek Orthodox Church. He has served as a member of the Laymen-Clergy Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

He has served as National Director of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce; State Chairman of the Junior Bar Section of the American Bar Association; Supreme President of the Pan-Arcadian Federation and District Governor of the Order of Ahepa. He is a member of the Capital Chapter No. 236, Washington, D.C. Mr. Chumbris is married to the former Lajoy Shelton of Oklahoma and has one child, Nicholas, age 6.

Boro President James Lundy Feted at Long Island Benefit

President of the Borough of Queens (New York City) James A. Lundy was issued Ahepa's testimonial "for distinguished civic, Phil-Hellenic and fraternal endeavors," at the Greek Independence Day Dinner-Dance (March 24) of the Long Island Chapter No. 86 of Jamaica, New York, in conjunction with the St. Demetrius Community of Jamaica.

Peter T. Kourides, Ahepa Supreme Vice-President, made the presentation. Also on the speaking program were: Rev. N. Papageorge of the St. Demetrius Community of Jamaica and the Hon. Demetrios C. Velissaropoulos, Consul of Greece at New York.

In addition to Brother Lundy, an active member of Long Island Chapter No. 86, Brothers Daniel Margaritis and Joseph De Filippo, Scouting Executives of B.S.A. Troop 346, sponsored by St. Demetrius, were issued the chapter's award "for Scouting Leadership."

Committee Chairman was Nicholas P. Levendis, who was Executive Vice Chairman of and Toastmaster for the 1956 Ahepa National Convention at New York City last year. Theodore J. Varlas is President of Long Island Chapter No. 86.

SUPPORT
THE AHEPA HALL FOR BOYS
FUND DRIVE



Testimonial Dinner in honor of Supreme President John L. Manta and Supreme Governor George J. Brotsis tendered by the El Camino Real District No. 20 on January 11, 1957, in Los Angeles, California. On the Speakers Table, left to right: Mrs. Peter Clentzos; Peter D. Clentzos, National Director of Athletics; Mrs. Nicholas Despotopoulos; Supreme Governor Nicholas Despotopoulos; Mrs. Harry Boosalis; District Governor No. 20 Harry Boosalis; Mrs. Frances Manos, Grand Governor Zone No. 4 of the Daughters of Penelope; Su-

E. S. Zaphiriou Once Again Leads Indianapolis Ahepa

That dynamic Hoosier personality, Emmanuel S. Zaphiriou, once more has been called upon to serve as President of the James Whitcomb Riley Chapter No. 252 of Indianapolis, Indiana. Veteran of many Ahepa battles and Past Dist. Governor with an outstanding record, Bro. Zaphiriou is eminently qualified to lead his chapter to new heights of achievement. He was inducted into office along with the other members of his administration at a Public Installation on February 3, 1957, in the beautiful Sapphire Room of the Washington Hotel in the Indiana metropolis in the presence



E. S. ZAPHIRIOU

of Supreme President John L. Manta and other Ahepa dignitaries.

The rites were very capably conducted by Hoosier District Governor G. Stratigos with the assistance of the members of his District Lodge and Past Dist. Governors.

Following the installation, a magnificent banquet was held. Brother Nick Smyrnis, newly elected Secretary, presided as Master of Ceremonies and called upon the out-going President, Brother Peter Nicholas, for a few remarks. Then the speaking program commenced: George Poolitsan of Middletown, Ohio; Major C. D. Chapralis, Editor, Greek Press, Chicago, Illinois; and District Governor George Stratigos of South Bend, Indiana, who paid a memorable tribute to Brother Manta for his leadership and contributions to the Hellenic people. He equally gave tribute to the newly elected President, Emmanuel S. Zaphiriou, and predicted that under his leadership the chap-

ter will march to new triumphs. Supreme President Manta outlined his philosophy regarding the program and policies and the future of the Ahepa and the general problems confronting the Order and Hellenism. His address was well received. Brother Manta then awarded pins to the twenty-five year members who are as follows: John Zazas, Stamatis Zaphiriou, Gust Belcas, James Velonis, Tom Sofios, John Sekulas, John Cherpas, and George Pappageorgias. The officers installed are: Emmanuel S. Zaphiriou, President; Geo. Marinos, Vice-President; Nick Smyrnis, Secretary; Peter Costas, Treasurer; Board of Governors: Peter Nicholas, Chairman; James Velonis, Tom Spenos, Theodosios Manolios, and Angelo Thomas; George Georgopoulos, Warden; Peter Belcas, Captain of the Guard; George Pappageorgias, Inside Sentinel; Peter Sofios, Athletic Director; and Rev. Chris Hadgegeorge of the Greek Community, Chaplain.



preme President Manta; His Grace, Bishop Demetrius; Toastmaster Peter Stevens and Mrs. Stevens; Supreme Governor Brotsis; Mrs. George J. Brotsis, Grand Vice-President of the Daughters of Penelope; Past Supr. President V. I. Chebithes; Miss Theresa Tsanavaris, Daughters District Governor No. 20; Very Reverend Leonidas Contas; Mrs. Anthony Aroney; and Past Supreme Vice-President Anthony Aroney, member of the Ahepa Board of Trustees. Several hundred attended the outstanding event in honor of Ahepa's dynamic leader.

Basil T. Papahronis Outstanding Scholar

An exceptionally impressive scholastic record came to a culmination recently with the award of the degree of Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering to Brother Basil T. Papahronis of the Oklahoma City Chapter No. 240 of Oklahoma City, Okla. He received his degree from the Pennsylvania State College. An indication of his high scholastic record is



B. T. PAPAHRONIS

the fact that during the last two years Mr. Papahronis received a \$1,500 fellowship each year. He had received his Master's degree from the University of Kansas and his bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Brother Papahronis has been a member of the Ahepa throughout his college career and a member of the Sons of Pericles during his high school days. He served the local Junior Auxiliary as secretary and president. His father, Trifon B. Papahronis, is a twenty-five year member and past president of the Oklahoma City Chapter.

Young Papahronis is married to the former Mary Economy of Kansas City, Missouri. Basil is now associated with Monsanto Chemical Company of St. Louis.

Nashua Holds Testimonial For Chapter Past Presidents

A dinner in honor of the past presidents of the Nashua Chapter of Nashua, New Hampshire, was held on February 27, 1957. The affair was sponsored by the Nashua Ahepa with the cooperation of the Thisbe Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

Chapter President Angelo Chouramanis extended greetings of welcome and then the program of the evening was turned over to Past President Constantine N. Caros who very ably acted as Toastmaster. Past Presidents present on the occasion were Costas Pipilas, John Dimsios, William Spylios, Arthur Christou, John Scoutas, Michael Moraros and Silas Hatzis. Unable to attend were Past Presidents Arthur Fekas, George Pappademas, James Kilonis and Stephen Tassias.

The Committee in charge of the very successful event consisted of the following: Charles Bertsimas, Angelo Chouramanis, Mrs. Stanley Zis, and Miss Edith Makris, President of the local Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

IN AUGUST 1957
ALL AHEPA ROADS LEAD
TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

From Turkey's Aegean Shoreline to Jackson

Out of the unrest and strife and violence that was Smyrna at the turn of the century, there appeared on the streets of Jackson a young Greek lad. Mike Christopher has become as much a part of Jackson as has Town Creek, and his acquaintances range far and wide across Mississippi and to the South. Mike often says: "I wasn't born. I was discovered."



M. CHRISTOPHER

Actually, Mike knows little about his beginning. He thinks he's about 66 years of age; he thinks he was born in Smyrna (now known as Izmir), an ancient and important Turkish port of Asia Minor, and he thinks he came to Jackson about 1905.

His family became refugees to all parts of the Old World. A sister in Egypt and some nephews in Athens, Greece, now make up all of Mike's known relatives. Three years ago a nephew visited Mike in Jackson to become the first blood relative he had seen in 50 years.

Mike was brought to this country and to Jackson by an uncle. He was just a small boy. His early years were spent traveling Mississippi with a show, performing a variety of chores, including some "on stage" dancing, singing and acting.

CALL TO SERVICE

Years passed and Mike grew to young manhood. The show was playing in Forest in 1916 when word was received that then Governor Theo G. Bilbo had called for volunteers for what was to become World War I. The next morning found Mike Christopher in Jackson answering the call of his adopted country, and never has there been a more loyal American than Mike.

He joined Company G, 155th Infantry and was sent out to Camp Swep Taylor (now Livingston Park). He had no uniform yet, but he was given a rifle and put on guard duty at the front of the camp.

"I didn't know whether the gun was loaded or not," Mike said.

He was at his post when he spotted a captain approaching him. After considerable difficulty, Mike managed to "present arms" when the captain arrived and inquired about his general orders.

"Man," Mike said, "I ain't got no general orders. They just told me to walk (pointing) from that corner to that corner."

A few weeks later Mike was in a Texas camp when he was ordered out to the firing range. He had never shot a gun in his life. The officer-instructor handed him a rifle and told him to close one eye and aim at the target.

"I closed both eyes," Mike recalled, "and hit the target dead center."

CHICKEN DINNERS

Soon he was on his way to France, where he spent 18 months, and it was while aboard ship that he was made mess sergeant. Chow supplies were limited. Men of Mike's outfit threatened him and the cooks to come up with better food or else. They were taken at their word.

In France, finally, the kitchen crew went to work. They picked up chickens all over the area.

"We had to peel 'em and fry 'em at night," Mike said. "Then, when we handed out a piece of chicken, we told the men to put the bones in their pockets and carry 'em off."

The scarcity of chickens in the area grew serious and brought complaints to the extent that General John J. Pershing sent through an order against trespassing the property of the people.

In 1931 Mike founded The Restaurant Review, a publication dedicated to raising the operational and service standards of the restaurant industry in Mississippi and the South. That has been his main interest now for more than 25 years.

Greek-American Mike Christopher is one of Jackson's favorite people.

—Clarion Ledger
and Jackson Daily News

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brother Mike Christopher is a veteran member of the Magnolia Chapter No. 544 of Jackson, Mississippi, and for many years has been an ardent exponent of Ahepanism in the Deep South. At present, he is serving once more as president of his chapter.

Magnolia Initiation

At its regular meeting on April 7, 1957, the Magnolia Chapter No. 544 of Jackson, Mississippi, initiated into the Ahepa ranks the following new members: Gerard C. Demas, George Leos and Anthony Tattis.

The solemn rite was conducted by President Mike Christopher with the assistance of James Colaz, Theo Costas, John Gouras, John Pappas, Spiro E. Pavlou, Harry Poullet and Gus Vallas.

The event took place in the Walnut Room of the Edwards Hotel.

Atlantic Bank of New York

THE AHEPAN is proud to insert in its columns the ad of the Atlantic Bank of New York.

For the benefit of those who are not perhaps familiar with this bank, we consider it our duty to inform our brothers that this institution was organized by amalgamation of the former Hellenic Bank Trust Company, 139 William Street, and the former Bank of Athens Trust Company, 205 West 33rd Street, New York City. Atlantic Bank's capital is 99% Greek and its Board of Directors consists of eleven prominent merchants, bankers, and shipowners.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee is the well known counsellor at law, Mr. Aristotle Souval. The President of the Bank is Mr. James R. Brooks, who resided in Athens for five years as Director of the American Foreign Trade Mission. Besides his own two sons, he has adopted in Greece two little girls.

One of the Vice-Presidents of the Bank, Mr. Aristides Georgiades, has been a member of Delphi Chapter No. 25 of New York since 1924, and has served the Order of Ahepa in many capacities, including that of Supreme Treasurer, during the administration of the late William Helis.

The capital of the Atlantic Bank is over \$4,000,000 and its total deposits about \$45,000,000. It is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, whereby all deposits are insured up to \$10,000. Atlantic Bank is rendering complete banking facilities.

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PROLOGOS

"WITH CHARITY TO ALL and malice toward none," the record regarding the delayed production of the 1956 Convention minutes should be set straight and the facts stated as they really are; and not left as concocted, twisted and distorted to confuse and bewilder the membership with statements wholly unrelated to the truth.

Ever since we established the practice of having the minutes of our Conventions reported verbatim—word-by-word—the hiring of the stenotypist has been done by authority of the Supreme President. Statements to the effect that it is customary for either the Chairman of the Convention City Committee, or for the Chairman of the Convention itself to employ the stenographer, are incorrect. The stenographer is employed and working two and sometimes three days before the Convention Chairman is elected.

Brother Scopas has said repeatedly that he asked his Executive Secretary to employ a stenographer to take down the minutes of the 1956 Convention; that the Executive Secretary passed the request to Brother Kimon Doukas who found the stenographer through the telephone directory, and hired him to do the work at the rate of \$1.25 per page.

On or about Wednesday of the convention week, Convention Chairman John Thevos requested the stenographer to make up and distribute summaries of each day's proceedings. The first of such summaries was distributed on Thursday, August 16. It was unsatisfactory because it only stated that certain committees had reported, without giving any idea of what the reports were.

On or about September 17, 1956, the stenographer mailed to the Supreme Lodge Headquarters pages 1 to 423 of the Minutes as transcribed by him and a bill for \$533.75 plus a bill for \$2,500.00 for the summaries. He was told that he would be paid \$1.25 a page for the transcript of the minutes as agreed, but that the charge of \$2,500.00 for the summaries was much more than it should be, and that it should be reduced.

Instead of going ahead with the transcript of the Convention proceedings, he demanded payment of \$5,942.57 cash in advance. After some correspondence and conversations over the telephone, he telegraphed Headquarters on October 1, 1956, saying that: "If within ten days we do not receive absolute full payment to date we shall physically destroy every bit of recording, every scrap of paper regarding your 1956 Convention."

The Supreme Lodge was still in session when the telegram was received and Supreme Vice-President Peter T. Kourides, of New York, was appointed to represent the Supreme Lodge in this matter. Accordingly, Brother Kourides was given a check signed by both the Supreme President and the Supreme Treasurer made out to Harry Ungarsohn, the certified stenotype reporter of the Convention, leaving the amount to be paid open to whatever it would amount after the transcribed pages were counted.

Considerable time was taken up by Brother Kourides negotiating with the stenotypist but the latter insisted on being paid \$5,942.57 cash in advance before he would proceed with the transcription of the minutes. The amount demanded was based on his estimate of pages covering the minutes plus \$2,500.00 for the summaries.

Seeing that considerable agitation had been started by certain elements who attempted to make it appear that the Supreme President was purposely withholding the Convention Minutes to serve some political purpose of his own, he, as a last resort, instructed Supreme Vice-President Kourides to file suit against the stenotypist for specific performance of his contract. After the papers were filed in court but before they were served upon him, the stenotypist telephoned Brother Kourides on or about May 3, telling him that the minutes had been completed and were ready for delivery. The following letter from Mr. Ungarsohn on this particular phase of the transaction is self-explanatory and is reproduced for the information of the entire Order:

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May 9, 1957

Mr. John L. Manta
Supreme President
Order of Ahepa
1422 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that on or about Friday, May 3, 1957 I personally telephoned Mr. Kourides and told him that the transcript was completely typed and ready for pick-up if we could come to terms.

I had originally been hired for the reporting work only by Mr. Kimon Doukas and for nothing else @ \$1.25 per page. It was on Tuesday of the convention week when the Convention Chairman Mr. Thevos said in words or in substance, "I herewith request that the Convention Reporter prepare daily summaries." I had originally ~~asked~~ by Mr. Doukas whether I would prepare daily summaries and I told him, "No, that this was not the job of the verbatim reporter but rather a job to be handled internally by AHEPA people."

\$2568.87
We had billed for reporting services ~~\$2568.87~~ plus \$2600 for the costs involved in connection with the daily summaries for a total of \$5068.87. Mr. Kourides and I agreed to a certified check of \$3818.87 in full payment of the above obligation. This certified check has been delivered in person by Mr. Chebitzes this date (5/9/57) to my office in return for the transcript.

Very truly yours,
Harry Ungarsohn
Harry Ungarsohn, C. S. R.

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This letter conclusively proves that the minutes were not ready before May 3, 1957, that the stenotypist had been hired by Brother Kimon Doukas, and not Brother John Thevos, and that Mr. Ungarsohn finally agreed with our point of view that the summaries were worth not more than one-half of what he wanted to charge. Thus the account was settled at a saving of \$2,123.70.

THE CONVENTION was called to order on August 12, 1956, at 4:30 P.M. by Gus Nicholas who called on Archbishop Michael to offer the invocation. Following the opening prayer, Brother Nicholas delivered an inspiring address of welcome to the delegates, visitors and friends of the Order of Ahepa and introduced District Governor Nicholas Coffinas of New York Empire District No. 6, who also delivered a warm address of welcome. Bro. Nicholas then introduced Past District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope, Mary Zarcadoolas, who also delivered a hearty welcome to the delegates on behalf of the Daughters of Penelope and introduced the District Governor of the Daughters, Beatrice Anagnos, who also extended her greetings and words of welcome. Mrs. Zarcadoolas then presented Becky Angelos, Grand Worthy Maid of the Maids of Athens from Houston, Texas, who introduced the Grand Loyal Maid of the Maids of Athens, Merle Karafotias, of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Zarcadoolas then presented the Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Tula Zotaley of Minneapolis, Minn. She delivered an inspiring message for the occasion and introduced the members of her Grand Lodge: Grand Vice-President, Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris of Charlotte, N. C.; Grand Secretary, Rita Danikolas of East Chicago, Ind.; Grand Treasurer, Emily Tamaras of San Francisco, Calif.; Grand Governors Elaine Pinkham of Manchester, N. H.; Georgia Sekies of Pontiac, Mich.; Evelyn Semos of Dallas, Texas; Catherine Canakes of Los Angeles, Calif.; and the National Advisor of the Maids of Athens, Koula Karafotias of Portland, Oregon.

She also presented District Governors: Mrs. Aris Routsos of Atlanta, Ga.; Elsie Sakintis, Tarpon Springs, Fla.; Madia Commings, Washington, D. C.; Callie Varlan, Chester, Pa.; Helen Heleotis, Loch Arbour, N. J.; Beatrice Anagnos, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Helen Papadopoulos, East Greenwich, B. I.; Joanna Panagopoulos, Peabody, Mass.;

Aphrodite Lekousi, Portland, Maine; Esther Kentes, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mrs. Christine Johnson, Lexington, Ky.; Stella Daravanis, Gary, Ind.; Em Lee Lambos, Chicago, Ill.; Mary Mantis, St. Paul, Minn.; Lucille La Reese, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mary Kapsos, New Iberia, La.; Sotrea Mearos, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; Olga Pappas, Butte, Mont.; Marie Harris, Pocatello, Idaho; Theresa Tsanavros, Long Beach, Calif.; Leah Vlahandreas, Oakland, Calif.; Jessie Karavity, Everett, Wash.; Christine Gurgulis, Saskatoon, Canada.

Grand President Zotaly's message to the convention — "The Sin of Waste" — was very instructive as well as entertaining.

Chairman Gus Nicholas then introduced his Co-Chairman, Kimon Doukas, who also delivered a message of welcome to the delegates and outlined the program of social activities for the week of the Convention. Bishop Athenagoras was then presented and delivered a message to the Convention on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Church. Brother Doukas then presented Queens Boro President James Lundy who delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the City of New York for Mayor Wagner who was absent from the city attending the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Bro. Doukas then presented Mother Lodge Members Nick Chotas and James Campbell. He then introduced Supreme Court Justice Cox, member of Delphi Chapter No. 25, who also addressed words of welcome to the Convention.

His Excellency George V. Melas, Ambassador of Greece to the United States, was then introduced, and delivered an inspiring message on behalf of the people of Greece to American citizens of Hellenic descent, and especially to the members of the Order of Ahepa.

Bro. Doukas then introduced Supreme President Nick Demeris of the Sons of Pericles, Junior Auxiliary of the Order of Ahepa, who after a few well chosen words of greeting presented the members of his Supreme Lodge: Supreme Vice-President, Nick Karayianis of Washington, D. C.; Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, Ron Curtis of Cleveland, Ohio; Supreme Governors, Elias Phillips of San Francisco, and Frank Manta of Chicago.

Bro. Doukas then presented the Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa, Stephen S. Scopas, who also delivered a message to the assembled guests and members of the Order, touching on practically every phase of the program of the Order and the unsolved problems that lie ahead. He then presented the members of his Supreme Lodge: Supreme Vice-President, C. P. Verinis, New Haven, Conn.; Supreme Secretary, Gregory M. Pabules, Miami, Fla.; Supreme Treasurer, George A. Bezatis, Oakland, Calif.; Supreme Counsellor, Ernest E. Dematatis, Washington, D. C.; Supreme Governors: Louis G. Manesiotes, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Anthony C. Lingon, Detroit, Mich.; James Frangos, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Nick Kogos, Vancouver, B. C., Canada. He also introduced the members of the Ahepa Board of Trustees: Chairman, Chris E. Athas, Salt Lake City, Utah; Vice-Chairman, Sam S. Nakos, Birmingham, Ala.; Secretary, Speros A. Veris, Washington, D. C.; Anthony Aroney, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Charles Kotsilbas, Worcester, Mass.

With the conclusion of addresses and introductions made by Bro. Scopas, the first session of the Convention was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

August 13, 1956

The meeting was called to order by Supreme President Scopas who appointed as Grand Marshal of the Convention, Bro. Constantine Pelias of New Orleans, La., and also appointed Bro. Sam Hanna of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Bro. Vom Brack of Chicago, as his assistants.

Bro. John Jatra of Anderson, Ind., was appointed "Official Greeter" of the 50th Annual Convention and was crowned with a fez on which his official title was inscribed.

The Convention recessed at 12:30 to give the Credentials Committee a chance to register more delegates and to solve some difficulties encountered by some of the delegates who desired to register.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention reconvened at 3:00 P.M.

The voting strength of the Convention was announced to be, at this time, 218 half votes; 171 full votes; or a total of 280 votes.

The Chair announced that the Convention was now ready to receive nominations for the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Convention.

The following were appointed tellers: Eli D. Miller, South Bend, Ind.; Peter H. Cardiges, Pittsburgh, Pa.; George Caravassos, Miami, Fla.; George Gialas, Uniontown, Pa.; Spiros Tentis, Modesto, Calif.; Toby Caragian, Marlboro, Mass.; George N. Blanos, Atlanta, Ga.; Sam Karakostas, Chicago, Ill.; Nick Chirekos, Rockford, Ill.; Xenophon Microtsikos, Trenton, N. J.

V. I. Chebithes was recognized and he presented in nomination

for Chairman of the Convention the name of Past Supreme President John G. Thevos, Bro. George Margoles of New Haven, Conn., seconded the nomination of John Thevos.

Bro. George Loucas of Weirton, W. Va., placed in nomination the name of James Veras for Chairman of the Convention. Bro. Louis J. Dukas of New York seconded the nomination of James Veras.

Past Supreme President Leo Lamberson placed in nomination John G. Plumides of Charlotte, N. C., for Vice-Chairman; and Supreme Counsellor Ernest E. Dematatis seconded the nomination.

Peter T. Kourides, Past Supreme Counsellor, placed in nomination Dennis Livadas of Rochester, N. Y., for Vice-Chairman. The nomination of Bro. Livadas was duly seconded.

Past Supreme President Peter Bell placed in nomination George Brotsis of Los Angeles, Calif., for Convention Secretary. Tom Phillios of Hollywood seconded the nomination.

Gregory M. Pabules of Miami, Fla., placed in nomination Peter Kouchalakos. Bro. John Manos of Cleveland, Ohio, seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, it was duly moved and seconded and unanimously passed that the nominations be closed.

The result of the balloting was announced by the tellers as follows:

John Thevos	89 full votes	120 half votes	total of 149 votes
James Veras	87 full votes	90 half votes	total of 152 votes
Dennis Livadas	89 full votes	117 half votes	total of 147½ votes
John Plumides	88 full votes	91 half votes	total of 133½ votes
George Brotsis	83 full votes	111 half votes	total of 138½ votes
Peter Kouchalakos	94 full votes	97 half votes	total of 142½ votes

Candidates John Thevos for Chairman; Dennis Livadas for Vice-Chairman and Peter Kouchalakos for Secretary, were declared elected.

The Convention officers-elect were sworn and installed into their respective offices.

The first official act of the Chairman was to appoint a Committee of Past Supreme Presidents and Past Convention Chairmen with Past Supreme Presidents V. I. Chebithes and Harris J. Booras as Co-Chairmen, to draw up and present to the Convention written rules and regulations for conducting the Convention.

The Chairman suggested that provisions should be made for minority representation on every committee to be presented by the candidate of the minority party.

He also suggested that provision should be made for voting by Districts instead of by Chapters in numerical order. The committee was further instructed to develop an improved method of reporting chapter delegates.

The session was recessed at 8:55 P.M.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 14, 1956

The Convention was officially opened by John Thevos, Convention Chairman, at 11:30 A.M.

The following names were added to the Credentials Committee: Xenophon Microtsikos, George Blanos, Nicholas Chirikos.

It was moved by Bro. John Lascaris of Salem, Mass., and seconded by Bro. Veras, that the recommendation of the Chairman of the Credentials Committee be adopted and to have those Brothers seated. Motion was voted upon and passed.

Chairman Thevos announced the appointment of the following Committees:

AHEPA IN CANADA COMMITTEE: George Dimas, Chairman; Louis Yankou, Vice-Chairman; Constantine Arahovitis, Secretary; Thomas Adamakos, Peter Caravoulas, Thomas Mantis, Peter Halikas, Tom State, Thomas L. Chase, James Pepergiaris, E. Tzavelas, George D. Vlassis, Constant Lentgis, Kenneth Sakos.

AHEPA HALL FOR BOYS: John Manta, Chairman; Peter Kourides, Vice-Chairman; Peter Chipouras, Secretary; Arthur Samios, George Gialas, George Alexiou, John Kiamos, Nicholas Angeli, Chris Bicoules, George Poolitsan, Perry E. Pakes, Thomas Dunelkos, Louis Tsaros, Dr. William Nestos, Takis Christopoulos, John Economon, Gus Cupules, Manos Salivourakis, James Zabotos, James Karabatos, John S. Linakis, Nicholas Dallas.

ALBUQUERQUE PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Peter Gifto, Chairman; James Panagos, Vice-Chairman; Stratos Doukas, George Poolitsan, Chris Bicoules, Louis Daniels, George Varlos, George Kastrenos, Gus Bruskas.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE: Nick Chirekos, Chairman; Peter Giovas, Vice-Chairman; George Spiropoulos, Secretary; Charles Georgeson, Louis Tripodes, George Cazana, Tom Demopoulos, Nick Cherevas,

George Varlos, William Andreas, William Zaharis, George Hondron, Michael Hodges, Peter Favoris.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE: Louis Christopoulos, Chairman; Gus Bruskas, Vice-Chairman; George Cavalaris, Secretary; Spiros Zapatos, Charles Tarabios, Anestes Kamos, Aggie Capsalis, George Kalfas, Sr., Peter Beketos, Peter Haste, Socrates Sekles, Louis Pconas, John Samios, Stephen Berdalis, John Marakis.

CONVENTION CITY COMMITTEE: Charles Charubas, Chairman; Gus Chetivas, Vice-Chairman; George Adamakos, Secretary; Peter Papahliou, Nick Dombalis, Thomas Zrakas, Thomas Jones, Thomas Thomas, Paul Andrews, Gus Hollis, George Blanos, Stratis Doukas, George P. Caravasio, Gus Herovius, John Tsougranis, Peter Crist, George Pakis, Jack Zarcadoolas.

EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Nick Stamathis, Chairman; James Panagos and Louis Raptor, Co-Vice Chairmen; Paul Koko, Secretary; Nick Stamathis, Kimon Doukas, Anthony Don Bullion, Basil Milonas, Dr. George Kapianos, John Peterson, Spiros Tentes, C. Kokinos, George Loucas, Mike Tzovanakis, Eli Miller, George J. Pappas, Sr., Stratos Batimoinis, George Payne.

EMERGENCY FUND COMMITTEE: Nick Coffinas, Chairman; Michael Hodges, Vice-Chairman; Thomas Dunukos, Secretary; Steve Depos, Andrew Zaphropoulos, John Taberas, Bill Tsafaris, Peter Chimoures, George Hondron, Toby Caragian, Peter Pavaris, Steve Andreadis, Louis Kapnistos, Dino Givas, James Manos, Harry Boosalis, James Pteriotis.

EXCURSION COMMITTEE: Peter Bell, Chairman; James Millas, Vice-Chairman; Angelo Anastopoulos, Secretary; George Kathales, C. C. Stassis, Nicholas Zanetos, James Crambelas, William Gregory, John Gallos, John C. Buckner, William Economides, Gus Hollis.

FLORIDA PROPERTY: Theo Costas, Chairman; Anthony Pappagoures, Co-Chairman; Michael Costas, Vice-Chairman; Charles Mastropolis, Secretary; John Avramides, Gus Maestros, Angelo Pappas, Xenophon Kardiassimos, Paul Katsampis, John T. Raptor, Dr. William Nestos.

AHEPA FRATERNAL INSURANCE COMMITTEE: V. I. Chebithes, Chairman; Xenophon Microutsicos, Vice-Chairman; Andy Mehos, Secretary; Jason Dermousis, Alexander Avlon, George Kastrinos, Anthony Moniodis, Nicholas Mandris, Emanuel Diamantis, Peter Giftos, Paul Caros, Tom Karanos, George Vrotsos, Nick Russo, Louis J. Dukas, George Youlos, John Dimitisios, Nick Fellios, Eli Livierato, John Halias, Jack Zarcadoolas.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: Christ Karafotias, Chairman; Christ Costorakis, Vice-Chairman; Pete Andrews, Secretary; William Pappas, George Sokos, A. A. Andrews, Spiro Fentes, George Varlos, Milton Marikakis, Constantine Boonios, Harry Girakys, Nick Chinonis.

JUSTICE FOR CYPRUS: Dr. Nick Despotopoulos, Chairman; Nick Dallas, Vice-Chairman; George Latsios, Speer Marouses, Spiros Perobos, James Talas, Tom Cappos, Tony Lazeev, Louis Patterson, John S. Linakis, Peter Cardiges, A. Faendas, Nick Chronis, William Gorgantas, P. Cambaris, George Pakes, Nick Lagios, Nick Zanetos, John Raptor.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: George J. Margoles, Chairman; Peter Charubas, Vice-Chairman; George Caravasio, Secretary; John Microutsicos, James Argyros, Gus Nicholas, Theodore Constantinou, James Kane, George Poolitsan, Jerry Dragonas, John Economon, Jack Tsapralis, George P. Dikeo, George Stratigos, Vasilios Pappas, John Plumides, Harry Pappas, Gus Coffinas, Dr. Harry Sembekos, Sam Chakeres, Napoleon Fields, James Panagos, Nick Housouris, Chris Anton, George D. Vlassis, Tom Balikos, James Demos.

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE: Alex Critzas, Chairman; William Glaros, Vice-Chairman; James Karabatos, Secretary; George Andrasakes, Gus Hallis, Michael Voyages, William Economides, Peter Romas, Nick Dallas, James Caras, George Douris, Kenneth Sakos, G. L. Kanganis.

NATIONAL PROJECTS AND EXAMINATIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT: Charles Panagopoulos, Chairman; George Blanos, Vice-Chairman; Adam Parrikos, Secretary; Peter Monocrusos, Sam Chakeris, John S. Linakis, Nick Pappas, Peter J. Haste, Peter Siavelos, George Stathakis, Nick Cuyulis, Michael Costas, Nicholas Papadakos.

NATURALIZATION AND IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE: George Stratigos, Chairman; Peter Derzis, Vice-Chairman; Alex Apostolon, Secretary; Jerry Dragonos, Charles Stathakis, Peter Steris, George J. Pappas, Jr., Anthony Pappageorge, Ronie Doukas, Constantine Makres, J. H. Tomarres, Anthony G. Lagios, James Pepergias, Peter Favoris.

OFFICERS REPORTS: John Laskaris, Chairman; Mark Mamalakis, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Papouras, Secretary; Theodore Nicholas, Peter George, Chris Litsas, Emmanuel Zaferiou, George P. Dikeo, George Bambalis, James Gianakopoulos, Steve Manas, James G. Paulos, George Karras, James Pascaris.

REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE: George Raptieu, Chairman; James J. Starr, Vice-Chairman; Michael Kouvatos, Secretary; Louis Daniels, Nicholas Marini, James Mazarakos, Nicholas Boratges, Chris Trakas, Sam Stavrakas, James Katramados, George Polos, James Stathopoulos, Thomas State, Thomas Litos.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: George N. George, Chairman; George Brotsis, Vice-Chairman; George Assimos, Louis Jettias, Louis Chatas, Nicholas Stevason, Deno Pappas, Spiro Custis, Nicholas Levendis, George Anthonackos, Angelo Agon.

RITUAL COMMITTEE: William Zacharellis, Chairman; Nick Housouras, Vice-Chairman; George Caravasio, Harry Pappas, Nicholas Pyros, Jack Zarcadoolas, George P. Kingsley, Gust Gatscos, Tom Philos, John C. Vasilou, James Veras, Harry Zourelou, Louis Liakas, James Petheriotes, James Kallas, Efthimios Carras.

SONS OF PERICLES AND AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE: Gus Johnson, Chairman; Van A. Nomikos, Vice-Chairman; Tom Chase, Secretary; George C. Mooney, Nicholas Notarys, George Houndros, John Maniatis, Dr. Theodore Stamos, Socrates Zolotas, George Kalvides, Mino Marnel, John S. Linakis, John Angelson, Thomas Pappas, George Pimentacos, Milton Felides, Alex Andreades, Peter Pakes, Nick Strike, Anthony Summar, Nick Kanonas.

UNIFICATION OF HELLENIC SOCIETIES: A. A. Panteles, Chairman; George Tremoulos, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Harry Sembekos, Secretary; A. J. Alexandria, Aristides Harris, Ephstratios Poletes, Nicholas Pappadakis, George Diamond, Sam Karakostas, Leo Zotaley, Constantine Lantgis, Nick Russos, Gregory Lagakos, Christ Litsas, William Vasilou, Leo Lamberson, Michael Knotos, William G. Nickas, John S. Linakis.

VOLOS AND CYCLADES ISLAND EARTHQUAKE COMMITTEE: Nick Jameson, Chairman; William C. Economides, Vice-Chairman; John Vlachos, Thomas Balamides, Peter G. Catavolos, Nicholas Paynos, George Anton, James Pepergias, Marshal Manuel, Stephen Bob, Andrew Asimos, Michael Yakoumedis, John Koukures, Louis Kaphistes.

While the several committees were in session, the following District Governors reported on the activities, achievements and progress of their respective Districts during the fiscal year 1955-1956:

George N. Blanos, Mother Lodge District No. 1, States of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee. (11 chapters)

George T. Karras, Citrus District No. 2, State of Florida. (11 chapters)

John A. Vlachos, Capital District No. 3, District of Columbia, States of Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, North Carolina, and Bluefield, W. Va. (25 chapters)

Peter H. Cardiges, Power District No. 4, State of Pennsylvania, and Clarksburg, Parkersburg and Wheeling, W. Va. (22 chapters)

George J. Andrasakes, Garden State District No. 5, State of New Jersey. (15 chapters)

Nicholas Coffinas, Empire State District No. 6, State of New York. (31 chapters)

Theodore Constantinou, Yankee District No. 7, States of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Springfield and Pittsfield, Mass. (16 chapters.)

A. Toby Caragian, Bay State District No. 8, State of Massachusetts. (16 chapters)

Paul N. Caros, Northern New England District No. 9, States of New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. (10 chapters)

James Tallas, Automotive District No. 10, State of Michigan. (16 chapters)

George J. Cavalaris, Buckeye District No. 11, States of Ohio and Kentucky, and Huntington, Charleston and Weirton, W. Va. (24 chapters)

George Stratigos, Hoosier District No. 12, State of Indiana. (9 chapters)

Sam Karakostas, Blue Ribbon District No. 13, States of Illinois, Wisconsin, and St. Louis, Mo. (40 chapters)

Nick Lillios, Grainfield District No. 14, States of Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, and North Dakota. (14 chapters)

William G. Nicas, Oil Center District No. 15, States of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. (10 chapters)

Bobby Pappas, Delta District No. 16, States of Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana. (18 chapters)

Gus Gatscos, Silver District No. 17, States of Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming. (11 chapters)

George Damaskos, Rocky Mountain District No. 18, State of Montana. (4 chapters)

Manos Salevurakis, Mormon District No. 19, States of Utah and Idaho, and Ely, Nevada. (6 chapters)

Harry C. Boosalis, El Camino Real District No. 20, States of California, Arizona, and Las Vegas, Nevada. (13 chapters)

Xeny A. Cardiasmenos, Golden Gate District No. 21, State of California and Reno, Nevada. (16 chapters)

Euthemios Carras, Firwood District No. 22, States of Washington, Oregon, Alaska and British Columbia, Canada. (14 chapters)

Constantine Anahovitis, Beaver District No. 23, Ontario and Quebec, Canada. (9 chapters)

John Christopher, Royal Canadian District No. 24, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Canada. (5 chapters)

Brother Christ Stassis of San Diego, Calif., reported the excellent condition of his chapter — "192 members in good standing and plenty of money" — placed its bid for the 1959 National Convention, and invited everybody to come, stating that they have plenty of hotel facilities and accommodations, with "El Patos" Hotel alone able to take care of 2,000 people.

INNOVATIONS ANNOUNCED AT THIS SESSION:

1. Chairman Thevos instructed the Credentials Committee to turn over to the stenotypist a complete list of every delegate who was reported to the Supreme Lodge Headquarters by August 1; and directed the stenotypist to make enough copies of the list of delegates, alternates, District Governors and Lt. Governors, to be distributed to all members of the Convention.

2. The Credentials Committee was also directed to make a list and turn it over to the stenotypist of all the votes present — designating who has full and who has half votes, with chapter and district names and members.

3. Chairman Thevos also announced his intention to have the stenotypist prepare summaries of each day's proceedings for distribution to the Convention members.

4. The Chair also announced that he was having printed table-cards or signs designating the different groups — Mother Lodge, Supreme Lodge, and District Governors with District delegations — to be seated together and to vote by such groups, instead of by chapter numbers.

5. That the leader of each group will announce the vote of that group, with the right of any member thereof to request the Chair to poll the delegation.

The Convention recessed until 1:30 P.M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention was called to order by Vice-Chairman Livadas. He announced that there would be a third session today, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

The Vice-Chairman presented Past Supreme President Dean Al-fange who addressed the Convention on the remarkable standing and reputation achieved by the Order in the eyes of America's officialdom and in the eyes of public opinion. He expressed regrets that he was so young—just out of school—when he was elected Supreme President.

District Governor Andresakes of Garden State District No. 5, among other important matters, submitted a report on the Sons of Pericles by Supreme Advisor Anthony Summar. This report included the following recommendations: (1) Start with a nucleus and train them efficiently. (2) Get able advisors to attend their meetings. (3) Program the boys. (4) Get them civic-minded. (5) Interest them to work as a church group. (6) Treat them as young gentlemen—make Ahepa attractive to them. (7) Listen to their troubles, ideas and suggestions. (8) Straighten out the lazy ones. (9) Do not let other organizations stand in your way in building the Sons.

The session recessed until 7:00 P.M. for the main purpose of hearing the Supreme President read his report to the Convention.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

Jade Room, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y.

The Convention was called to order by Vice-Chairman Livadas at 7:00 P.M.

While waiting for the Supreme President to appear, Mother Lodge Member George A. Polos was called upon to report as Chairman of a Special Committee appointed by the San Francisco Convention.

The Chair ruled all other business prior to the report of the Supreme President out of order, saying: "We have adjourned this Convention or recessed it now continuously since about 2 o'clock this afternoon, for the report of the Supreme President, which normally starts the proceedings, and that report is not yet forthcoming."

The Supreme President appeared and was given the floor. The Yearbooks were distributed and he read his report as printed in the Ahepa 1956 Yearbook. The report was received and referred to the appropriate committee to study and report back to the Convention with its findings and recommendations.

AHEPA IN CANADA COMMITTEE — George Dimas, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as received by the Convention:

1. That the name "National," referring to Ahepa Headquarters, Conventions, the biennial banquet, projects and so forth, be changed to "International" because it is that in scope and in fact.

2. That the office of the Supreme Governor of Canada be changed to that of Supreme Vice-President.

The report was received for the purpose of referring it to the Legislative Committee to study and report to the Convention with its recommendations.

The session recessed at 11:40 P.M. to 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 15, 1956.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 15, 1956

This session was called to order by Chairman Thevos at 9:00 A.M. AHEPA EMERGENCY FUND COMMITTEE — Nicholas Coffinas, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as received by the Convention:

THE REPORT:

1. That at the San Francisco Convention the General Fund was indebted to the Emergency Fund in the sum of \$44,480.02.

2. That \$21,600.00 was since then repaid by the General Fund to the Emergency Fund, leaving \$22,880.02 still due from the former to the latter.

3. That the CPA report shows the balance in the Emergency Fund, as of Jan. 1, 1956, to be \$14,650.27. The income to the Fund for the year was \$52,420.00 and the expenses \$58,952.21, making a deficit of \$6,532.21. The present balance in the Fund is \$8,118.06, as of June 30, 1956.

4. Actually, the operational deficit, counting the payment of back claims, was \$15,402.21, and the actual cash as of June 30, 1956, was \$6,372.02.

5. That since 1936 the Ahepa Emergency Fund has paid nearly a million dollars in benefits.

6. That the Ahepa Emergency Fund is for all Ahepans—excepting the few under age disability—that many thousands of members have put money into it, and it is a part and parcel of the AHEPA way of life which should not be discontinued; therefore,

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. That the annual payment to the Emergency Fund be increased to \$2.00 per \$100.00 benefit instead of the \$1.00 per \$100.00 which is now paid.

2. That the amount of death benefit be increased to \$500.00 and a payment of \$10.00 be made annually to the Emergency Fund.

After considerable discussion, the recommendations were accepted to be referred to the Legislative Committee for study and to report them back to the Convention for final disposition.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF CO-COMMANDER GEORGE E. JOHNSON OF THE 1956 AHEPA EXCURSION TO GREECE:

The Co-Commander described the organization of the Committee on board ship; the collection of \$3,165.00 from 500 contributors; the social activities in which the excursionists participated either as guests or hosts; and the Ahepa Banquet at which "nearly 400 participated of whom more than 150 were guests of the Committee."

Co-Commander Johnson concluded his report with the statement that, "it is a mistake to appoint Co-Commanders," and, "to avoid any embarrassment, there should be only one Commander."

The report and recommendations were received and referred to the Committee on Ahepa Excursions to Greece.

At this point George D. Raptieu, Chairman of the Refugee Relief Committee, stated that he could not get information on the accounting; could not get any records. Could not get any books of any sort.

Chairman Thevos called for the Executive Secretary but could not locate him. Brother Christopoulos, Chairman of the Finance Committee, announced that he had "been trying to find the Executive Secretary since yesterday and have not been able to locate him."

Chairman Thevos directed them to contact Louis Peters of Baltimore, the CPA who audited the books at Headquarters.

The Chairman announced that copies of a long sheet containing the results of the 15th National Ahepa Olympiad held yesterday afternoon, were being circulated in the Convention Hall and that each member should help himself to a copy and report to his chapter.

EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE — Nick Stamathis, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

The Chairman spoke at length on the importance of the Scholar-

ship Fund and suggested various ways and means of building up such a Fund, including private donations, solicited through circulars, the magazine, and the chapters, and a per capita tax increase of \$1.00 per member per year for that purpose.

The Convention voted instructions for the Educational and Scholarship Committee to submit its recommendations to the Budget, Legislative and to the other Committees involved in the matter.

COMMITTEE ON CYPRUS — Dr. Nicholas Despotopoulos, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

"The grave situation is now in its second year. The Order of Ahepa has striven to bring about an amicable settlement of this tragic misunderstanding between friendly western nations, a misunderstanding that threatens the very foundation of the freedom-loving world, leaving a cancerous opening for the greatest scourge of all mankind, world Communism.

"We must earnestly and sincerely urge the United States as leader of the free world to bring a settlement to this pressing problem immediately, cognizant of the fact that any delay in solving the Cyprus question can only lead to further violence which solely benefits the Soviet Union.

"Our organization has attempted to urge Congressional leaders to bring an end to the injustices and sufferings of the people of Cyprus. The support and interest of many Congressmen and Senators has been obtained toward that end. Through their noble efforts resolutions advocating self-determination for the people of Cyprus have been introduced in both Houses.

"Notwithstanding the above, no satisfactory solution to the Greek Cypriots, constituting four-fifths of the total population of the Island, has been effected.

"The fundamental and basic principles of justice must be granted to the Greek people of Cyprus. They demand the right of genuine self-rule and self-determination — ideals and concepts which have been hallowed by Anglo-Saxon principles through the ages.

"To deviate from the foregoing doctrines is fraught with serious and tragic consequences to the ideals advocated by the Western Democracies. It would likely disrupt the unity of the Allied efforts in the eastern Mediterranean.

"It is in the interest of American foreign policy and prestige that the compromise solution of military bases for Britain and freedom for the people of Cyprus be accepted.

Now, therefore, be it solved that:

1. The Order of Ahepa re-expresses its sincere appreciation to the following Senators for sponsoring Senate Resolution 229, supporting the application of the principle of self-determination for Cyprus. I won't read the names, brothers, because they are the same names that are in this year's report.

2. The Order of Ahepa expresses its sincere appreciation to all members of Congress who have supported the application of the principle of self-determination for Cyprus.

3. A permanent Justice for Cyprus Committee be appointed and organized by the Order of Ahepa.

4. The Order of Ahepa again takes serious and sustained steps to enlist the assistance of the United States Government towards a solution of the Cyprus question and the granting to the Greek Cypriots their inalienable rights of self-determination.

5. The Order of Ahepa expresses its disappointment at totalitarian methods used by the British Government to thwart the basic right of the people of Cyprus to government by consent, and it further expresses its disappointment and deplors the attitude manifested by the British Government in disregarding the basic principles of Democracy.

6. The Order of Ahepa expresses its sympathy to the hard-pressed people of Cyprus in their gallant struggle for self-determination.

7. The Order of Ahepa further expresses its disapproval of the forceful incarceration of Archbishop Makarios, the spiritual leader and elected ethnarch of the Greek Cypriot people, and calls for his immediate release.

8. These resolutions be transmitted to the President of the United States, Congress, State Department of the United States, United Nations, the press, and to the Platform Committee of the Democratic Convention.

Chairman Thevos ordered 2,000 copies of the resolution for distribution throughout the world.

Vice-Chairman Livadas: "We have a telegram to the Convention that I am pleased to present to you.

"On behalf of the Cyprus Federation of America and its Committee on the Cyprus Question, we wish to congratulate the officers, the delegates and the members of the Ahepa on their 30th National Con-

vention. Mindful of the support that Ahepa has given in the past, to Hellenic problems in general, we respectfully urge and hope that your great Order will continue with wholehearted support of the Cyprus problem to its final settlement by the self-determination and freedom of the people of Cyprus.

Dr. Savas Zavoyianis, Chairman of the Committee on the Cyprus Question — Cyprus Federation of America, 432 West 34th Street, New York City.

"Brother Secretary of the Convention, I have your telegram from the Cyprus Federation commending the Convention, wishing us well and asking for our further support.

"There has been a report made on the Cyprus Committee which was accepted by this Convention, which I am sure that this Federation would be very pleased to know about. You are instructed then, Brother Secretary, to see to it that a report of that committee is transmitted to Brother Savas Zavoyianis, and I give you his telegram for your information."

RESOLUTION RE HARRY AGGANIS:

WHEREAS, Harry Agganis through his prowess in athletics has contributed a great deal to the reputation of the Greek-American young men athletes, and

WHEREAS, he met his untimely death at the height of his athletic career, and

WHEREAS, Harry Agganis has been the inspiration for many a young man, and

WHEREAS, a committee in Boston has been appointed to commemorate his name, composed of civic and religious leaders of non-Greeks who have gotten together and formed a trust fund to help worthy young men, and

WHEREAS, this fund is known as the Harry Agganis Memorial Fund, and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of that fund will be equally divided between students attending Boston University and students attending the Greek Theological Seminary,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED: that the Supreme Lodge through the incoming Supreme President sponsor a drive for funds throughout the Ahepa domain and instruct the chapters to hold such functions or to solicit such funds from its members and their friends around, and transmit them to headquarters, and upon completion of the drive to have the money sent to Honorable John C. Pappas of Boston, Chairman of the Harry Agganis Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS TO:

Officials attending the functions of the Convention:
New York Times for the editorial,
Cedric Foster,
Greek American Newspapers,
Ambassador of Greece,
Ahepa Convention City Committee,
City of New York, Mayor Wagner, etc.

RESOLUTION

To promote the organization of chapters among city policemen, firemen and other city officials.

REGARDING AHEPA YEARBOOKS:

At the suggestion of Chairman Thevos, Brother Xenophon Microusticos of Trenton, N. J., moved that:

A copy of the Ahepa 1957 Yearbook be mailed to every District Governor, Past Supreme President, Mother Lodge and Supreme Lodge Member, and to every delegate and alternate by not later than August 3, 1957. The motion was seconded by Gregory Lagakos of Philadelphia, Pa., and was unanimously carried.

Upon being questioned by a member of the Convention, the Chair ruled that if any Supreme Lodge Officer, or any Committee, fails to forward his report to Headquarters in time to be included in the Yearbook, that that report be omitted and that the printing proceed in time for the Yearbook to be off the press and in the mails by August 5th.

Motion made by Brother Karras, seconded by Xenophon Carliastimenos and unanimously passed that: Every Supreme Lodge officer and every standing Committee shall submit its report to Supreme Headquarters for publication in the Yearbook 20 days before August 5, which will be printed and mailed on August 5.

Moved by Brother Microusticos, seconded by Brother Veras, and unanimously carried that: The auditor's report shall be included in the Yearbook, and that the report be obtained sufficiently in advance of August 5 to be printed and distributed to the members of the Convention by not later than August 5.

Chairman Thevos: "The official reporter is hereby instructed to include this in the summary of the minutes that you are going to

be making for distribution tomorrow, so that everybody will be apprised of the situation."

The session recessed until 2:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention was called to order by Chairman Thevos who announced that it was going into Executive Session, and that no visitors would be allowed.

The Special Committee appointed by the San Francisco Convention made a "progress report" and on motion duly made, seconded and passed, it was discharged, and the pending case was turned over to the incoming Supreme Lodge for final disposition.

FLORIDA PROPERTY COMMITTEE — Theo. Costas, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

1. That the property shall not be sold.
2. That nothing cheap shall be constructed on the property which might impair its value.

CONVENTION CITY COMMITTEE — Charles Charulus, Chairman.

The Committee reported that it received bids for the Convention in 1958, from Atlantic City, N. J.; Boston, Mass.; Detroit, Mich.; and two from Chicago — one from Glenview, Ill., and another from the combined chapters of Woodlawn 93, North Shore 94, Hellenic Center 202, Garfield 203, Evanston 204, Milo 348, and South Chicago 351.

After carefully considering every proposal, the Committee recommended Boston, Mass.

The Committee's recommendation was adopted.

Tom Phillos of Hollywood, Calif., placed a bid on behalf of his chapter to host the Convention in 1959.

RE RECORDS AND INFORMATION:

LOUIS CHRISTOPOULOS: Mr. Chairman, we would like to have some records and information in order to be able to function and bring you a report. We would like to get all the information from the Executive Secretary, and whom for two days we have been unable to locate.

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: Brothers, is there anybody in the room who knows where the Executive Secretary is? Is there any member of the Supreme Lodge here?

Brother Lingon, where is the Executive Secretary?

The Chair directs Brother Lingon to find the Executive Secretary and bring him down here. "You are given full powers of the boss of this convention to bring him to this convention."

A VOICE: Mr. Chairman — Mr. Chairman —

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: Brother Raptieu is recognized.

BROTHER RAPTIEU: I am experiencing the same difficulties. Here is the situation, and I want to report to the convention —

That the Refugee Committee is unable to function on account of these facts; that the chairman of the Refugee Committee was asked to produce checks, cancelled checks, stocks, receipts, applications —

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: Did you ask the chairman of the Refugee Committee?

BROTHER RAPTIEU: Yes.

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: When?

BROTHER RAPTIEU: This afternoon — this morning, rather, asked him and he said that he has nothing in his hands — write in to Washington and get it, go over there and pick them up.

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: All right, Brother Raptieu, you are hereby instructed to send yourself or one member of your committee to Washington to pick up any records — and you are hereby authorized to pick up any records that your committee requires.

A VOICE: I want to be heard on that score.

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: And bring the records to this convention. The convention, the Supreme Lodge Treasury will pay the expenses of you, Brother Raptieu, or any member of your committee to go to Washington to pick up the records.

BROTHER RAPTIEU: They don't let me — I can't hear you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: You are hereby been instructed —

BROTHER RAPTIEU: Yes?

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: — that you or any member of your committee shall proceed to Washington and deliver to this convention the records which you require in your status —

BROTHER RAPTIEU: Why not ask the Executive Secretary if he has them here first before we go —

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: Well, you told me that Brother Lamberson told you that they were in Washington.

BROTHER RAPTIEU: Well, I don't know.

A VOICE: I told him that.

BROTHER RAPTIEU: We won't be able to report if that is the case —

BROTHER MAZARAKOS: I am a member of the committee and I spoke to Brother "Lapidos" (Louis Peters) through the telephone and I asked Brother (Louis Peters), "Where is the records?" He says, "You got the records." "What we got," I says, "we got a statement of the accountant, which states he has examined the records according to the statement. We asked him "and we want the check book, we want the cancelled checks, we want all the records." He says, "We haven't got them." "Where are they?" "They might be in Washington; they might be in some other place." So under those conditions, the committee cannot proceed.

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: I have just asked Brother Lingon to bring him (the Executive Secretary) here. And I am going to ask you, Brother Mazarakos, if you can find him to bring him here.

The session recessed at 5:45 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 16, 1957.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

August 16, 1957

The Convention was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Livadas, who announced:

"On behalf of the Ahepa Magazine Committee, the Supreme Treasurer, Brother Bezaitis, is asked to appear before that Committee now in the Regency Suite on the 4th floor. If the Supreme Treasurer is here; if not, if anyone knows him, and knows where he is, will you take it upon yourself to kindly ask him to appear before the Magazine Committee in the Regency Suite on the fourth floor, now."

AHEPA REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE — elected by the San Francisco Convention — not the Committee on Refugee Relief appointed by the New York Convention — Leo Lamberson, Chairman, reported that:

Sen. Caphart's Bill provided for 500 Greek orphans, 4,000 veterans and 2,000 relatives — a total of 6,500. The Bill passed the Senate but failed in the House.

Ahepa had 2,044 assurances under the Refugee Relief Act.

Over 12,000 assurances of Greek relatives and refugees remained in the American Consulates in Greece.

Over 7,700 individuals registered at Athens.

Of the 5,000 orphans that came to America under the Refugee Relief Act, 348 came from Greece.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. That the incoming Supreme Lodge set up special Legislative and Liaison Committees in every state and district in cooperation with the District Lodge to personally contact every Senator and Congressman for support on the Greek quotas.

b. That the present Committee wind up the overseas operations as soon as possible, and complete all pending orphan adoption cases.

c. That no new Committee is necessary to procure any new assurances, since over 12,000 of the cases are still in the pipeline.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: The Convention has appointed a Committee, which will go into the operations of the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee and report at a later time.

EXCURSION TO GREECE COMMITTEE — Past Supreme President Peter L. Bell, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

"Mr. Chairman, and fellow delegates. Official Greek government statistics indicate that \$50,000,000 is spent yearly in Greece by visiting tourists. This gives a considerable boost to the revenue for the poverty-stricken country like Greece.

"Due to the unstable conditions in the Middle East, the \$50,000,000 revenue has been reduced to \$30,000,000 this year. This loss of \$20,000,000 to the Greek economy and to the Greek people has been felt very badly. A major part of this yearly revenue to the Greek government and people comes from the yearly excursion of the Order of Ahepa which is not my statement, it is the statement of the Greek government officials and the tourist organizations.

"Although some of the Brothers suggested that we discontinue the excursion for various reasons, we definitely disagree with them.

"This excursion is a helping hand to the Greek economy, which has been steadily diminished through years of conflicts and wars. The value of an excursion of this type in firming the goodwill between the United States and Greece cannot be underestimated.

"In addition to this, it affords the oldtimers a chance to return to their homeland as well as the younger generation the opportunity to visit the land of their fathers.

"This committee, therefore, makes the following recommendations:

"1. We recommend that the 1957 Ahepa Excursion to Greece be held again this year — next year, I mean.

"2. The committee is in total agreement with Brother Johnson and recommends that only one commander be appointed and that a vice commander or vice commanders be appointed as the situation may warrant.

"3. The committee further recommends that the appointment of the commander and all other arrangements concerning the excursion be left to the charge and discretion of the incoming Supreme Lodge. In the event that the Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa is desirous of going, then he by virtue of his office should be Supreme Commander, the Commander-in-Chief.

"4. We further recommend that as part of the arrangements the commander should be given the sum of \$1,000 towards his expenses.

"5. The committee further recommends that no official person in the excursion should be given more than two tickets.

"6. We further recommend that any drive for funds for any charity or charitable institution to be collected from the excursionists should be first authorized by the Supreme Lodge as part of the arrangements of the excursion.

"7. The committee further recommends that the arrangements made by the Supreme Lodge shall include a ticket for the Commander of the Daughters of Penelope.

"8. We further recommend that arrangements for the banquet and other functions should be made through the National Council of Tourists in Greece.

"9. The committee further states that no commitments have been made about the 1957 excursion with any steamship company and that the Greek American newspaper should be immediately informed by the Executive Secretary that no advertisement stating or indicating what ship or ships have been retained by the Ahepa Excursion should appear in any advertisement until the incoming Supreme Lodge has made a decision and announcement of its choice.

"10. The Ambassador of Canada to Greece and other Canadians equals and opposites of high American officials in Greece shall be invited to the excursion banquet and a courtesy call to the Canadian Embassy shall be made by the excursion officers."

AHEPAN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE — William Nicas, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention.

"The Outstanding Ahepan of the Year Committee held session in trying to select the Ahepan of the Year. We have only one application of a District which is represented and that is District 15. And it is the conclusion of this committee that we could not give an award for Ahepan of the Year of national scope because only one District responded to the mandate of the Pittsburgh Convention.

"These are the recommendations of this committee: We highly recommend in future years that Districts shall participate in order to be able to select the most outstanding Ahepan of the year on a national scale.

"And we further recommend that each District Governor will make a sincere effort in putting this program into effect."

TUESDAY FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS ONLY:

It was moved, seconded and passed:

That Tuesday of every Convention week be set aside for the purpose of holding Committee meetings and for the purpose of discussing all the affairs before these same Committees. (page 815)

AHEPA AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE, Daughters of Penelope and Maids of Athens Department — Guss Johnson, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention.

On being recognized by Chairman Thevos, Brother Johnson said:

"Mr. Chairman, brother delegates, the committee of the auxiliaries have worked for two days and got enough material from the Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athens to present to you for your approval or disapproval. However, the Daughters of Penelope, accompanied by the President, Mrs. Zotaley, Mrs. Johnson as vice-chairman of their Resolutions Committee and Miss Kampos as chairman of their Resolutions Committee — I will ask Mr. Tom Chase at this time to read the resolution.

BROTHER TOM CHASE: Mr. Chairman and brother delegates, the following is the report of the Resolutions Committee — of the Auxiliary Committee:

The Auxiliary Committee met with representatives of the Daughters of Penelope, and the following are the resolutions which were

unanimously adopted by the Auxiliary Committee and which we are now presenting for your adoption:

1. That the Grand Counsellor of the Daughters of Penelope be a member of the Daughters of Penelope and may or may not be an attorney. (Referred to the Legislative Committee.)

2. That the Executive Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope be required to submit an itemized report to the convention on conditions at headquarters of the Daughters of Penelope, and that the delegates have an opportunity to ask questions regarding this report. This report is to include the stock and equipment of her office. (ADOPTED)

3. That an inventory be taken at the headquarters of the Daughters of Penelope by the staff and be submitted to the incoming Lodge. (ADOPTED)

4. That there be no increase in the rental that the Daughters of Penelope will pay in the newly established office as they cannot pay more than the \$85 a month which they are now paying.

The Convention voted that the question as to the amount of rent the Daughters would be required to pay be left to the Supreme Lodge for final decision.

5. That the Daughters of Penelope be allowed to continue using space in the Ahepan Magazine as in the previous year and pay only for cuts and pictures.

The Convention voted that the amount to be charged the Daughters of Penelope for the "Penelopian Section" of THE AHEPAN be left for the Supreme Lodge to decide.

6. That no Ahepa chapter be awarded a district convention where there is no established Daughters of Penelope chapter at the time that the convention is awarded. (This recommendation was referred to the Legislative Committee.)

7. That the requirements of the Supreme Treasurer's signature on the Daughters of Penelope checks be eliminated and that the checks of the Daughters require only the signatures of the Grand President and the Grand Treasurer. The reason for this is to overcome confusion and delay in payment of bills. (This recommendation was referred to the Legislative Committee.)

8. That the motion passed at a previous convention making it mandatory that the retiring chapter president automatically be a delegate to the national convention be declared null and void. (This recommendation was referred to the Supreme Counsellor of the Order of Ahepa for determination and for the issuing of an opinion to the Daughters of Penelope on the matter.)

9. That 25% of the profits of the Supreme Lodge receipts from the Convention City be allowed to the Daughters of Penelope. (See page 847.)

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: All right, we have taken this up section by section. Some of it we have sent to the Legislative Committee; one section we sent to the Supreme Counsellor and a number of sections we have sent to the Supreme Lodge, and some of them we adopted.

Now, the chair will entertain a motion to accept and adopt the report with the restrictions and reservations that have been made, item by item, to adopt the entire report with such restrictions.

All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed no.

The ayes have it. The committee is discharged with the thanks of the chair, and instructions that each one of these paragraphs that are referred to the respective places be taken care of.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE — Nicholas Churekos, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention.

Vice-Chairman Livadas presiding.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CHUREKOS: The committee wishes to thank the New York Convention Athletic Committee for the splendid job done in successfully presenting the Olympiad and the basketball game.

We further wish to thank Brother Peter Clentzos for his untiring devotion to his duties as National Athletic Director and for his successful endeavors in promoting athletics within our great fraternity during the past decade.

The Athletic Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That the National Basketball Tournament for 1956-57 be awarded to the Milwaukee Chapter No. 43.

2. That the Sixth National Golf Tournament be awarded to the St. Louis Chapter and that it be held during the National Convention in August of 1957.

3. That the Third National Bowling Tournament of 1956-57 be awarded to the Miltiades Chapter No. 68 of Wheeling, W. Va.

4. That the Ahepa outstanding athletic award for 1956 be granted to George Spanas of Boston University. (Applause)

5. That an Ahepa National Athletic Track and Field Team be composed of young men of Greek descent, be organized and trained to make a trip to Greece in 1957 to compete against athletes of

Greece. Now, detailed information may be found on page 46 of the Yearbook, submitted by Brother Peter Clientzas.

6. That the office of Athletic Director be a term of five years to assure a successful long-range program that would be to the credit of the Order of Ahepa.

7. That in the event the recommendation suggested in paragraph 5 be adopted, then a special appropriation of \$2,000.00 be made by the Ahepa Athletic Budget, as follows:

One-half (50%) of the profits from any Ahepa athletic events in any section of the Ahepa domain shall be turned over to the Ahepa Athletic Budget, through the Supreme Headquarters, and if through those funds the \$2,000.00 is not reached, then the balance shall be made up by the Supreme Treasury of the Order.

That the \$2,000.00 be used towards financing the proposed trip to Greece, and that the remaining funds needed be raised by popular subscriptions or donations.

8. That the regular budget for the Athletic Department remain the same as last year's, namely:

National Basketball Tournament	500.00
National Sons of Pericles Tournament	250.00
National Bowling Tournament	250.00
The Far Western Olympiad	250.00
The Northeast Candlepin Tournament	125.00
National Golf Tournament	200.00
Administrative Expenses	500.00
Other miscellaneous expenses for other Tournaments that may come up during the year	425.00

The budget last year was \$2,500.00 and that is what we are asking for this year.

Accepted for the purpose of referring it to the Budget Committee.

RITUAL COMMITTEE — William Zacharellis, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER ZACHARELLIS: Whereas the ritual of initiation in its present form is outdated in that it is concerned primarily with impressing candidates recently emigrated from Greece, as distinct from the vast majority of present-day candidates who are either native-born Americans or citizens of long standing;

Resolved, that the present ritual of initiation be changed.

Secondly, whereas, there is no group in the world that has the background of the vast majority of the Ahepans, and

Whereas, the excellence of a Hellenic culture is noncontroversial and recognized throughout the world, and

Whereas, it is important to impress non-Hellenes as well as Hellenes, the educated as well as the uneducated, the immigrant as well as the native-born,

Resolved, (a) that the form of the new ritual consist of three phases, brief enough to be presented in one evening, and arranged in as dramatic a form as possible.

Resolved, (b) that the first phase deal with ancient Greece, concerning itself with the contributions of the Golden Age and tracing the foundation of modern democracy,

Resolved, (c) that the second phase concern itself with the theme of liberty, and illustrate the Dark Age of Greece when she was not a free nation, and show how the spark of liberty which had been thought extinguished burned brightly and regained for Greece freedom as a result of the Revolution of 1821,

Resolved, (d) that the third phase concern itself with the progress of the Greek immigrant to the New World, his hardships and struggles, his phenomenal success in all fields of endeavor — the professions, business, government, entertainment, the arts, athletics, etc., and the role which the Order of Ahepa played in that success.

Next resolution: Whereas, at least one person with satisfactory qualifications volunteered to prepare a new ritual of initiation in accordance with the foregoing resolutions, and

Whereas, it has been made clear that no financial remuneration would be accepted for performing that service,

Resolved, that this volunteer and any other Ahepan shall have the opportunity to present such a ritual without cost to the Supreme Lodge for their serious consideration at sometime before the date of the next national convention.

Next portion of the report deals with phases other than the initiation ritual.

Whereas, no chapter to the knowledge of the committee has an appointed officer who performs the duties of an Outside Sentinel, and

Whereas, it is impractical to expect an Ahepan to sit outside of his lodge room while his lodge is in session,

Resolved, that the position of Outside Sentinel be abolished, and that the ritual be modified accordingly.

Next: Whereas, the financial status of a chapter as indicated by the Treasurer's Report, is a vital piece of information governing proper action on much of the correspondence and new business,

Whereas, the Treasurer's report is presently designated as the final order of business,

Resolved, that the order of business be adjusted so as to place the rendering of the Treasurer's Report between the reading of the minutes and of the communications.

SONS OF PERICLES COMMITTEE — Past Supreme President Van A. Nomikos, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER NOMIKOS: Mr. Chairman, brothers, the boys have waited quite some time — the Supreme Lodge of the Sons; however, they have some work to complete, so only the President is here, the President of the Sons. He is a member of the Order so he can sit in with us.

I would like to have the vice-chairman of the committee, Brother Zolotas, who has served the Sons and who has been a Son himself for a good many years prior to his becoming an Ahepan, make the report.

Brother Zolotas, will you please?

BROTHER ZOLOTAS: Mr. Chairman and delegates, the Sons of Pericles Committee met and these are the results, as a result of a combined meeting with the Sons of Pericles, and this is what we have for your kind consideration:

1. That the Sons of Pericles be recognized at all Ahepa functions on a chapter, district and national level.

2. That the National Advisory Board for the Sons of Pericles be constituted by the following Ahepans:

The Supreme Vice-President of the Order of Ahepa; Brother Dean G. Rallis; Brother James Theo; Brother Sam Nakis; Brother Anthony Summar; and Brother George Pipentacos.

3. That the payroll of the Sons of Pericles does not exceed \$1,400 annually.

4. That the National Advisory Board should not use any of the moneys set aside in the Sons of Pericles Fund.

5. That upon the passage of the appropriation, said moneys should be immediately transferred to the General Fund of the Sons of Pericles.

6. That the Ahepa appropriate the sum of \$4,800 to the order of the Sons of Pericles, said amount to be used for headquarter payrolls and growth and expansion.

7. That the Ahepa Magazine be mailed to all members of the Sons of Pericles except where may be a father or another member of that family already receiving the magazine.

8. In every issue of THE AHEPAN we ask that a certain section be set aside composed of two to four pages according to the needs of the Sons of Pericles and to be called the "Periclean."

9. That when the Sons of Pericles have a social function, the local Ahepa chapter will make its best efforts to see that no other functions are scheduled at the same time.

AHEPA HOSPITALS IN GREECE COMMITTEE — Past Supreme President Harris J. Booras, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER BOORAS: Mr. Chairman and brother delegates, you perhaps have received one of these brochures, pertaining to the greatest charity that the Ahepa has ever constructed, which is the Ahepa Hospitals for Greece.

Now, the brochure incorporates the names of the donors, such names that were finally sent to the headquarters that contributed \$200 or more.

You must realize that this venture is a venture that concerns charities to the tune of \$5,000,000 and hospitals which are operating in Greece now, with tremendous gratitude toward the Ahepa and America as well.

We have a large hospital in Athens, one in Salonika, which is operating in connection with the University of Salonika, and five health centers all over the provinces.

Whereas, when the drive was inaugurated to collect the money for these worthy projects, two definite promises were made by the Ahepa to the donors, as follows:

(a) That after the completion of the projects an appropriate brochure shall be published concerning the entire program and including the names of the donors.

That we have done.

(b) That the names of the \$1,000 donors shall be placed on rooms at the various hospitals, and those of \$200 donors, or more, will be placed on beds, and,

Whereas, there's a job to be completed that should be done with the project, and that is the placing of these hundreds, if not thousands of additional names of donors on rooms and beds, or on plaques, appropriate plaques, dedicatory plaques at the various hospitals — and

Whereas, there had remained in the hands of the Supreme Lodge from the hospital proceeds that had been collected, the sum of about \$73,000 for the purpose of expending it in order to cover these commitments, but however, out of this money, under direction of a national convention, the Supreme Lodge transmitted \$5,000 to the Greek War Relief Association, leaving a balance of \$8,000 for the above purposes, and

Whereas, out of the balance \$8,000 the Supreme Lodge took \$5,000 out of the account and deposited it in its General Account and that out of the balance of the \$3,000 a small sum was spent for the placing of a few additional names of people who had filed complaints, which finally left a small balance of about \$2,500 for all of the above purposes, which sum is even insufficient for the preparation, printing and mailing of the brochures, of the two to five thousand donors, and

Whereas, further, it is now ascertained that there is in the hands of the Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope a balance of approximately \$4,000 from hospital fund collections which the present convention of the Daughters of Penelope is expected to authorize that it be transmitted to the hospital account of the Supreme Lodge,

Now therefore it is resolved:

That the amount of \$5,000 of hospital money which has been put into the General Fund of the Supreme Lodge be transferred to the Hospital Account of the Supreme Lodge and be made available for use for the unfinished purposes of the program as above explained.

That further, the fund transmitted to the Supreme Lodge from the Daughters of Penelope be also placed in the Hospital Account of the Supreme Lodge and be available for use for the completion of the program as above explained.

That further, the permanent Hospitals for Greece Committee be and is hereby vested with full authority to complete all final details and commitments pertaining to the Hospital Program and to expend from the money hereinbefore made available the whole or any part of the same so that this great program may be honorably and finally completed in all details.

That further, if any funds should remain in the Hospital Account after the completion of all the matters as hereinbefore set out, such balance, the Hospitals for Greece Committee may allocate in the form of Ahepa Scholarship or Scholarships to needy and worthy students of the Medical School of the University of Salonika which operates in complete cooperation with the Ahepa General Hospital at Salonika.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE — Past Supreme Governor James Mazarakos, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER MAZARAKOS: There was presented before the committee a grievance in the form of a printed circular which is marked "Exhibit A" and is made part of this report.

The grievance relates to the refusal of the Supreme Lodge to recognize the Athens Chapter No. 1 in Athens, Greece.

The committee understands that the matter of recognition of this chapter was deliberated upon at the San Francisco National Convention, and since it was there resolved that recognition not be given to this chapter as a part of the Ahepa domain, it is recommended that:

The incoming Supreme Lodge officially inform this chapter of the mandate of the San Francisco Convention as a matter of courtesy.

Complaint No. 2 Tony La Reese, Chapter 240, complained to the committee that a number of chapters in District 15 have been issuing 25-year membership pins to persons who have not been fully paid up members for 25 years. The mandate of the San Francisco Convention required that 25-year pins be issued only to those members who have been fully paid members for a period of 25 years, excluding the period of time during which a member is not fully paid. For the purpose of computing the 25-year period, time spent as fully paid member of the order of the Sons of Pericles is to be included.

It is recommended that the delegates to this convention advise their respective chapters of the proper procedure in awarding the 25-year pins.

Complaint No. 3 John C. Vasilou, No. 161, complained that the donation of his chapter for the Ionian Relief Drive was not publicly recognized as were donations from other donors.

It is recommended that the Supreme Lodge write a letter to the chapter, No. 161, acknowledging receipt of the donation of this chapter and of its disposition.

Complaint No. 4 Peter G. Batsakis, Chapter No. 104, complained that there was a time lapse of approximately seven to eight months in the payment of death claims. The committee feels that the complaint is justifiable and recommends that all death benefit claims be paid within 90 days after receipt of application for payment by Supreme Headquarters.

VOLOS COMMITTEE — Past Supreme Governor Nicholas Jamson, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER JAMSON: I would like to have come before you and have the names of each and every one of you so I can check and see exactly how much money was collected, but that was impossible.

When I came in contact with the secretary, he told me that he was unable to give me the names of the contributors, as all of the records are in Washington, and therefore, "All you have to do, Jamson, is look at the reports of the Yearbook, and make the best of it." And that's what I have done.

Brother George E. Johnson appeared before the committee. The following information was gathered:

The amount of \$25,000 in two checks was sent to Brother George Johnson. Brother Johnson was asked to make a survey and to recommend to the Supreme Lodge as to how this money was to be expended. Brother Johnson made the following recommendations to the Supreme Lodge:

(a) Remodeling the first floor of a gymnasium at Tsoutsani.

(b) An Ahepa Shelter Home for the youth of Volos to provide for the care of the orphaned victims of this disaster.

At a meeting of the Supreme Lodge, Brother Johnson's recommendations were approved. Upon approval, Brother Jamson placed the money in trust as follows:

\$5,000 for the school at Tsoutsani.

\$18,000 for the cost of the Ahepa Shelter Home at Volos.

Brother Johnson went ahead after he was given the permission to complete this recommendation. The expenses involved was \$339. This amount of \$339 was paid from the \$5,000 check, leaving a balance of \$4,661 to Tsoutsani — in other words, leaving \$4,661 was made out to the Tsoutsani Gymnasium Building Committee.

The \$18,000 check is in the Bank of Greece in Athens, in trust. This money will be disposed of as the building of the shelter home progresses.

The committee has examined several official documents from the Mayor and the Governor of Volos. Also from several committees dealing with these projects.

Brother Johnson was in a hurry to go back and we asked him for vouchers and he said, "The only voucher I have is some of the letters which I wanted to read to you gentlemen, but my time is so limited," and he asked me to inform you, brothers. Here I shall read one of them at least: (Continues, reading letter in Greek.)

(Then interpreting) Brother Johnson, we will give you the \$18,000. You will furnish the lots to build the building and you will upkeep it in the future and you will carry on the name of the Ahepa in that particular building.

(Continues again in Greek.)

Now, gentlemen, when we asked Brother Johnson to give us the vouchers, what he done this morning — He said, "I have nothing except this letter which has been signed by the Governor of Volos, by the Mayor of Volos and the officials." In other words, the committee was satisfied that there was no necessity to have any more vouchers, and we accepted this letter as such on the \$25,000 other than, as I have mentioned here, the amount of \$339 which was expended by Brother Johnson. The rest of it went in a proper place with security to see that the moneys were spent for the purpose which they were collected.

Now, as for the Executive Secretary, Andrew D. Vozeolas, also appeared before the committee. The committee asked for an itemized statement. Brother Vozeolas did not have the information, other than what appeared in the Yearbook, and that's what we had to go by.

We checked on the book there, we took the findings of how much money they have collected and how much money they have spent to collect this amount of money, and that's all we had to go by. But he promised that the names of the contributors will be published in the near future in the Ahepa Magazine.

Brother Diamond, who was chairman of the Volos Drive — he did not put in a bill for his work, and I know that he has spent many dollars in telephoning and wires, but he did not put in any bill on it. I would like to congratulate Brother Diamond for all the efforts he made to collect this amount of money without any expenditure to the Order, other than the — this financial statement which I insisted upon and that's why I was detained and I was unable to give you the report.

Now, here is the financial report which is very brief, gentlemen:

Collections, 1956	\$23,606.86
Previous Collections (year ending 6/30/55)	3,794.96
Total Amount	\$27,401.82
Less Expense of	2,401.82
Checks to Brother Johnson	23,000.00
	\$25,401.82

We were wondering for the last two days — we were short of \$2,000 that is unaccounted for. So I got in contact with the Supreme President and he tells me that a check that was — a third check that was given to St. Constantine's Church of "Karlitza," which adds up to the total amount of \$27,401.82. So it seems to me that every nickel that was collected is accounted for, other than that I am not in a position — have not been able to give the names of all the contributors to know just exactly how much money was contributed.

I move for the adoption of this, unless there is someone that wants to question me.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: The Chairman of the Volos Earthquake Disaster Committee has made his report. It's before you for adoption. I recognize the brother in front of me. What is your name and your —

A VOICE: George D. Raptieu, Chapter No. 46, Detroit, Mich.

BROTHER RAPTEIU: If these contributions, these collections were made for the purpose of helping the Volos earthquake victims, why was \$3,000 of that given to the gymnasium of Tsoutsani, which is located in the Mountain of Olympus?

I want to clarify this thing because I hear a lot of complaints. We make collections for a certain purpose, then we appropriate money for some other purpose, and I don't like that.

I originated from Thessaly and I know the situation down there. Tsoutsani is in the Mountain of Olympus in the Prefecture of Larissa, so why did they take the \$5,000 and donate or give it to the Gymnasium of Tsoutsani?

The purpose is all right, but why they did that —

BROTHER JAMSON: For that, you will have to ask the Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa. He is the one who issued the \$2,000 —

BROTHER RAPTEIU: Here is the situation. The public sentiment in general sometimes criticizes that we solicit contributions for one purpose, then we allocate money for a different purpose. Now I must say here that if the Prefecture of Larissa is about a hundred miles away from Volos, but what right did they have to take this money and donate it to the gymnasium of Tsoutsani, when it was given for Volos?

Mr. Chairman, I have written, I have wired the Supreme President, the time when I got notice that the telegram of Brother Johnson came, and I asked the Supreme President that time not to allocate any money to Garitini, but to go to Volos because it was asked for that purpose. We had the same trouble in Pittsburgh about (spoke in Greek) — but we had another drive and the money was allocated to Carditsa. I want to understand why? Why?

I have no special desire to give this money to any particular cities in Thessaly, but if it was done for the victims of Volos, it was done well and must be fair donated for the city of Volos for any purposes.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Your point has been made perfectly clear to the delegates.

Is there any other discussion on this question?

A VOICE: A. A. Andros, Lincoln Chapter 166. I rise on a point to second the motion for the adoption of the report.

BROTHER JAMSON: Brothers, the Supreme President just walked in here. He might explain to you why he gave those \$2,000 to that particular spot. I can't. All I know is that that much money was spent as I reported it to you.

SUPREME PRESIDENT SCOPAS: Well, the only reason we did that, gentlemen, was that last year when we went down on the excursion, Brother Sekles, who was the Supreme Treasurer, accompanied the excursion and he had promised a \$2,000 contribution for this St. Constantine Church in Carditsa. I was obliged, when the Volos Earthquake broke out, to ask Brother Sekles to retract that commitment and we gave the money directly to the Volos Earthquake Relief instead of to Thessaly.

This year at the request of many persons, including Brother Charles Diamond, who was the director and general chairman of the — what we call the Greek Earthquake Relief Committee — we appropriated \$2,000 which had been committed and retracted last year in order to make good the commitment that had been made by

the Supreme Treasurer who was assigned, while we were in Greece, to go up into that area and to appropriate the \$2,000 that were available.

Then when Brother Johnson went to Greece as the co-commander, your Supreme President asked him to confer with the Governor of Volos, the Bishop of Volos and the Thessalian Society in Athens, and to find how we could utilize the remaining \$23,000 so that the Ahepa would get the maximum credit for these donations.

After holding many conferences on these subjects, we received a letter from Brother Johnson stating that the money could best be appropriated to rebuild a gymnasium, I believe that's in Volos, and to build a new Ahepa Shelter Home for the youth of both sexes.

I transmitted the recommendations of Brother Johnson, for your information, to the members of the Supreme Lodge and to the members of the Greek Earthquake or Volos Committee, whatever you want to call it, and I received an approval from all those members and from the members of the Supreme Lodge that we were acting in the best interests.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Now, we have no further discussion. Are you ready for the question, the adoption of this report?

All those in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed?

Carried unanimously but for one no, and the committee is discharged with the thanks of the convention.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION PROCEDURE — Past Supreme Presidents V. I. Chebithes and Harris J. Booras, Co-Chairmen. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: This is a Special Committee. Its report does not have to go before the Legislative Committee and we shall be empowered, if legislative action is necessary, to take such action now.

BROTHER CHEBITHES: Mr. Chairman, I have not been able to contact all of the past chairmen attending this Convention, but I did go over these rules with Brothers Booras, Dukas, Pantelis, and Margolis. I take it that they make up a sufficient representation, and of course you can do whatever you will with them — I mean the rules.

These rules, in whatever form they are adopted, if at all, by this Convention, will be incorporated under the heading:

"Rules for Choosing Convention Cities and for Conducting Conventions" appearing on page 57 at the back of the book in which the Constitution is printed. These rules will not be a part of the Constitution. They are intended to be legislation passed under the Constitution by a majority vote, and may be modified or repealed by a majority vote, but they shall be in full force and effect, as passed, until they are so repealed or modified.

We will add these to the other rules under the heading referred to at the end of the Constitution as rules and not constitutional provisions.

1. The Supreme Lodge Headquarters shall provide each Chapter Secretary, in advance of the elections of delegates to the Supreme Convention, with a set of 6 forms to chapters entitled to 1 vote, and a set of 12 to chapters entitled to 2 votes at such Supreme Convention.

Immediately following the election of chapter delegates and alternates, before the chapter meeting is adjourned, the Secretary shall fill in the information required on said forms, which information shall include the date, place, and number of that chapter's members attending the meeting, the names and addresses of the delegates and alternates, designating the order in which the alternates are entitled to succeed the delegate or delegates, and both the Chapter President and Chapter Secretary shall sign and deliver one of such forms to each delegate and alternate, who shall mail them to the Supreme Lodge Headquarters, one for mailing by the Secretary to the Supreme Lodge Headquarters, registered mail, return receipt requested, and one for the record files of the Chapter.

The reports of the election of Chapter Delegates and Alternates must be mailed to the Supreme Lodge Headquarters by not later than August 1, following their election, and the Supreme Lodge Headquarters shall preserve and have available for inspection at the Supreme Convention the envelopes in which such election reports are received at said Headquarters.

Upon receipt of such reports, the Supreme Lodge Headquarters shall acknowledge the receipt thereof to the Delegates and Alternates, as well as to the Chapter Secretary. Such an acknowledgment of the receipt of the report will not be any admission that the parties involved are eligible to participate in the Convention proceedings — only that the reports of their elections have been received by the Headquarters.

2. The Supreme Lodge Headquarters shall prepare a list of all Ahepans entitled to participate in the forthcoming Supreme Convention of the Order, including Supreme and Mother Lodge Members, Past Supreme Presidents, Governors and Lt. Governors of Govern-

torial Districts, Delegates and Alternates of Chapters, arranged by Districts, and mail a copy of said list to each member whose name appears thereon by not later than August 1, of each year.

5. No Delegate or Alternate the report of whose election has been mailed to the Supreme Lodge Headquarters later than August 1, shall be placed on the list described in the preceding paragraph, nor any such delegate or alternate be eligible to participate in the proceedings of the Supreme Convention.

4. Any Delegate or Alternate whose name does not appear on said list of Convention members, and who claims that his name has been improperly omitted from it, shall have the right to present his case, through the Credentials Committee, to the Supreme Convention which shall decide the same prior to the election of Convention Officers.

5. The District Governors and the Delegates shall be grouped and seated by Gubernatorial Districts in their numerical order, and all voting by roll calls shall be announced by each District Governor, after polling the delegation.

Any member of any District delegation has the right to have the presiding officer of the Convention poll the delegation to test the correctness of the vote announced by the District Governor; provided that such a right is exercised immediately after the vote of such delegation is announced and while all members present at the time the District Governor took the poll for that particular vote are still present.

In case the District Governor is absent, the Lt. Governor shall act in his place and stead. In the absence of both the Governor and the Lt. Governor, the Delegation shall elect, by majority vote, a spokesman of the delegation.

When voting by secret ballot, the District Delegations shall be called to the poll according to their numerical order. Second and subsequent calls for those not present at the first call, shall likewise be made numerically by Districts, and late voters shall be presented and identified, when necessary, by the leaders of their delegations.

6. The Chairman of the Supreme Convention is empowered to fix the time to be consumed in debating any issue. Any member of the Convention may move to extend or reduce the time limit fixed by the chair.

7. The candidate receiving the second largest number of votes for the Chairmanship of the Supreme Convention shall be entitled to submit a list of Convention members to be placed on committees appointed by the chairman to a number not exceeding 35% of the total membership of such committees.

8. Immediately after the main hotel for the Supreme Convention Headquarters is selected, the Supreme Lodge Headquarters shall communicate with the Chairman of the Convention City Committee and advise him of the facilities — such as committee rooms, stenographers, typists and other conveniences needed for the efficient and comfortable operation of the Convention, and shall make sure that proper arrangements are made for assuring the reservation of such facilities.

9. Any rule, regulation, or precedent to the contrary notwithstanding, a delegate's right to appeal from a ruling of the chair to the assembly shall remain inviolable.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 17, 1956

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION COMMITTEE —

George S. Stratigos, Governor Hoosier District No. 12, Chairman.

Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention.

BROTHER STRATIGOS: Your committee met and discussed the naturalization problems confronting the Hellenic people, and reviewed the work of the National Committee for revision of the Immigration and Naturalization Laws.

Under the Displaced Persons Act of 1952, a mortgage on quotas was established which in effect reduced the Greek quota from 508 to 154 for the next fifty years, and that in spite of the recent codification, the Immigration and Naturalization Laws remain discriminatory and inequitable, and that the "National Origins" quota system established in 1924, which is repugnant to our traditional American concept of freedom and justice, was not eliminated.

We therefore recommend:

1. That the incoming Supreme Lodge re-constitute the National Committee for the Revision of the Immigration and Naturalization Laws for the purpose of influencing the Congress of the United States to —

- a. Restore the mortgaged quotas,
- b. Liberalize the present immigration law,
- c. Provide for the redistribution of unused quotas.

2. That the National Committee shall make every effort to secure the passage of special legislation for additional immigration visas from Greece.

AHEPA GENERAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE — Lt. Governor Charles Panagopoulos of Bay State District No. 8, Chairman, SUPREME LODGE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER PANAGOPOULOS: Realizing the interest of all Ahepans in the purchase of this new home for the Order of Ahepa, this committee has attempted to obtain as much information as possible as to the details of the purchase, finance and cost of operation of the building. Accordingly, the committee met on Wednesday with the Board of Trustees.

The building purchased from Sam Orphanos, John Litsas and George Veurnas, brother Ahepans, is located at 1422 K Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. It is a six-story, fireproof building with an automatic elevator. The dimensions of the lot on which it is located are 22 feet by 110 feet, and the dimensions of the building itself are 22 feet by 108 feet. The office building sold by the Order in 1949 had dimensions of 21 feet by 102 feet, and had only five stories.

Practically all of the information contained in this report was given to us by the Board of Trustees. The only papers available to us in the original or in photostat were the agreement to sell, a letter from the Riggs National Bank, a letter from the H. L. Rust Company, and the letter from the sellers.

The first floor entrance is being renovated at the contract price of \$2,900. The first, second and third floors do not need any repairs at this time and none are contemplated unless the tenants request the same. The fourth floor is vacant. It requires painting, light fixtures and partitions depending upon the decisions taken by this convention regarding the Daughters of Penelope and the Fraternal Benefit Insurance. The fifth floor has been remodeled and is occupied by the Order of Ahepa. The cost of remodeling, \$4,722.93. The sixth floor requires painting and light fixtures, total cost estimated at five to six hundred dollars. It is expected and hoped that in the future air-conditioning units may be installed in the building to increase its rental potential.

The building is occupied as follows: A portion of the basement of the first floor is occupied by the Robin Hood Restaurant, which has a ten-year lease beginning March 1, 1956, at a rental of \$650 per month for the first five years and \$700 per month for the final five years. The second, third and sixth floors are rented at \$350 a month. Fourth floor: vacant. Desire to be rented to the Daughters of Penelope and the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society. Expecting to yield a monthly rental of \$400. Fifth floor: Order of Ahepa. Agreed rental of \$400 per month. However, no rental paid to date.

The building is assessed as follows: Ground assessment, \$59,150; improvements, \$77,000; total assessment, \$136,150. Tax rate, \$2.30 per hundred; total tax, \$3,131.45.

The committee has attempted to compile a list of operating expenses from figures available. Some figures are estimates of the committee itself and the mortgage interest is that of the first year. No depreciation was taken into consideration.

This is the estimated annual operating expense: Real estate taxes, \$3,131.45; janitor's wages, \$1,760; oil for heat (seller's figures), \$1,469.43; electricity (seller's figures), \$1,123.61; water (seller's figures), \$944.16; insurance per year, \$506.88. Commission to agent H. L. Rust Company, three per cent of gross rental income including the Ahepa rent \$756 even, and repairs and maintenance — this is the estimate of the committee admittedly the top national figure based on present gross rental income of ten per cent being \$2,500 for maintenance and repairs. And mortgage interest \$4,747.50, and social security taxes of \$55.20, making a total of \$16,774.23.

The present gross income being \$25,200, the present estimated expenses being \$16,774.23, the estimated annual net profit is \$8,425.77. These figures make the rate of return on the original investment of \$115,000 that of 7.5 per cent. After payment of the principal of \$6,000 in the course of the year, the rate of return is slightly over two per cent.

Financing: The purchase price of the building was \$225,000 of which \$115,000 was paid in cash and \$110,000 was borrowed from the Riggs National Bank at the rate of 4½ per cent interest with \$1,500 to be paid quarterly, plus interest and taxes.

The committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa pay the rent of \$400 per month as agreed upon with the Board of Trustees for the occupancy of the fifth floor.

2. That the Supreme Lodge pay immediately the rent due to the Board of Trustees from March 1, 1956, to date.

3. That if any Ahepa bodies or its auxiliaries occupy the fourth floor of the Ahepa Home, such bodies shall pay such rent in propor-

tion to the space occupied as will total \$400, per month, the proportioned amount of rent to be paid by each body to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

AHEPA GENERAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE, ALBUQUERQUE SANATORIUM PROPERTY — Past District Governor of Empire District No. 6 Peter Giftos, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER GIFTOS: Your committee analyzed and studied the report of the Board of Trustees and the Financial Report pertaining to the income from the Albuquerque Property. Interviews and discussions concerning the property were also held with the Board of Trustees. Your committee offers the following resolution of the Board of Trustees:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees have entered into certain negotiations for the leasing, part of the property owned by the Order of Ahepa at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees it would be to the advantage of the Order of Ahepa to enter into such a lease, and WHEREAS, by the terms of the deed of Transfer from the Silver Sanatorium, Incorporated, to the Order of Ahepa the property cannot be sold, transferred or leased without the consent of three-fourths of the delegates present and voting at the National Convention. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED; that all of the terms and provisions of the lease hereinafter set out and marked "Exhibit A" signed on the reverse side of each page thereof by the Secretary of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, for the purpose of identification and made part of this resolution for all purposes, and hereby accepted and approved and that the Trustees and the such-and-such Secretary, whoever it is, are hereby authorized on behalf of said organization to execute, seal and deliver under its name and on its behalf to Standard Oil Company of Texas, said lease.

2. That the Board of Trustees shall have no power to grant leases for a longer period than twenty years.

AHEPA HALL (SCHOOL AND DORMITORY) FOR (ORPHAN) BOYS COMMITTEE — John L. Manta, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER MANTA: Mr. Chairman and brothers. The Committee on the Ahepa Hall for Boys unanimously agreed upon the following recommendations to this convention:

1. The Order of Ahepa dedicates itself to the education of our children in the language, heritage and religion of our forefathers, and in connection therewith pledges its support and cooperation with all efforts for the establishment and maintenance of afternoon schools and day schools throughout all the communities in this country.

2. In furtherance of this objective, the Order of Ahepa will continue its current project for the erection of the Ahepa Hall for Boys at the St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, New York.

3. That the drive for funds should be diligently continued until the sum of \$200,000.00 is raised, which amount is considered sufficient to erect a building suitable for the purpose at the present time.

4. That no contracts should be entered into and construction should commence until \$150,000.00 net has been duly realized, and further provided that the trustees of the St. Basil's Academy consent to said construction on the premises of said Academy.

5. That the monies collected for this project shall be placed in a special account for this fund to be held in escrow by the Board of Trustees until the net amount of \$150,000.00 shall be raised, and then the account with the money shall be turned over to the Supreme Lodge who will negotiate the contracts and disburse the fund for the construction of the building.

6. That the limitations imposed by the San Francisco Convention in which the Supreme Lodge was required to obtain a deed from St. Basil's Academy for the ground upon which this building will be ultimately constructed should be revoked so that the Supreme Lodge may have a free hand to make such arrangements as it may deem beneficial to the fraternity and to the project.

7. That the Supreme Lodge should designate two Ahepans and the Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope should designate one "Daughter," all three of whom shall serve on the Board of Trustees of St. Basil's Academy, the committee being assured that these appointments are acceptable to the Academy.

UNIFICATION OF HELLENIC SOCIETIES COMMITTEE — Past Supreme Counsellor A. A. Panteles, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER PANTELES: The committee resolved the following:

1. That the Supreme Lodge be and it is hereby authorized to contact all national organizations of Hellenic origin to the end that an effort be made to unify their efforts.

2. That the Supreme Lodge communicate in writing with all the groups of national organizations and arrange a conference so that the

problems of the Greek people in the United States may be discussed and solutions found.

3. That a copy of this resolution be given to the Greek press throughout the United States and that copies be mailed to other such national organizations.

AHEPA REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE — George D. Raptieu, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER RAPTIEU: This committee met for three days. The first two days it spent attempting to obtain the records of the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee from its chairman, Brother Leo J. Lamberson. On the third day, Brother Lamberson did produce for the committee the check book which began in November, 1955.

As for any checks made prior to that time, these are not available and no explanation has been given to the committee for this omission. Upon questioning Brother Lamberson, all the records so far as he is concerned are in Washington.

This committee was confronted with the absence of records and had to call Brother Lamberson and the other members of the committee to a private conference and find out all about it so it could be enlightened in order to bring this report as accurately as possible before you.

Upon questioning Brother Vozelas, who is right — over there, he knows nothing about any of the financial records prior to December of 1955 at which time he was given the responsibility of managing the office of the ARRC, which is known as the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee, at Washington, in addition to his regular duties, at an additional salary of \$100 per month.

By a certified public accountant — who did not sign the report he made — these records show a deficit of \$8,583.74.

These same records contain a statement on the two pages of said report stating, and I quote: "Prepared from books without audit."

Brother Lamberson informed this committee that this statement covered only the money and financial records of the now defunct New York office and the present Washington office.

Upon close examination of the statement and check book, it is learned that one check stub dated January 24, 1956, was marked U.S. Stationery Company, office supplies, in the amount of \$179.88. The check before it was marked January 24, 1956, Direct Mail Letter Service, Inc., circulars and mimeo stationery (letterheads) \$58.80, 900 circular "crusade for sponsors" \$25.90, or a total of \$127.05.

Another check stub dated March 29, 1956, was marked Leo J. Lamberson, office expenses and supplies \$75.01. Then there was a check stub dated March 29, 1956, marked Leo J. Lamberson, travel and per diem three trips SB — which means South Bend — to NY — which means New York and Washington, December 1955; February trip to Washington March 16-20 — a trip — for \$498.60.

It was learned that the ARRC had appointed sub-agents in various parts of the country doing exactly the same work which was done in New York. These sub-agents were permitted to charge the ARRC \$20 for cash named case they did the paper work on, but had to at the same time take care of unnamed cases free.

However, one of the sub-agents was the chairman of the ARRC, Leo J. Lamberson, who stated he charged \$25 for each named case handled by his office and \$5 for each case passing through his South Bend, Indiana, office which was processed by another sub-agent.

As you will notice, that a South Bend, Indiana, office was mentioned above, this was learned by this committee by reason of questions regarding sub-agents.

It was disclosed that \$6,340 was collected in the past twelve months from which was deducted \$3,170 for sub-office expenses at South Bend, Indiana, office.

In addition thereto, another \$2,550 was received by the sub-office of South Bend, Indiana, from which another \$193 was deducted by said sub-office of South Bend, Indiana, for expenses, or a total of \$5,365 for expenses of said sub-office.

In addition to these above-mentioned expenses, the sub-office at South Bend, Indiana, further deducted from the \$10,060 collected by it in addition to the head office expenses for printing \$265.10; for public relations \$420; for telephone and telegraph \$97.60; three trips to Washington and per diem at \$414 — with no notation as to when the trips were made or whether this is a duplication of the trips mentioned above — as stated above — and charged to the Washington office at a cost of \$498.60; and travel and per diem to three district conventions in District No. 10, District No. 13, District No. 16, in the amount of \$287.

In addition to all this, contrary to the constitution, the sub-office maintained a bank account at the American Trust Company at South Bend, Indiana, in the name of L. J. L., Trustee, ARRC, with the only required signature being that of Brother Leo J. Lamberson.

Brothers, as you realize, the committee is disturbed by these conditions.

The ARRC office in Greece submitted a report under the signed initials of its manager, Mr. Tsaparis, whose office spent 451,559.70 drachmas, or \$15,052. There was no audit of the expenses of this office yet, the summary showed 9,751.30 drachmas or \$325 for transportation and 20,495.30 drachmas or \$685 for petty cash. This report of the office in Greece being a summary prepared by said office left everything to the imagination of the committee who knew little or nothing of its operation.

The Athens office charged to unnamed refugees who applied, \$20 for processing an application and this was a great source of revenue. The committee was also informed by Brother Lamberson that collecting these fees for processing the paper for a refugee are contrary to the laws of the United States of America and all regulations of the State Department of the United States.

Questioning Bros. John S. Manos, Esq., and Andrew Brockles, disclosed that they had no working knowledge of the operation of the office in New York or Washington or of any of the sub-offices and that all contact was made through South Bend, Indiana, and by correspondence.

No statistics were made or are available to the number of applications processed this past year, nor was any reason given as to why no record was made.

It is the considered opinion of this committee that the ARRC committee and especially its chairman was grossly careless and exercised poor judgment of its program for the Ahepa and that there was a disproportionate amount of expenses for the work that was accomplished.

Therefore, this committee proposes that:

1. The Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee be abolished.
2. The Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa assume the duties of finishing the Ahepa's program for the refugees still being processed.
3. That a special committee be appointed to investigate all of the records of the ARRC from its inception, have a complete audit of all offices including those of sub-agents made and report to the next convention for disposal.
4. That the ARRC report as presented by its chairman, Leo J. Lamberson, be not accepted by reason of its being incomplete.
5. That Brother Lamberson stated that there is a balance of approximately \$5,000 in the Trustee ARRC account at South Bend, Indiana, which money this committee strongly recommends be deposited in the ARRC account at Washington, D. C., at once in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

I am Mike Kouvas from Camden Chapter No. 69. I was the secretary of this particular committee, Brother Lamberson appeared before us yesterday and made some very general and very casual statements. And then we got down to the business of questioning; we got down to the business of sub-agents, something that I had never heard of in the San Francisco Convention or before then.

"Then as a result of questioning on sub-agents, it was learned that Leo Lamberson was one such sub-agent and that he had a bank account at the American Trust Company, South Bend, Indiana, Leo J. Lamberson, Trustee ARRC, which of course you brothers now know is in violation of the constitution.

Furthermore, I have in my presence now for the first time since the San Francisco Convention, two checks and I take it that these are the first submission of any moneys from that particular account to the account of the Ahepa ARRC. One is for \$548.60 and the other is for \$600. Now, it doesn't matter what they are or how much they are, the fact remains that it took him eleven to twelve months to get these moneys from that account directed in a fashion to where they belong.

Number two, the particular account, the Leo J. Lamberson Trustee account, as we were told yesterday, has approximately \$2,800 to \$3,000 still in its account. We asked for the checks, the cancelled checks, we asked for the stubs. He didn't have them. He presented to us a financial statement of his sub-office under his signature with no audit by anyone other than Leo J. Lamberson, and brothers, that's the meat of all this questioning and of all of this report, and if you will examine it closely, as we have tried to do, fairly and squarely, this is no attack on anyone person. It is a question of what was done and why was it done, and we only got very general answers.

BROTHER LAMBERSON: Mr. Chairman, the committee has certainly made some very strong accusations.

In the first place, there was reference to the account that is made without audit. Now, I am not an auditor, but it was prepared by Louis Peters & Company of Baltimore, a certified public accountant, which is the very same firm that has prepared the books of the fraternity.

On the question of liabilities, we find that there are \$10,000—some odd of expenses by sponsors and others for transportation on the old Displaced Persons Committee. That is the identical figure that was presented at San Francisco of \$10,000—some odd of the old Displaced Persons Committee of some four or five years ago.

Now this accountant that prepared this report — I never even talked to the man nor had any correspondence concerning the preparation of the report, but last year when instructions were given to the accountant at New York and the bill was rendered for some \$500 for that accountant he had the specific instructions given to him, not by Lamberson or any other member of this committee, that said our instructions regarding this examination were very specific, and we were to cover the period of activity from July 1, 1954 to July 1955, a thirteen months period.

I didn't put that in there, and I am willing to defy anyone here and now that our committee does not owe anyone — any \$10,000 from the old DP. Sure it sounds good on record here, to show you that we went into a deficit, but that's just paper talk.

Now here's another item of deficit. Perhaps this is the account that they are objecting to. There was written off this year's accounts some \$985 because we were attempting to wind up affairs. There's no more new cases to be filed or any visas to be given, and outside of some few orphans that we had, our business is about wound up, and in my report yesterday I gave you as much factual information as I could. I didn't have the check book, I didn't have the accountant's report. It seems that Mr. Vozzeas left this because the accountant was busy with other affairs of the fraternity.

Now, yes, we'd like to have some of those things and to see how much money was spent.

Now, it appears here that there is some insinuation, and that's the way I take it, that Lamberson was running things the way he chose. Well, I want to tell you one thing — I was elected to this office to do a job, and I wasn't going to sit and listen to criticisms and objections and throw us off our intention to get our quota; our job was to get them through and I find—how did this sub-office—Lamberson created it?

Under the minutes of May 1955, which was the old DP Committee or the Ahepa Refugee Committee of Brother Nonikos, Brother Doukas and Brother Lamberson, it was then established that sub-offices of this committee shall be established and in lieu of expense and cost to handle and fully process "DSR assurances" be permitted to retain the sum of \$20 for each paid sponsored case. I mean, name case, pursuant to that there were several agents or sub-agents appointed. Yes, South Bend was one of them, because primarily ever since San Francisco we intended to close New York and that office there was charging for the named cases, not charging, but in lieu of any expenses that it should be made on that. Now, what did that office do?

We had some 600, almost 600 unnamed cases for which not one cent was paid to the sub-office at South Bend. There were some sub-agents out in California that sent in names cases and they retained their \$20. There were some in Chicago. There were a few others elsewhere, but they also had the understanding that they must handle unnamed cases for the purpose of helping the program.

Now, when we met in Montreal, because of the expense that was involved that figure was increased to twenty-five.

Now, it appears here that this committee makes so much of the fact that the South Bend office had collected something like over \$5,000 as sub-office expenses, but I'd like to say to you: Who's going to pay that secretary; who's going to pay for the electric typewriter; who's going to pay for time and services and phone calls and the like? Which amounts to approximately \$100 per week.

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: Now, wait a minute. There's one clarification that I think has to be made. I think Brother Doukas will agree with me.

It's not the question of the location of the account, whether it be in Washington, D. C., but the question of the signature requirements under the legislation adopted by previous conventions of the chairman of the committee, the treasurer of the committee and the Supreme Treasurer of the Ahepa.

BROTHER LASKARIS: That's correct, Brother Thevos, except that this committee as well as mine, nowhere in any report that Brother Lamberson brought forth read, either printed or suggested, indicated that at any time it existed — there existed an account at South Bend.

The only way that we arrived at that was after having questioned him, questioning him, and seen some checks — it was by chance that we did that, and now that he is here, inasmuch as the report that he submitted evidently was not complete, are there any other accounts elsewhere from the Refugee Committee?

BROTHER LAMBERSON: No, sir.

AHEPA FRATERNAL INSURANCE COMMITTEE — Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER CHEBITHES: Mr. Chairman and fellow members of this national convention: Your committee, appointed to examine and report its findings and offer recommendations regarding the project of establishing Ahepa benefit insurance, presents the following report for your approval:

The Supreme Lodge, Board of Trustees, and two other members of the order organized themselves into a board of directors and in the name of Ahepa applied for a charter authorizing them to operate under the name of Ahepa a fraternal benefit society in the State of Georgia with the purpose of qualifying to do business in every jurisdiction throughout the Ahepa domain.

Not being able to secure the required 500 applications for qualification before the national convention convened, and for other reasons legitimately stated by the Supreme President, the directors applied for and apparently received a charter from the District of Columbia to operate such a fraternal society.

Under the proposed plan of operation, the society offers insurance policies for sale only to goodstanding Ahepans who in turn may purchase policies for their wives, minor children and other relatives, at rates per thousand based on the rate book of the Royal Neighbors of America.

The juvenile policies to children and other minor relatives of Ahepans are issued with the express understanding that when these children arrive at the age of qualifying them to join the Maids of Athens, Sons of Pericles, Daughters of Penelope and/or the Order of Ahepa, they must do so; otherwise the policy is terminated and settled either by being cashed in or by being converted, according to its terms, to a paid-up life or endowment policy. The same thing happens if the sustaining Ahepa relative dies.

The laws governing fraternal benefit insurance societies require, in one way or another, that all policies and/or policy holders are assessable in case of deficits which impair the ability of the society to pay the death benefits.

Under the present set-up the Order of Ahepa is excluded from any interference in the operations of the society, except that the (five) top officers of the order are ex-officio members of the board of directors with nine members elected by the policyholders either by proxy or in person at their annual meetings.

The Supreme President corrects me and says eight. Eight and five are thirteen — is that right?

There is no requirement, obligation or expressed intention for the society or its policyholders to contribute any portion of its profits to any philanthropic projects that Ahepa may sponsor. On this point there is a slight difference between the opinions of Brother Scopas and Brother Hatzes, the president of the company. Brother Scopas seems to be of the opinion that there is such a provision in the charter. Brother Hatzes says that this alludes to an amendment filed by Brother Scopas with the Commissioner of the District of Columbia and which in the mind, in the opinion of Brother Hatzes, will not be accepted.

The membership of this committee are of the opinion that the rates quoted by the society are higher than they should be, and in view of the fact that the directors draw no salaries, and other operating expenses are reasonably low, every effort should be made to cut the present loading of the premium to the lowest possible minimum consistent with safety.

The foregoing statements have been derived from the president of the society, George Hatzes, and Supreme President Scopas, who appeared before the committee, and from the members of the committee, most of whom have considerable knowledge and experience in the fields of insurance.

Our study of the various features and characteristics of the present plan, and several conferences with the Supreme President in our efforts to overcome the objections, and to make it a — truly an Ahepan Fraternal Beneficial Institution, your committee offers the following plan, which is acceptable to the Supreme President, for your consideration and recommends its adoption.

Thus far I have given you merely an introductory statement and a description of the present set-up. Now I am giving you the recommendations of the committee, and we will give you the reasons why we offer these recommendations. We recommend:

A. That the present plan be retained in its present general form with instructions to the Board of Directors to exercise every effort to reduce the rates to a minimum, even to the point of reducing or eliminating cash values, loan values, dividends and other features, except, of course, the death benefit.

B. That the Board of Directors be instructed to devise a juvenile policy which will provide for the waiver of premiums in the event of the death of the sustaining member.

C. That the Ahepa Emergency Fund be transferred to the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society to be administered as follows:

1. To issue a \$200 certificate to every good-standing Ahepan now, and to every one who becomes — who becomes an Ahepan in good standing hereafter; such certificates to be payable at death to the designated beneficiary without any other payments. (That means no cash value, no loan value, no dividends or nothing, except the bare payment of the \$200 at death.)

2. The Ahepa Headquarters shall pay to the society \$4 for each \$200 certificate it requests the society to issue, and shall pay a \$4 premium thereon until maturity — I mean, annually thereon until maturity.

3. Every Ahepan in good standing, regardless of age or health, shall have the right to purchase additional protective certificate up to, but not exceeding the total face value of \$1,000 at the rate of \$2 per \$100, provided always that it shall conform to the requirements of the law in the jurisdiction where they are sold.

D. All operations, acts and transactions of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society shall be under the control and direction of a Board of Directors composed of nine members to be chosen as follows:

Two of them shall be the Supreme President and the Supreme Treasurer, both of whom shall sign all checks against the Society.

Four members to be appointed by the Supreme President to serve from one to four years and three members appointed by the candidate receiving the second largest number of votes for the Supreme Presidency to serve from one to three years.

The Board of Directors shall have power and authority to hire such personnel and make such rules and regulations as in their opinion will be most likely to aid the success of the project, with the permission of the Supreme President and the convention.

And for the committee which I represent, I would like to add that the national convention shall always have the power to examine, review and amend any rules or regulations of any transactions that the Board of Directors may make in the name of the society.

Now, that's the report of the committee.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Let the record show that the introductory part of the report has been unanimously approved and we are now going to the recommendations which we will take one by one.

A VOICE: Wait a minute. Now, the remark by Brother Bell somewhat disturbs me. He says, Does that mean that we accept the insurance plan, as though it has been under the vote that this insurance plan has been accepted. Is it so?

BROTHER CHEBITHES: Brother Veras, let me make some remarks just to give you the idea behind the whole thing. There are two objections to the present insurance plan, as expressed by practically every member of the committee — I say every member of the committee.

Brother Scopas has had the same objection and the one is that the present plan is not a part of the Ahepa. That the Ahepa under the present plan has nothing absolutely to do with it, and by "the Ahepa" I mean the national convention. You cannot legislate, you cannot examine, you cannot pass anything concerning the Ahepa society as it now stands. Only the policyholders, certificate holders of the fraternal society, will have the right to say anything about it, either by proxy or direct. Now, that is the main objection.

That objection is overcome if you adopt the recommendation to transfer the emergency fund to the society for administration, because that makes every member of the Ahepa a certificate holder for \$200 in the society and that brings it right into the national convention (under the jurisdiction of Ahepa).

A VOICE: Stop right here now. (Veras)

Now, will we be — will the laws of the District of Columbia permit that?

BROTHER CHEBITHES: They have to permit it; we have the right to sell insurance. We have the right to sell \$200 certificates of insurance. We are selling the members now. We propose to sell every member of the Ahepa a \$200 policy for \$4 a year.

A VOICE: Oh, the exception of the rates. I was just going to tell you that, because the rates of the fraternal insurance company are different than the rates that we are charging for the emergency fund.

BROTHER CHEBITHES: Well, I have been informed by regular insurance people here, especially by Brother Notarys of Pennsylvania, who is an insurance man and who has written to companies before this convention and he has found that certain companies do allow, do sell policies of that kind at \$2.20 a hundred. It is obvious that we can sell it for twenty cents less.

A VOICE: I mean, there should be no discrimination. Brother Chebithe, in the rate of \$100 and \$1,000. You understand?

BROTHER CHEBITHES: There is no discrimination.

A VOICE: There must be because the rates of the insurance policy

now are much higher than the \$2 that we are paying today for the \$200.

BROTHER CHERBITHES: No, not for the kind of insurance we propose. The kind of insurance we propose from \$200 to \$1,000 is the kind of insurance that has no cash value, no dividends, no loan value, nothing but a plain payment.

A VOICE: A point of information, Brother Chairman. Are you proposing a just, plain, ordinary term insurance?

BROTHER CHERBITHES: No, I'm not —

A VOICE: That is plain, ordinary term insurance. Now, let me ask you this: Are you basing the premium according to the age, or putting a flat rate?

BROTHER CHERBITHES: A flat rate.

A VOICE: In other words, at the age of seventy they would be able to buy \$200 as a — policy — for four dollars?

BROTHER CHERBITHES: That's right. That is the idea exactly, that this will take in every member of the Order of Ahepa, whether he is eighteen years old or a hundred years old.

BROTHER VERAS: Look, are you satisfied — let me put the question to you this way. Are you satisfied with by transferring the Emergency Fund as it is now into this insurance, that it is absolutely according to the District of Columbia laws?

BROTHER CHERBITHES: Brother Veras, please listen to me just a second. I am not proposing to turn over the Emergency Fund as it is now. I am proposing that it be turned over under certain conditions.

BROTHER VERAS: Okay. Let's listen.

BROTHER CHERBITHES: And that is that we pay four dollars instead of two — four dollars instead of two.

BROTHER MILONAS: No. 57. I heard that V. I. Cherbithes made the remark that someone in this group here, it was an insurance man — they inquired if they can buy the certificate for four dollars for \$200 death benefit. Is this going to be in the group insurance, or is the certificate going to be issued through the Order of Ahepa?

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: That and other questions will probably be answered by this man if you only give him two minutes to tell you what he has got on his mind on this first point. Please, gentlemen, I will entertain no further discussion until Brother Cherbithes explains what this first point is about.

BROTHER CHERBITHES: The recommendation is that the present plan be retained in its present general form, of the Fraternal Benefit Insurance Society, with instructions to the Board of Directors to exercise every effort to reduce the rates to a minimum.

Now, I have found from my own experience, from my own work, that there are 107 insurance companies, maybe more, but I found 107 insurance companies that have lower rates than accorded by our fraternal society. I don't say that you should make it to the lowest, but try to make it lower to avoid the objection that it is too high.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: I am going to put this first proposition to the vote now. I put it to you. Those in favor signify by saying Aye. Those opposed No.

It is fairly stated that the voice vote carries approval of this recommendation.

Let the Convention come to order. Brother Cherbithes is about to give you his second point.

BROTHER CHERBITHES: That the Board of Directors be instructed to devise a juvenile policy which will provide for the waiver of premiums in the event of the death of the sustaining member.

This recommendation was unanimously agreed to, without discussion.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Read your third point.

A VOICE: Poolitsan, Middletown, Ohio, Chapter 209. Now being an insurance man, it seems to me that this insurance company was going to be formed in the State of Georgia. Where did the laws —

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: No, you were misinformed. They were not able to form it in the State of Georgia for several reasons that the Supreme President and the Past Supreme President have told you, and it is now to be organized, or is being organized, is organized in the District of Columbia.

BROTHER POOLITSAN: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Brother Paris, for what purpose do you rise?

(This question not understandable from the floor.)

BROTHER CHERBITHES: That the Ahepa Emergency Fund be transferred to the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society to be administered as

follows, providing it is within the laws of the District of Columbia:

(a) To issue a \$200 certificate to every good standing Ahepan now and to everyone who becomes an Ahepan in good standing hereafter, which means either by initiation or reinstatement — such certificates to be payable at death of the member to the designated beneficiary without any other payment, and I mean by that, no cash values, or surrender values or any other trimmings.

A VOICE: No, I'm not referring to the payments, Brother V. I. I was wondering if you had any provision in there in the event a man sixty years old, let's assume, reinstates himself at that age, while he may live another five or seven years and we are giving him the \$200 life policy or death benefit.

BROTHER CHERBITHES: There is no exception.

A VOICE: No exception, Brother V. I., may I finish my thought. Now if you know — you probably do know — you wrote the constitution on many different occasions. Our constitution today provides that the death benefit will be given providing the member is in good standing prior to such an age, and in the event he becomes delinquent, reinstates himself over a certain age, he loses his rights to death benefits.

BROTHER CHERBITHES: If we pass this thing in principle — if we pass this thing with amendments or otherwise, naturally the constitution will be amended to coincide with it, to be consistent with it. I take it that if the members want it this way, they will also be willing to amend the constitution to conform with it. No use in amending the constitution if you don't want this. So let's get this first.

The reason why the committee included that \$200 to include everybody is because on the \$200 death benefit there never was any intention to make a distinction between ages. It is a charity fund. It's not insurance. Let's just forget about the word insurance when we are talking about the \$200 death benefit fund, because the society or the Order of Ahepa has decided long ago, twenty years ago, to establish a fund out of which it shall pay the widow or the orphan of a deceased brother the sum of \$200.

Now, at that time it was thought, in the wisdom of the Convention in Chicago in 1935, that a \$2 payment would be sufficient. It was never intended to freeze it at the \$2.00 a year for the \$200 benefit. It has developed now that the \$200 is not — that the \$2.00 payment rather is not enough, and we propose in the next paragraph to double the amount, to make it \$4.00 for the \$200 and to include everybody.

The most embarrassing thing that the Headquarters faces every year is the rumors in the chapters throughout the country that one member died in good standing and his widow gets nothing, and the other member dies in good standing and his widow gets \$200.

Now, there is another injustice that is done by the Ahepa — although you initiate a man over sixty and you don't give him the benefit of the \$200, and although you reinstate men over sixty and you don't give them the benefit of anything, yet you charge them the same money, and the \$2 from his per capita tax goes into the emergency fund, yet his widow does not share in it. I ask you people who are so careful to guard the rights of the young, is it right to the old, to charge them the same and give them nothing? (Applause)

BROTHER KARAKOSTAS: Brother Cherbithes, I would like to ask you this. Do you or do you not know if we have the \$200 certificate for each and every member, it would be acceptable to the Insurance Department in the very State of Illinois. So any insurance policy under a thousand dollars can — shall become under the industrial plan. I don't know if I am correct or not but I think I am.

BROTHER CHERBITHES: Brother Karakostas, I don't know the insurance laws of every state, and I don't believe anybody else here does. I'll say this to you if it will make you happier. Let us say, as we do say, providing that it is within the laws of the District of Columbia and any other state in which we do business. Do you want to do that?

BROTHER KARAKOSTAS: I want to ask you this, Brother Chairman, that it is my understanding that in case if we are going to put this plan into effect, are we going to increase the per capita to the members of \$2?

BROTHER CHERBITHES: We are going to increase it by \$2 — it is going to be \$4 per capita tax. There will be a \$2 increase on the per capita tax, because — in the next paragraph — that will provide. It provides that this headquarters shall pay to the society \$4 for every certificate that they issue.

BROTHER KARAKOSTAS: That answers my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Now, those of you in favor of this particular proposal, signify by the usual sign aye. Any opposed?

Carried by an overwhelming vote. Proceed with your next point.

BROTHER CHERBITHES: Now the next point is related to the first.

(b) That the Ahepa Headquarters shall pay to the society \$4 for each \$200 certificate it requires the society to issue and shall pay a \$4 premium annually thereon until maturity.

In other words, the intention is that this convention shall raise the per capita tax by \$2 and that the headquarters will pay the society \$4 for every member we have in good standing, and the beneficiary of the member for whom they pay it will be entitled to \$200 at death of the member.

A VOICE: Now, on a point of information, Brother Chebithes. If we adopt this at this present time, will that automatically raise the per capita tax another \$2?

BROTHER CHEBITHES: No, I don't think it will. It won't automatically, it will have to be formally made an amendment to the constitution.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Are you ready for the question on this point? Those in favor signify by saying aye. (Ayes heard) Any opposed? (none heard) Unanimously carried.

Proceed with your third sub-point.

BROTHER CHEBITHES: Let me read paragraph (c):

(c) Every Ahepan in good standing, regardless of age or health, shall have the right to purchase additional protective certificates up to, but not exceeding the total face value of \$1,000 at the rate of \$2 per hundred, provided always that it shall conform to the requirements of the law.

Now let me explain that if you will, and let me stress the point that the transfer of the Emergency Fund into the Ahepa Society — Insurance Society, enables the Order of Ahepa to have absolute control and direction of the insurance society, because this convention will be representing every member.

This second part is added and proposed to you for your approval as an inducement, as a leader, for people to come into the Order of Ahepa. In other words, in addition to all the benefits that we can claim for the Order of Ahepa, we can also say that if you come into the Ahepa you will also be able to buy protection for yourself, for your family, at a lower rate than you can get anywhere else. I move for its adoption.

A VOICE: Brother Camberis, 315, Chicago. Mr. Chairman, on the point of age, I understand that the chairman of the committee stated that every member of the Order of Ahepa in good standing, regardless of age and regardless of when he joined the Order, he can join the Order any time, that he should be able to purchase insurance up to \$1,000 for \$2 per hundred additional.

VICE CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: That is correct.

A VOICE: I am making the amendment, that when the applicant comes in for the additional insurance, the question must be stated in the application that when he makes the application he is physically fit and that he has not been hospitalized for the past two years in any hospital or institution and that he has had no medical tests.

BROTHER CHEBITHES: I just wanted to remind you people of this thing. First of all, the impression is here made, and surprisingly, that the doors of every chapter are wide open, that every Tom, Dick and Harry can come in; that nobody in the Ahepa can do anything about it.

We don't elect the membership of the chapters. It's yours, the man who will file an application in your chapter. Any two members can keep him out. The man's age is stated. You have every way to examine and investigate him, find out whether the man is coming in for the purpose of collecting the insurance or for the purpose of becoming a member. You are the guardians, and two members can keep a member out.

On the other hand, we all agree that the \$200 is not enough. At the same time we don't think that we should make it compulsory for more than \$200, but I believe that every member of the Ahepa should have the right to buy the amount of insurance up to \$1,000 at the price.

The rate of \$2 a hundred is really a legal reserve rate that is given and allowed the whole of the societies in group insurance. Group insurance can be bought regardless of age or health at a lower rate than \$2 per hundred in industrial organizations. So the danger of people dying off or not being able to pay is not there, and besides, these insurance companies which insure groups of industrial people for a thousand people or two thousand or ten thousand, they are in the business for profit.

BROTHER ZARCADOOLAS: The amendment is that the applicant states that he has not seen a doctor or he has not been hospitalized for the past two years.

BROTHER CHEBITHES: Will you accept this amendment to be an amendment so that we can get together? Will you make that apply only to new members? That is if a person files an application for a year after —

A VOICE: I'll accept that.

BROTHER CHEBITHES: — year after, but those who are members now will not have to do that.

A VOICE: That's right, I'll accept that. I'll take it.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Will you accept that, Brother Zarcadoolas?

A VOICE: Any material misstatement on the application will void the policy.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Certainly.

I think we have a meeting of the minds. Let's not disturb it — Well, that is by law. Therefore, we have no amendments before the house. You have heard how we have changed this point and Brother Chebithes has explained it and we have gone over it. Now I put it to a vote. Those in favor signify by the usual sign. (Ayes heard) Those opposed? (Few noes heard)

Almost unanimously carried, and you may proceed with your next point.

A VOICE: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a point of information?

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Yes sir, Brother Panos of Buffalo.

BROTHER PANOS: Yes, sir. I would like to ask this: that the gentleman who made the amendment with reference to not having been in the hospital; that we should exclude a man who may have gone there for something like an appendix or something minor. In other words, I am trying to bring out that that point of the amendment is not explicit enough.

BROTHER CHEBITHES: I heartily agree that your point is well taken, Brother Panos, and I think that common sense will govern in these matters. I don't believe that the mere fact that the man went to a hospital and had an appendix out would bar him from that, if he is healthy otherwise. You understand, Brother Panos, that going to a hospital does not disqualify the man. It merely requires him to state whether he has been hospitalized or not and of course he will also state the nature of the ailment. This will be put on the application for membership in the Ahepa, the added questions. And naturally this will be filed with the headquarters, will be available to the society and they will determine whether or not this ailment would bar a man from that.

A VOICE: Mr. Chairman, a point of information. I'd like to ask Brother Chebithes this: In case a brother applies to join the Order of Ahepa, and he is at the age of sixty, and after filling in his application, the committee has found that he is suffering or perhaps he is sick and he is not qualified for the insurance. Then what do we do? (Karakostas)

BROTHER CHEBITHES: Brother Karakostas, everyone who is accepted into membership and becomes a member is qualified for the \$200. — We are talking about anything over \$200, he has to be in good health.

BROTHER KARAKOSTAS: Now, you are talking about if he can apply — he can get the \$200, but nothing over \$200.

BROTHER CHEBITHES: Not unless he is in good health.

BROTHER KARAKOSTAS: That explains it.

BROTHER CHEBITHES: All operations, acts and transactions of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society shall be under the control and direction of a Board of Directors composed of nine members to be chosen as follows:

The Supreme President shall be one, the Supreme Treasurer shall be another, and both of these Supreme Officers shall sign all checks against the funds of the society. Four members to be appointed to serve from one to four years by the Supreme President and three members appointed by the candidate receiving the second largest number of votes for the Supreme Presidency to serve from one to three years.

Now you obviously can see that the idea back of this is to make it a bipartisan board. We felt, this committee and Brother Scopas and I do feel that things of this kind should not be left to political expediencies but the minority as well as the majority party should be represented on such boards. (Applause)

I move for its adoption.

A VOICE: Brother V. I., do you have any provision for a situation such as in 1949, when the Supreme President was elected unanimously?

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: They may appoint two. The chair so rules. It is just mechanical, how to set up the Board of Directors. Any discussion, hearing none, I will put it to a vote. All in favor signify by saying aye. (Ayes heard) Any opposed? (Few noes heard).

It is unanimously carried except for two noes out of four hundred.

SUPREME PRESIDENT SCOPAS: We have in this committee done everything possible in order to conform with the law. The law of

mutual benefit organizations in all the states according to our legal findings is that only members of a society can cast a vote in person or by proxy at the annual meetings. In order, however, that the national convention of the Ahepa may have the right to elect directors, we concocted the idea which you have approved to have the present Emergency Fund transferred to the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society providing for that increase of \$2 in the per capita tax because on the \$2 basis we are incurring deficits annually, bringing then the option on those same rates to apply for insurance up to \$1,000, and all other applications for policies along the general line that we have reported have been approved and will continue in full force and effect and operation.

This is done in order that the convention will have the power. Instead of having elections here, we said that the Supreme President elected by this convention will designate four and the other person who receives the second highest vote, in case there are more than two, would designate the three directors to serve, as Brother Chebitzes has outlined to you.

BROTHER CHEBITZES: You know, the amazing thing is that everyone complains about the politics in the convention and the division that there is and whenever once in a blue moon two opponents manage to get together, you fellows will never stay together.

Now this is the last paragraph, which is really superfluous because it is already in the laws and regulations of the society, but we brought it out merely to emphasize it. And that is:

The Board of Directors shall have power and authority to hire such personnel and make such rules and regulations as in their opinion will be most likely to aid the success of the project.

I move for its adoption.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: You have heard the proposal. Is it seconded?

A VOICE: I second it.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Fine. Is there any discussion? Are you ready for the question?

Now, I have some discussion on this. I am not going to rule this out of order because obviously you people want it, but for the record, let it show that the chairman feels that this particular suggestion or proposition is superfluous because the Board of Directors has those powers. Now, still I'll put it to a vote. All in favor of the adoption of this proposal signify by saying aye. (Ayes heard). Any opposed?

Two out of four hundred votes for no, by voice. Carried.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Brother Margoles is here with a report on the Legislative Committee.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE — Past Governor of Yankee District No. 6 and Past Chairman of the San Francisco Convention, George Margoles of New Haven, Conn., Chairman. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution as disposed by the New York Convention.

BROTHER MARGOLES: Mr. Chairman and brother delegates, as the chairman has indicated, this is your Legislative Committee reporting. I am delighted to inform you that the Legislative Committee consisting of twenty-nine members has met on several occasions, has had an opportunity to seriously consider some very important legislation which will be submitted for the consideration of this assembly. I would like to pay tribute to the members of my committee who have been cooperative, who have sincerely endeavored in the interest of promoting the welfare and the enhancement of our organization and in the adoption of a constructive program of recommendations for your consideration.

I am particularly grateful to the vice-chairman of the committee, Brother Peter Charubas, and the two co-secretaries, Brother Tom Balikes of Miami and Brother George Dikou of Denver, Colorado. Are you ready for the question?

The proposed constitutional change has reference to the Emergency Fund, namely, Article 28, Section 1B, under the present provision of the \$6 per capita tax, two dollars is allocated to the Emergency Fund. The proposed constitutional change would increase the per capita tax to \$8 and allocate \$4 to the Emergency Fund. Mr. Chairman, I move its adoption.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: That's right. You have already voted upon the insurance program which was — the authorization, and now here come the appropriation, or the other way around. But you are committed to it since you voted for the other one, unless you want to start and vote all over again. Therefore, I don't think there is much point in discussion unless someone wishes to raise a particular point. Are you ready for the question?

VOICES: Ready.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: All in favor shall signify by saying aye. Any opposed? Say no. Gentlemen, it's awfully close and I don't feel I can rule.

BROTHER MARGOLES: May I make an explanation? This proposed constitutional change came about as a result of your discussion and adoption of the insurance program. I am not on the Insurance Committee. I am merely endeavoring to carry out the intent of what was adopted earlier in the evening.

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: Now, as I understand it, brothers, the proposal of the Legislative Committee is that the per capita tax be increased, that \$4 shall be allotted to the Emergency Fund and the per capita tax be increased from the present \$6 to \$8. Now, the question arose as to what effect this might have on the insurance situation. The chair at this time rules that if this proposal is adopted the allocation for the insurance plan will then be \$4. If it is defeated, the allocation will still remain as at the present \$2.

If this assembly votes the increase of the per capita tax from \$6 to \$8, instead of there being paid to the Emergency Fund, or the insurance, whatever it is — the insurance fund \$2, the sum of \$4 will be paid, the death benefit. If this assembly, however, defeats this, instead of there being \$4 paid there will be only two dollars paid — and the rest of the insurance report will stand as this assembly and Brother Chebitzes decides.

Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of increasing the per capita tax from \$6 to \$8, the additional \$2 to be allocated to the Emergency Fund — please signify by saying aye. All opposed no.

The noes have it and the motion is lost.

BROTHER PYROS: Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, we are getting rid of the — As I understand it we got rid of the death benefit in the Ahepa and we have started the insurance program, am I right or wrong?

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: No, you are not right. Wait a minute, Brother Pyros. The death benefit fund still remains, but it has been incorporated with the insurance plan, so that every member of the Order now will be entitled to receive a \$200 benefit through the insurance plan.

As I understand the entire proposition now, we have progressed to a point where we have adopted the insurance plan at this convention under certain limitations and restrictions. The Emergency Fund now has been merged into the insurance plan.

Now, we are on a period of trial and error. We are going to continue with the deficit financing of the Emergency Fund, and we are going to see what we actually get on the insurance business for the next year, insofar as how many applications we write and what the reaction of the fraternity is, so that you can report back to your chapter that the Order of Ahepa in the entire matter of the Emergency Fund and the Insurance Plan is undergoing right now a gradual evolution. We don't know what the results are going to be next year, but we are embarked on the voyage and we are going to see how it's going to be accepted by the membership, and in all probability if the insurance and the Emergency features of this situation work out, you may find next year that the thing will be a startling success.

Then, and at that time we may be able to legislate in a better way because the convention will then be in a position to know what our experience has been and what the facts are and what the membership of the Order of Ahepa actually and really wants.

The constitution was amended to provide:

1. That among the committees to be appointed by the Chairman (Article 22, Section 11) there shall also be a CANADIAN AFFAIR COMMITTEE, composed of an equal number of American and Canadian members.

2. That, effective December 1, 1957, chapter officers shall be elected and appointed in December of each year and shall assume their duties the following January. (Article 9, Section 4)

3. That an elected member of the Board of Trustees who has served a full five-year term shall not be eligible to succeed himself. (Article 25-26, Section 16A)

4. That Past Supreme Presidents of the Order of Ahepa shall be entitled to a full vote at all National Conventions. (New 11, p. 6 to Article 24, Section 1)

5. That wherever the word "National" appears in the constitution the same be changed to "Supreme."

6. That all Supreme Lodge officers shall be citizens of the jurisdiction in which their respective chapters are located.

7. That the title of the "Supreme Governor of Canada" be changed to "Supreme Vice-President of the Dominion of Canada."

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution were either rejected or tabled by the Convention:

1. To increase the registration fee from \$10 to \$15 — rejected.

2. To provide that in case two candidates for the same Supreme Lodge office receive the same number of votes, the candidates concerned shall serve in alphabetical order of their surnames for six months each and shall have one vote at the following National Convention — rejected.

3. A like proposal empowering the Convention Chairman to break a tie vote, notwithstanding that he had voted in the first instance — rejected.

4. To give an additional half vote for each 50 members that a chapter has over 200 — rejected.

5. To increase the annual per capita tax by \$1.00 for the sole benefit of the Scholarship Loan Fund — rejected.

6. That the Grand Counsellor of the Daughters of Penelope be a member of the Daughters of Penelope, and may or may not be an attorney — tabled.

7. That the requirement of the Supreme Treasurer's signature on the Daughters' checks be eliminated — tabled.

8. That the 3 Convention zones be revised into 4 such zones and that the Convention be rotated consecutively from one zone to another — tabled.

9. A proposed amendment substantially as follows:

1. To group the existing gubernatorial districts, without effecting their present status, into thirteen Supreme Regencies and to empower the delegates at the national convention from each to elect one representative on the Supreme Lodge. The convention consenting, the time for the convention members from the several Supreme Regencies to meet and elect their respective Supreme Lodge representatives should be fixed by the convention chairman; the place, for the first year, should be designated by the District Governor from the respective Regencies who should also preside as chairman or co-chairman.

After the first year, the first — the Supreme Lodge representative should designate the place and preside over the meeting. These elections should be conducted in the manner now prescribed for electing Supreme Lodge officers.

2. From the Supreme Lodge members thus elected, the national convention will elect the officers of the Supreme Lodge.

3. Each member of the Supreme Lodge should be charged with the duty of supervising the work of the District Lodges in his jurisdiction, to attend installations of officers, initiation of members, and other official functions, to instruct the district and chapter officers in the performance of their respective duties, and to be responsible for the progress, peace and general welfare of the Order in his regency. He should also be empowered with sufficient authority to settle any and all disputes arising in his jurisdiction and to enforce obedience to the constitution.

4. The total expenses of the Supreme Lodge members should not exceed \$7,500, \$2,500 of which should be allotted to the Supreme President and the remaining \$5,000 distributed among the other twelve members, in proportion to the number of chapters and distances to be covered in the performance of their respective duties.

4-A. The effective date of the plan shall be the 1957 national convention.

5. The following suggestion is offered as a basis of grouping the existing districts into the proposed Supreme Regions:

Regency No. 1. Districts 7, 8 and 9.

Regency No. 2. New York, District No. 6.

Regency No. 3 will be composed of the present Districts 4 and 5, which are Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Regency No. 4. The present District No. 3.

Regency No. 5. Districts 1 and 2.

Regency No. 6. Districts 10, 11 and 12.

Regency No. 7. Present District No. 13.

Regency No. 8. Districts 14 and 15.

Regency No. 9. District 16, Texas.

Regency No. 10. Districts 17 and 18.

Regency No. 11. Districts 20 and 21.

Regency No. 12. Districts 19 and 22.

Regency No. 13. Districts 23 and 24.

Mr. Chairman, I move for its adoption.

BROTHER DANIELS: I move to table the —

A VOICE: I second the motion.

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: All right. Any objections? All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed no. The ayes have it.

Brother Varkas is recognized.

BROTHER VARKAS: May I make this suggestion to the chair. Though I voted to table that motion, that resolution, I am not familiar with it, but I consider it very, very important. May I make the suggestion, if I am in order, Mr. Chairman — that the Supreme Lodge be instructed to send this plan to the chapters — and be asked to instruct their delegates at the coming convention to bring that to the — be considered —

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: All right. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed no. The ayes have it.

10. That the Supreme Lodge shall refund District No. 25 (Western Canada) at the rate of \$1.00 for every \$6.00 per capita tax received from that District — rejected.

AHEPA MAGAZINE COMMITTEE — Alexander Critzas, Chairman. Report and Recommendations as adopted by the Convention:

BROTHER ALEX CRITZAS: Your committee, Mr. Chairman, met and discussed the various aspects of the publication of THE AHEPAN, and arrived at the following conclusions.

No. 1. Your committee notes with regret that the following mandates of the San Francisco Convention have been disregarded by the editor. This is a fact. "That such," quote — I am reading from the decisions of the San Francisco Convention, that you people decided at San Francisco, "That such manager of THE AHEPAN be directed to maintain under his supervision a separate set of books pertaining only to the finances of the magazine to be coordinated with the books of the Order at headquarters.

"2. That such manager bring to or make available at each convention the books of the magazine and make them available to any committee.

"3. That such manager procure from the auditor and bring with him and make available at each national convention a duplicate original audit reflecting the financial activities of the magazine for the expiring year, including a balance sheet, a profit and loss statement and a comparative schedule of expenditures separate and apart from any other audits.

"4. That the practice of charging to the magazine expenditures properly chargeable to other projects, either in part or in toto, be stopped forthwith and that only such expenditures be charged or allocated to the magazine as are authentically incurred by it."

All those things you have voted in San Francisco and they were passed.

Upon examination of the pertinent schedules and exhibits in the 1956 Yearbook in comparing them to certain photostatic material submitted by Brother Verinis, the editor, at our request, your committee found that there were disbursements of approximately \$52,000 rather than \$42,000 as shown in Schedule 6 of the Yearbook.

Further study reveals that there was an income of approximately \$38,000 rather than \$43,000 shown in Schedule B-1 of the Yearbook. I am reading facts.

A close scrutiny of the photostatic material revealed the disbursement in the account of the magazine in the sum of \$14,400, designated as an expenditure for the purchase of J Bonds in that amount.

After conferring with Brother Verinis, we were informed by him that the bonds were actually purchased, were then cashed and the proceeds thereof in the same amount loaned to the newly created Insurance Benefit Society in exchange for a promissory note signed by the officers of the new corporation.

Brother Verinis further informed us that he knew nothing of this transaction and — until he saw the auditor's report and explanatory comments printed in the current Yearbook.

Examination of the Constitution of the Order of Ahepa, specifically Article 22, Section 12D, and Article 26, Section 7, reveals that no money, that money cannot be transferred from one fund to another if the amount involved exceeds 25% of the fund, without first procuring authorization from a national convention.

Article 26, Section 7, imposes a severe penalty for a violation thereof.

No provision is made for the loan of Ahepa funds to another organization.

Your committee raises the following questions and leaves them to the disposal of this convention:

1. By what authority, if any, was the sum of \$14,400 taken from the magazine account and loaned to a separate independent corporate entity?

2. To whom is the promissory note payable?

3. When is the said note due?

4. Does it bear interest and if so, in what amount.
5. What collateral, if any, was given to secure this loan.

Your committee has received numerous complaints from delegates that they are not receiving the magazine. This indicates that the mailing list has not been as yet satisfactorily revised and we strongly recommend that every effort be made to bring the mailing list up to date and that it be kept up.

SUPREME PRESIDENT SCOPAS: I am really surprised that a committee appointed by the officers of this convention on the very important question of the magazine should not take time out to invite the Supreme President to appear before it and to offer whatever explanation he may have with respect to the questions that are troubling them.

I never appeared before that committee. And the most ridiculous statement that I have ever heard in any report is to ask what happened to \$14,400 in cash value of United States Bonds. What happened to them? Were they loaned to the Fraternal Benefit Society, and all they had to do was to come to me and ask me, and I would have been glad to tell them that these bonds have been repurchased since the closing of the books; they have been credited to the account of the Ahepa Magazine and your Supreme Lodge is giving you the information which we gave you at San Francisco. Your Supreme President would have tendered that information to the committee, but no, the committee was not interested in that. It was interested in projecting questions and casting aspersions and innuendo.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: I hereby request the chairman to convene with his committee immediately. I hereby request the Supreme President, the Supreme Vice-President and the Editor of the magazine to appear before that committee. Bring their records with them and have that committee go into session, straighten out this matter and bring us a report complete and final and we will be glad to receive it.

(After long interval, during which other business was transacted by the Convention, the Magazine Committee returned to make a final report.)

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Now, we are ready to receive the report of the Magazine Committee, Brother Alex Critzas.

BROTHER CRITZAS: The Magazine Committee reports as follows:

The Supreme President expressed his sincere regrets to the committee for the language used by him on the floor of the convention. His statement followed an explanation that the sum of \$14,400 had been repaid to the magazine fund, a fact hitherto not disclosed or known to your committee. At our request, the Supreme President furnished us with an original letter on the stationery of the Atlantic Bank of New York, signed by its vice-president, advising the Order of Ahepa that it has subscribed for its account J-Bonds in the face value of \$20,000. This information was not known to your committee until the conference this afternoon with Brothers Scopas, Verinis and Vozolias. Your committee considers this phase of the matter closed.

After talking further with the editor of the magazine, your committee elicited information which satisfactorily explained the apparent discrepancies between the financial data contained in the Yearbook and that disclosed in the actual financial records of the magazine. It is the considered opinion of this committee that any and all discrepancies might have been avoided had the mandates of the San Francisco Convention been strictly followed. For this reason your committee recommends that the following mandates of the San Francisco Convention be reaffirmed:

1. That such manager of THE AHEPAN be directed to maintain under his supervision a separate set of books pertaining only to the finances of the magazine to be coordinated with the books of the Order at the headquarters.
2. That such manager bring to or make available at each convention the books of the magazine and make them available to any committee.
3. That such manager procure from the auditor and bring with him and make available at each national convention a duplicate original audit reflecting the financial activities of the magazine for the expiring year, including a balance sheet, a profit and loss statement and a comparative schedule of expenditures separate and apart from any other audits.
4. That the practice of charging to the magazine expenditures properly chargeable to other projects, either in part or in toto, be stopped forthwith and that only such expenditures be charged or allocated to the magazine as are authentically incurred by it.

Your committee approves the format of the magazine and recommends that six issues be published in the coming year as was done in the year just passed, provided funds are available.

This is our report, gentlemen, and we submit it for adoption.

A VOICE: Seconded.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Seconded by Brother Veras. You have heard the report. Is it your pleasure to move for adoption?

BROTHER BELL: What was the date of the letter the Hellenic Atlantic Bank to Brother Scopas or to the Ahepa? This is directed to the chairman of the committee.

BROTHER CRITZAS: The Supreme President thinks it's August 16.

BROTHER BELL: When was August 16? Was that yesterday, Mr. Chairman?

BROTHER CRITZAS: Yes, today is the 17th, I believe. It was yesterday.

BROTHER BELL: So the bonds were purchased yesterday, Mr. Chairman—

BROTHER CRITZAS: It looks that way.

BROTHER BELL: Mr. Chairman, I submit that the comments of this convention, that is presiding — to the committee, criticizing that committee for an incomplete report, was entirely unfair to the committee in view of that letter — in view of the date of that letter. Mr. Chairman, I want to know from the Supreme President whether the Vice-President and the other members of the Supreme Lodge knew that he had taken the funds of the fraternity and loaned them to the insurance corporation.

SUPREME PRESIDENT SCOPAS: Of course, Brother Bell, this was on the minutes of the Supreme Lodge meeting. Every member of the Supreme Lodge, not only knew about it, they authorized it and they endorsed it. Is that the question? Does that answer your question?

BROTHER BELL: I don't think it does. I don't know. I want to ask Brother Verinis whether he knew it.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: All right, then ask him direct. Well, you ask him.

BROTHER BELL: I am asking Brother Verinis whether he knew about it. That contrary to the constitution, the funds of the magazine were taken from the Order of Ahepa and given to a foreign corporation.

BROTHER VERINIS: Mr. Chairman and brothers, Brother Bell directed a question to me, first directed the same question to the Supreme President. I do not believe that Brother Scopas understood the question fully. Brother Scopas is referring to the agreement that the Supreme Lodge made in Montreal to borrow up to \$15,000 for the Fraternal Benefit Society.

If I understand your question correctly, Brother Bell, you are asking whether or not I or any other member of the Supreme Lodge knew that these bonds had been cashed and used for the Fraternal Benefit Society. Am I correct?

BROTHER BELL: That's right.

BROTHER VERINIS: I did not know that, and Brother Scopas so stated to the committee.

A VOICE: I move for the question, for the adoption of the report.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: All in favor for the adoption of the report of the committee, signify by saying *aye*. Any opposed? Unanimously carried.

The Hon. Evangelos Kalantzis, Minister of Security of the Royal Government of Greece was presented to the Convention by Vice-Chairman Livadas for a brief message from the government and the people of Greece.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE — final report (Friday night):

219 full votes and 241 half-votes — a total of 339½ votes — registered up to 9 o'clock this evening.

CHAIRMAN THEYOS: It can't be possible under our — it can't be possible — under the present system that we could have 339½ votes because that particular brother who holds that one-half vote tomorrow if the other co-delegate is not here, when he comes to vote he will cast a full vote. Therefore, the voting strength of the convention is 340 votes.

However, the chair at this time rules that there will be no further change in the registrations of the delegates and alternates to this convention. Whoever is registered and has reported to the Credentials Committee and his name has appeared on the sheets that have been distributed, or he has been voted in on Tuesday — there were six or seven chapters that were voted in, some of whose names do not appear on the sheets, that that is the total number of registrations, the registered delegates that will be permitted to vote tomorrow. There will be no further additions to the list. Any Chapter delegate who reports from now on will not be given the right to register and will not have the opportunity to cast the vote of his chapter.

PROCEDURE OF VOTING:

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: The tellers have already arranged the chapters' representations by districts. Once they have been placed before the tellers and the roll is called by chapter number, the delegate will be approved by the tellers; he will proceed here and receive his ballot, either a full vote or a half-vote — go over there and vote in the booths and then proceed to cast them either in the half-ballot box or in the full vote ballot box.

Now, before that, the tellers in calling the roll are hereby instructed as they were — but we explained it the day before yesterday that every delegate who is registered in this convention has the right to proceed here.

Now, if a delegate has a half-vote and his other half-vote is not present, and has registered with the Credentials Committee — that the other half-delegate (vote) has gone, the Credentials Committee then of course will have changed the vote to a full vote. The delegate will then receive a full vote.

If the delegate who has a half-vote and — announces that his co-delegate has left, that delegate will not receive a ballot but he will be passed. His name will be marked down on a separate list by the tellers and he will not cast his vote until all of the entire 24 districts have voted and then District No. 1 will again be called, and if at that time the other half-delegate does not appear, he may then be in a position to cast a full vote of the chapter.

On the other hand, if there is a delegate here with a half-vote and a representation is made that the other half vote has left, left the convention, and there is no challenge by either one of the leaders of the delegation, either Brother Blanco or by Brother Zepatos, and there is an alternate present who has been registered with the Credentials Committee, the alternate at that time will get the other half-vote and cast it.

If it should happen that a misrepresentation is made by the alternate, it's just too bad because it's up to the two leaders to know what the score is, because they are sitting together; they come from the same district and they should be in a position to know and we know that they do know, knowing of the political situation and the great preparations that have been made by both sides in this convention.

BROTHER ELIADES: Suppose the District Governor and the representative of the other party do not agree — I want you to make a ruling on—

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: That at the time it will be considered that the vote has been challenged, that the delegate will not — that that chapter will not cast a vote. We will proceed with the roll call and at the termination of the roll call the district will be called again — that chapter will be called again, and at that time if the two delegates do not appear, the two alternates will cast the vote. If the half-vote appears they will get the full vote. In other words, no chapter will be deprived of its representation.

If the chapter has two half delegates and two half alternates and assuming that both the delegates were absent, if there are two half alternates they can proceed and qualify if they have been registered and vote each one-half vote for the chapter. If there is only one alternate present, the two delegates being absent that alternate will cast a full vote for the chapter.

The voting strength will be fixed at the conclusion of the balloting. Because — at the conclusion when the ballot box is closed, the tellers will then be in a position to announce what the voting strength is.

A VOICE: In other words, a half-vote delegate can change it to a full vote? — during the voting?

CHAIRMAN THEVOS: That's right. Now does everybody understand it? Now, the chair at this time rules that the delegations who are seated in this assembly, each and every delegate and alternate, will not be in a position to move around this room. They must stay with their delegations, during the calling of District No. 1 and each district as they go down the line. Everybody else in the room will remain seated. Nobody will stand up, for this reason: In addition to the precaution that we have of the District Governor and the particular individual representing the opposition group in that district, we want every delegate here in this room to be able to see who the people are who are coming by here to vote. Nobody will be permitted to stand, the marshals are hereby instructed that everybody has to be seated at the proper table where he belongs.

For the purpose of providing a double check, the District Governor and respective opposition representative of each group who are up here lined up are hereby requested to prepare a list by chapter numbers of all of the members of the delegations that you have at your tables.

Then you will have, for your own information, what the voting

strength of your district is when you come up here, and you can immediately tally to see if it's correct with the voting strength that the tellers make.

At the conclusion of District No. 1, passing this table, the tellers can then announce to the assembly that there were ten votes cast for the district, two votes absent for the district — so that then you could keep a tally if you want by districts of those present and absent. And votes cast. At the conclusion of the balloting of District No. 1, for the benefit of both sides, the tellers will announce the names of those delegates or alternates who have not voted in that district.

The chair now stands ready to receive nominations for the office of Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa.

The nominating speech for the Supreme President will be twelve minutes, a seconding speech of five minutes.

For all other officers of the Supreme Lodge, there will be one nominating speech of four minutes and a seconding speech of two minutes.

For Supreme Governors there will be one nominating speech of three minutes. Now, for all other officers that we are electing, trustees and athletic director, whatever it might be, there will be a nominating speech of three minutes only.

No second for the Supreme Governors, or any other candidates.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS

The clamor for election of national officers became irresistible so this chore was attended to before the other business of the convention had been completed.

At this time, Saturday morning, August 18, there were 339½ votes present (219 full and 241 half).

The following were nominated:

Dennis J. Livadas for Supreme President by Nicholas Coffinas, seconded by George Yulios; Constantine P. Verinis for Supreme President by Stephen S. Scopas, seconded by Spiros J. Stamos; John L. Manta for Supreme President by V. I. Chebithes, seconded by Constantine G. Economou. Dennis J. Livadas withdrew. — Peter T. Kourides for Supreme Vice-President by John Thevos, seconded by Dennis J. Livadas; George E. Loucas for Supreme Vice-President by Leo Lamberson, seconded by John M. Manos. — George Nick George for Supreme Secretary by Sam Nakis, seconded by George Cavalaris; Kimon A. Doukas for Supreme Secretary by Louis J. Dukas, seconded by Euthemios Carias. — Louis Preonas for Supreme Treasurer by Tom Chase, seconded by Nicholas Dallas. — George Margoles for Supreme Counsellor by V. I. Chebithes, seconded by Peter L. Bell; Gregory G. Lagakos for Supreme Counsellor by Louis G. Manesiotes, seconded by Louis Dukas.

The following were placed in nomination for Supreme Governor: Dr. Nicholas Despotopoulos by John T. Laskaris; Peter Kouchalakos by Pahules; William Zacharellis by George Margoles; Stephen C. Andreadis by Spiros A. Stamos; Michael Colias by James Petheriotes; George Brotsis by Peter Clentzos.

The following were placed in nomination for Supreme Governor in Canada: George Adamakos by Peter Bell; George D. Vlassis by George E. Loucas.

The following were placed in nomination for Trustee: Seros Zepatos by Harris Bouras; Gus Nicholas by Nicholas Coffinas.

The following were placed in nomination for National Athletic Director: Peter Batsakis by William Belroy; Peter N. Clentzos by Xenophon Mitroutsicos.

It was moved, seconded and adopted that the future conventions revert to the old system of tabulation of the vote in the convention hall and that the tally be placed on the blackboard.

The tellers reported the following results from the balloting:

Supreme President:

JOHN L. MENYA — 106 full, 150 half, totaling 171
C. P. VERINIS — 110 full, 96 half, totaling 158

Supreme Vice-President:

PETER T. KOURIDES — 101 full, 127 half, totaling 164½
GEORGE E. LOUCAS — 115 full, 98 half, totaling 164

Supreme Secretary:

GEORGE N. GEORGE — 101 full, 128 half, totaling 165
KIMON A. DOUKAS — 116 full, 96 half, totaling 164

Supreme Treasurer:

GEORGE A. BEZAITIS — 117 full, 95 half, totaling 164½
LOUIS PREONAS — 96 full, 131 half, totaling 161½

Supreme Councillor:

GREGORY G. LAGAKOS — 120 full, 105 half, totaling 172½
GEORGE J. MARGOLIS — 96 full, 119 half, totaling 155½

Supreme Governor:

DR. NICHOLAS DESPOTOPULOS — 99 full, 129 half, totaling 165½
P. KOUCHALAKOS — 199 full, 103 half, totaling 160½

Supreme Governor:

S. C. ANDREADIS — 116 full, 99 half, totaling 165½
WILLIAM ZACHARELLIS — 97 full, 124 half, totaling 155½

Supreme Governor:

GEORGE BROTSIS — 102 full, 124 half, totaling 164
MICHAEL COLIAS — 110 full, 91 half, totaling 155½

Supreme Vice-President, Canadian Jurisdiction:

GEORGE VLASSIS — 116 full, 96 half, totaling 164
GEORGE ADAMAKOS — 98 full, 128 half, totaling 162

Board of Trustees:

G. NICHOLAS — 98 full, 152 half, totaling 164
S. ZEPATOS — 115 full, 92 half, totaling 161

National Athletic Director:

PETER GLENTZOS — 105 full, 140 half, totaling 175
P. BATSAKIS — 112 full, 84 half, totaling 153½

ADDENDUM

DURING the considerable time which elapsed between the end of the voting and the final tabulation of the results of the balloting, the following proceedings were had:

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: We will now hear from Brother LASKAS on the report of the Officers' Reports Committee.

BROTHER JOHN T. LASKAKIS: Brother Chairman and delegates: Brother Mark Mamalakis, the vice-chairman of this committee, will report on the financial budget picture as suggested in the Yearbook.

In attempting to do our work, at the outset I must say that we found insurmountable difficulty in deriving at proper and reasonable conclusions as to various matters reported, since to substantiate them properly it was necessary to have before us records that dealt with those matters; this committee requested records of the Executive Secretary insofar as he has control over them, of the Supreme Vice-President, of the Supreme Treasurer, and of the Chairman of the Refugee Committee.

By this time I am sure that as a result of the comments that have been made by the other committees, you probably know that we had as much success of acquiring them as they did. I regret to say that we are not properly able to give you a fair evaluation of some of these matters.

We regret that we have at this time, in dealing with the report of Supreme Governor James A. Frangos, to reprimand the use of an office as a platform to express personal viewpoints which not only are unfounded by fact but furthermore have no bearing whatsoever in relation to the period of time that his report covers.

Those of you who have read his report see that he talks about nothing other than to state a certain position as to something that happened back in 1950, 1951 and 1952, and which in no way came up during the term of his office.

We feel strongly that this type of report by an officer is not in good taste and is rather presumptuous in taking up our time as well as the time of the convention.

We requested the Chairman of the Refugee Committee to appear before us, and Brother Leo J. Lamberson did so appear.

We requested information relating to an accurate number of refugees brought into this country during the past fiscal year either in the named, unnamed classes, or in the orphans group. We were unable to receive any information. He informed us that the records were not here and that they were either at Headquarters or at Indiana.

We did find out, however, that Brother Lamberson attended three District Conventions wherein he was invited to speak at the social functions of those conventions and that he remunerated himself for all expenses to and from the conventions at the expense of the Refugee Relief Fund. This in our considered judgment and opinion is done in error.

We also found as a result of his report to us that there are bank accounts that exist which have not been reported to this group or any other group in the name of Leo J. Lamberson, Trustee, Refugee Relief Committee, and that these bank accounts are used exclusively by Leo J. Lamberson; that is to say, he is the only one that signs checks of withdrawal.

It is our considered opinion that the constitution provides for countersignatures for any funds that are connected with the Ahepa.

At this time we want to state that Brother Brockles, member of the Refugee Relief Committee, appeared before us and stated that his work on the committee consisted of having attended meetings as reported in the Yearbook and mailing a circular letter to some 128 legislative and executive officials in the several states and in the State Department of the United States; and that he at no time received any funds or has any knowledge as to any funds that were received by the Refugee Relief Committee; that all the work he did dealt strictly with unnamed cases which as we understand do not require a fee or any charges for administration.

Supreme Vice-President Brother Verinis appeared before us and by going over his report we found that on the Sons of Pericles report the figures projected may not leave a true picture of the growth of the Sons of Pericles and in clarification want to state that there was an increase in the membership of the Sons and in good standing by 68 members. A more accurate picture of the financial situation of the magazine is that the advertising income is approximately the same as last year but the account does show a \$3,000 increase which money was not put into advertising but for the membership drive of Get 6 for '56, which expense should be properly reflected when considering the total expenditures of running the fraternity under the General Fund.

We inquired Brother Verinis whether, either as Supreme Vice-President or as Director of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society, Inc., he had any knowledge as regards \$14,400 which is reported as a loan from the Ahepa Magazine fund to the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society, Inc., and his answer to us was that all he knows was sitting as a Director of the Society while in Montreal, Canada, a vote was taken that the Society borrow \$15,000 and that the next he found out about it was when he read it in the Yearbook this year. Whereas this committee is looking over the records as reported to us by the Treasurer and Secretary of the Society finds that Brother Verinis was present at the March meeting of the Supreme Lodge and the meeting of the Directors at which time all actions taken by the Supreme President and Chairman of the Board of the Society were confirmed by the Supreme Lodge as well as the Directors of the Society.

The statements made in the Yearbook by all brothers so reporting in connection with the relationship of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society, Inc., and the Emergency Fund, this committee found to be wholly misleading and not true as reported to us by the President of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society, Inc., Brother George T. Hatzes. For example, in Brother Scopas' report (page 59) we find under caption (By-Laws of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society) and there are 40 such articles presented, when we read this in connection with what preceded in relation to this matter we're inclined and are more or less directed to believe that these in fact are the by-laws in existence as adopted and approved and certified by the Department of Insurance in the District of Columbia. We want to report to you, brothers, that this is not so; that the by-laws that are in existence and have been certified by the Insurance Department at Washington, D. C., are not these that are in the Yearbook.

We make mention of this here because we feel that anything that is reported by any officer to this group should in any way and wherever possible depict clearly, unequivocally and concisely the true picture as it exists.

Certain statements made both by Brother Scopas and Brother Verinis in their reports in regards to this matter have been characterized by such descriptive language by Brother Hatzes that does not permit me to quote verbatim.

However, this committee feels it is its duty and obligation to report that this type of report by any officer on any matter which tends to project something other than the true facts is not in good taste.

We have been properly advised by the insurance expert, Brother Hatzes, that these by-laws not only are not the existing by-laws of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit, Inc., but that if and when presented for approval will not be approved because of the context contained in some of these articles.

In connection with the report of the Supreme President as regards the Executive Secretary as reported in the Yearbook (pages 45 and 46) wherein he recommends an increase in salary because of the added work that has gone to the office of Executive Secretary, this committee wants to supplement so as to give a true picture that the Executive Secretary has received compensation through other funds

for work which he has done for them, and that in considering this recommendation it should be taken as a whole.

This committee was unable to find out on what authority the Ahepa Magazine Fund could lend \$14,400 to the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society, Inc., a separate and distinct entity from the Ahepa family.

All the Supreme Lodge officers that appeared before us could not answer it though from the records they confirmed the action.

Brother Scopas did not appear before our committee although requested to do so. I understand and want to state for the record that the Supreme Lodge as such did not sign borrowing the money to be used for the Fraternal Benefit Society.

Brother Mark Mamalakis, the vice-chairman of this committee, will report on the financial and budget picture as projected in the Yearbook.

As the report of course is properly before the house and has been moved for adoption, and duly seconded, are you ready for the question?

VOICES: Yes.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: All those in favor of adoption of the report indicate by saying aye (Ayes heard.) Any opposed?

VOICES: No.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: The ayes have it and it is so ordered.

BROTHER BELL: Mr. Chairman, I understand from a source that is very reliable that the matter of the \$14,400 which came up — I am referring to that which came up concerning funds which were withdrawn from the magazine and then returned again.

I have been informed that the bonds purchased from the Hellenic — Atlantic National Bank and returned to the magazine were purchased on the basis of a promissory note which was signed by the insurance corporation and guaranteed by the nine members of the Supreme Lodge. I want — if it's so, I want Brother Scopas to state it for the record that the Order of Ahepa is not in any way liable under that for the \$14,400. That's all I want to put on the record.

SUPREME PRESIDENT SCOPAS: Brother Bell, I will be glad to make this statement to you. That the bonds first have been ordered, that the money has been returned to the magazine account, and that the present loan now is only an obligation of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society which has — which is in the form of a promissory note which has been endorsed personally by the nine officers of the Supreme Lodge who constituted themselves the organizational directors of the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society.

The Order of Ahepa has no obligation whatsoever.

BROTHER BELL: Thank you, Brother Scopas, that's all I wanted to get on the record.

A VOICE: George N. Hondron, Danbury Conn., District No. 7. Is the tape record all right? I want to be on the record.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Yes sir, you're on the record.

BROTHER HONDRON: I recommend that the incoming Supreme Lodge procure a United States map including Canada and divide it into 24 districts, as it is, so we all get illuminated so as to where number three or number thirteen district is situated.

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: Your motion is in order. Is there a second? Duly seconded. Is there any discussion? Are you ready for the question? All in favor signify by saying aye. (Ayes heard.) Any opposed, say no. (Some noes heard.)

The ayes have it and it is so ordered.

BROTHER HONDRON: I move that the Supreme Lodge prepare the nicest letter, extolling the virtues of all the suspended members, that they have worked, they have spent time and money to be — for the Ahepa —

VICE-CHAIRMAN LIVADAS: We understand it. You have made a motion. It's understood. Is there a second? Brother Poulos seconds it. Is there any discussion? Are you ready for the previous question?

All in favor signify by saying aye. Carried and so ordered.

AHEPA SPORTS BRIEFS

By PETE CLENTZOS

National Director of Athletics

The Ypsilanti Seniors of Chicago once again proved their supremacy and defended their title again in the 14th Annual National Ahepa Basketball Tournament. They defeated Milwaukee Chapter No. 43 by a score of 58-51. Ypsilanti Juniors won third place defeating Tri-Cities Chapter 67-63. Evergreen Park defeated Detroit by a score of 85-79 for consolation. . . . Dan Lecos was the outstanding player. . . . Teams competing were . . . Milwaukee, Chicago No. 46, Detroit, Tri-Cities, Hammond, Joliet, Evergreen Park, Oak Park, Gary, Hellenic Center, South Chicago, Fond du Lac, and Racine. . . . George Cokinos, Executive Secretary for the Sons, reports that the Ypsilanti Sons finally met their master in the Pythagoras Chapter No. 9 of Washington. . . . eight teams were in the tourney. . . . Ypsilanti Seniors also won the coveted N.I.H.B.T. in Chicago defeating the Chicago Evzones 61-60.

Marlboro, Mass., won the District No. 8 bowling title in Lawrence, Mass., recently. Fourteen teams were entered. . . . Lawrence won the Class B title. . . . high triple went to N. Leangos of Worcester, and S. Matsos of Lawrence won the high single. . . . Dr. Monthe Kofos handled the tourney. . . . My sports feeder from the Midwest has come up with some real tid-bits of major leaguers. . . . John Tsi-

touris of the Detroit Tigers . . . a fine pitcher . . . six foot . . . 175 pounder . . . quiet . . . great player. . . . Lou Skizas . . . outfielder for the Athletics . . . good hitter . . . nice guy. . . . Jim Baxes now with the Los Angeles Angels. . . . Jim's brother Mike Baxes is also with the Kansas City Athletics . . . shortstop. . . . Gus Triandos . . . great hitter and catcher for the Baltimore Orioles. . . . Billy Loes . . . is hurling for the Baltimore Orioles. . . . Alex Grammas . . . third base for Cincinnati. . . . Bob Chakales of the Washington Senators, pitcher . . . and Angelo Dagues of the Vancouver, B. C., team, outfielder . . . and Alex Cosmides of Dallas . . . well, these are some of the pro stars doing well for the Hellenes. . . . Worcester, Mass., won the Second N.E. Candlepin Title last month . . . terrific turnout . . . eleven teams vied for honors . . . C. Antonakos of Biddeford, Me., won high single . . . for first.

The second International Classical Marathon Race will be held in Greece on September 22. The distance of the race is the official 42,195 meters, starting in the village of Marathon, past ancient "Tymbos," tomb of the warriors who fell in the Battle of Marathon in 490 B.C., and along the road to Athens, ending in the Pan-Athenian Stadium in Athens. This race is in memory of Pheidippides, the young Athenian who ran, wearing full armor, from Marathon to Athens to tell the Athenians triumphantly with the famous words, "Rejoice, victory is ours," that on

the plains of Marathon the warriors of Athens had defeated the invading Persian hordes; after which glorious words, the young runner fell dead. . . . This is a great tradition and one that will live forever. When the Olympic Games were revived in Athens, in 1896, Spyros Louis sent the Athenians into a frenzy when he came home the victor. . . . Some day, another Greek hero will give all Greeks everywhere a great repeat thrill . . . let's hope it is soon.

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Officers Report to the New York Ahepa National Convention August 15, 1956

Prepared by MARK P. MAMALAKIS
Member of the Officers Reports Committee

OPERATING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1956

INCOME:

Per Capita Tax Earned	\$132,712.60
Initiation Fees—Prorata	12,604.50
Reinstatements—Prorata	5,225.00
Ahepan Subscriptions—non-members	38.80
Ahepan Advertisements	18,615.50
Interest Earned	5,603.35
Supplies Sales	1,257.98
Miscellaneous Income	472.79
Receipts from San Francisco Convention	600.00
Donation for Scholarship Drive	1,000.00
Rents Received	19,216.90
TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$195,345.42

EXPENSES:

Supreme President	\$ 6,000.00
Executive Secretary	5,800.00
Supreme Lodge Meetings	5,641.07
Payroll—Headquarters	25,497.95
Telephone and Telegrams	1,865.71
Mimeographing	2,524.42
Miscellaneous Office Expenses	1,955.75
Postage	4,069.14
Insurance and Taxes	1,887.02
Headquarters Rent	4,080.85
Depreciation Expenses	4,634.46
Engravings and Cuts	3,276.72
Printing and Binding	20,575.58
Secretarial Work	4,684.56
Commissions	2,631.66
Membership Drive Bills	2,975.28
Excursion Publicity Expenses	124.93
Miscellaneous Supplies	447.86
Social Security Expenses	101.64
Discounts	12.46
Copyrights	24.00
Auditing Service	450.00
Revising Mailing List	309.72
Associate Editor's Expenses	250.00
Editor's Per Diem and Traveling Exp.	2,143.05
Convention Coverage	100.00
Stencils and Stenographer	99.13
National Sanatorium Difference (Auditor's totals page 17 of Yearbook)	(100.00)
Scholarships	50.00
Repairs and Replacements	680.54
Real Estate Taxes	1,935.61
Water Bill	53.45
Painting	1,500.00
Legal	51.00
Management Fees	300.00
Mortgage Interest	880.00
Heat, Light and Water	728.89
Elevator Inspection	21.00
Safe Deposit Box Rent	6.60
Non-Operating Expenses Cl. 3	8,993.77
Sons of Pericles	2,500.00
Convention Expenses Sc. 4	11,020.97
513 Death Payments	54,650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	181,230.82
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	\$14,114.60

BALANCE SHEET— June 30, 1956

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash in Banks and on Hand	\$61,619.27
U.S. Government Bonds at cost	37,000.00
Accounts Receivable	9,105.73
Notes Receivable	14,400.00
Money from the Other Funds	49,880.02

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$172,005.02

FIXED ASSETS:

Land	\$126,578.25
Building and Improvements	197,896.71
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	34,868.54

Total \$559,343.50

Less Depreciations 61,122.19

Total \$298,221.31

Florida Property 3,492.55

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS 301,713.86

OTHER ASSETS:

Inventory Supplies	2,526.62
Prepaid Expenses	1,689.08

TOTAL ASSETS \$477,934.18

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 1,373.25
Mortgage Payable	108,500.00
Deferred Income	7,975.00
Due to District Lodges	5,385.25
Due to other Funds	49,880.02
Unallocated Receipts from Chapters	3,890.88
Deferred Per Capita Tax	47,756.80
Ahepa Nat'l Banquet—Prorata Share	884.20

RESERVES & SURPLUS:

Reserve for Pending Death Benefits	3,450.00
Unappropriated Surplus or Deficit	248,850.78

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$477,934.18

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS BY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Net Income or (Deficit)</i>
General Fund	\$67,470.29	\$69,699.03	\$(2,228.74)
Emergency Fund	52,420.00	58,952.21	(6,532.21)
The Ahepa Magazine	43,251.80	42,985.57	266.23
National Home Fund	15,816.54	3,695.93	12,120.61
Scholarship Trust Fund	5,097.47	200.00	4,897.47
Florida Project Fund	72.42	193.77	(121.35)
Ahepa Nat'l Sanatorium Fund	11,216.90	5,505.31	5,711.59
TOTALS	\$195,345.42	\$181,230.82	\$14,114.60

MEMBERSHIP

December 31, 1955	24,028
New Members	1,199
Reinstatements	556

TOTAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING — June 30, 1956 25,637

Business and Philanthropy Hobbies of Gregory Trompas

Successful businessman, leading citizen, and generous philanthropist best describes



GREG. TROMPAS

Bro. Gregory Trompas of the El Camino Real District. Brother Trompas began his life in Naousa, Macedonia, where his people were wine merchants and raised silk cocoons. For his first eighteen years, Gregory worked hard and listened hard to tales about wonderful

America. The stories sounded good to Gregory, so his eighteenth year found him crossing the ocean and landing in New York, alone. He promptly found a job washing dishes for eight dollars a month.

Soon he was in business for himself, selling chestnuts in Boston. Brother Trompas reminisces, "I'll never forget the night Theodore Roosevelt was elected. The streets were full of people and there were torchlight parades. Everybody was buying chestnuts. I stayed up all night and made \$54!" With the cold Boston winter came another self-employed venture, shoveling snow for \$1.25 a day.

Then came an opportunity that was destined to eventually bring success to him. He went to work in a hotel as assistant to the ice cream and pastry maker. From that job, he went West where opportunity was greater, to Denver. While in Denver, he heard of the growing copper mining town of Bisbee, Arizona. He moved there and went into business for himself making ice cream, and he manufactured the first ice cream cones in the State of Arizona. He canvassed the town with a horse and wagon selling his ice cream, and two years later he was \$5,000 richer.

From Arizona, he went to Los Angeles where with his money and a partner, he started a wholesale produce business which did not succeed. Gregory was ruined, but only temporarily. He went back to washing dishes and then came the chance to work at the U. S. Grant Hotel in San Diego as an ice cream maker. When he was ready, he once again went into business for himself, this time very successfully, making and selling ice cream wholesale. He sold his business, bought a confectionery store and then went into real estate. Today, he owns a whole block on Broadway across from Hotel San Diego.

How a man made his fortune is only half of a real success story. The other half is what the man did with his money, and on both counts, Brother Trompas is an outstanding success. He has given

John W. Mercury Sets Example

Lieut. Governor John W. Mercury of District No. 14, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is to be highly commended for his initiative in publishing at his own expense a four-page leaflet outlining the background, accomplishments, philosophy and programs of the Order of Ahepa.

Brother Mercury conceived this splendid idea as a means of promoting the 1957 Membership Drive of District No. 14. He rightly felt that prospective members should be fully acquainted with the ideals, principles and objectives of any organization they contemplate to join.

This informative leaflet certainly proved fruitful in the efforts of District No. 14 to increase its membership and is worthy of emulation by other districts interested in the expansion and progress of the Order of Ahepa.

generously of time, money, and effort to many Greek causes.

Brother Trompas has served as president of the San Diego Community for five years, and as president of the building fund and committee for five years. He started the building fund for a new church and community hall with a donation of \$10,000. On his last trip to Greece in 1954 he built and donated to the town of Naousa a public bath house at a cost of \$15,000, and supplied the money to rebuild the high school and church which was destroyed by the Communists in 1949. In 1956 he built and donated a \$46,000 chapel and mausoleum in the Greek section of the Greenwood cemetery for the Greek Community of San Diego.

At the present time, he is supporting fourteen orphans in an orphanage in Naousa, Greece. Another favorite philanthropy of Brother Trompas is the scholarship fund he has set up in the Order of Ahepa, El Camino Real District. Brother Trompas has donated \$200 yearly for the past seven years and intends to do so for the rest of his life, to be awarded by the Order of Ahepa to a deserving Greek youth of the Ahepa family who plans to enter college.

Of Brother Trompas it can be said, "He was a success at making it, and he is a success at spending it."

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All chapters are requested to submit material as soon as it has been prepared. Do not wait for deadline dates.

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TRIBUTE TO VLASSIS—A Testimonial Dinner was given on Sunday, February 17, 1957, by the Sir Edward Codrington Chapter, C.J.-5, of Ottawa, Canada, in honor of the Supreme Vice-President for Canada, Brother George D. Vlassis. In attendance on the occasion, left to right: George Andrews, President of the Greek Community of Ottawa; Chris Ladas, President of the Chapter; Mrs. John Nikas, Treasurer of the Philoptochos; George D. Vlassis; and Constantine Alexiades, Past President of the Chapter, who acted as chairman of the event.

Greek Institutions Need \$2,941 Worth of "CARE" Technical Books

Three educational institutions in Greece are on CARE's priority list to receive \$2,941 worth of new American text and reference books as soon as contributions become available.

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Higher Institute of Social Work, Royal National Institute, Athens, for books on the social sciences, \$1,541; University of Salonika, for books in the fields of health and welfare, medicine, agriculture, engineering, mathematics, veterinary and other sciences, \$1,000; Pantios School of Political Science, Athens, for books on law, economics, philosophy and history, \$400.

Contributions in any amount, to be applied toward these projects, should be sent to the CARE Book Fund, 660 First Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., and clearly marked "for Greece." All donations will be acknowledged. Donors of \$50 or more may specify the institution. On all donations of \$10 or more, the donor's name will be placed on a special bookplate inside each volume he provides.

Help Yourself To Health and Happiness

By DR. JAMES A. CHRISOMALES

Author of "Mental Calisthenics"

It seldom occurs to us that we should exercise control over ourselves. We fail to understand the importance of self-discipline. We drift along through life, using most of our energies to fulfill the dictates of our instincts and appetites. For lack of discipline, we perpetuate bad habits, thus permitting immoderate attitudes to develop unchecked and uncorrected. In the end, we become the victims of our own intemperance and must spend the later part of our lives enduring the consequences of earlier indiscretions.

Most of us spend our later years in loneliness, with no one to care for us, no one to worry about us, no one to love us. For to inspire love in another, you must first cultivate it in yourself. Love begets love. We, in our endeavor to fulfill our desires to accumulate wealth, fame and fortune, forget all ethics, all humane principles, plunge in hastily and carelessly, violating every rule, law and order, tearing ourselves to pieces to fulfill those desires, be they sane or insane. We work and plan our careers to accumulate our wealth, with the expectancy of immortality, work ourselves to death, destroying all bodily functions. We eat as if we have not had food for days, drink as if we were stranded in a desert dying of thirst, play to the point of exhaustion; and having accumulated our wealth, we find we are no longer able to enjoy our worldly goods because of cancer, heart or kidney trouble, high blood pressure, nervousness, and a million other symptoms. But still we hold to our false principles. In fact, we defend each mistake to a point of hysteria.

As distress, difficulties, complications and confusion grow, we suddenly realize we have need of moral support, love and friendship. In fact, we wonder why we are denied these precious gifts that others enjoy. We have forgotten that we have never given much consideration to the development of internal strength (wisdom and spiritual understanding), without which, nothing on this earth is on solid footing.

There are some things in life that money cannot buy. Money cannot buy health, nor peace of mind, the love of a good woman or friendship; neither happiness nor contentment. Money cannot buy a

cheerful disposition; good will of people, nor a pleasing personality. There are many other precious things that money cannot buy.

To enjoy life and abundant health, you MUST:—

1. Be in harmony at all times.
2. Be reverent to the Supreme Intelligence, which upholds and sustains you.
3. Be kind, tolerant, humble and remember that moderation in all things is essential.
4. Obey Nature's laws and those of your locality.
5. Have faith, courage and patience.
6. Keep healthy:—

Rid the body of all impurities which clog and poison the system. Eat proper foods. Be sure to get your share of fresh fruits and vegetables in season.

Eat whole grain cereals, yogurt, and honey in place of sugar.

Get your share of sunshine and fresh air every day.

Take some mild form of exercise a few minutes each day to help increase your circulation. Learn to relax.

Develop the proper mental attitude that helps to maintain good health.

7. Learn to subdue ugly impulses, temper, anger, worry and vain desires.
8. Do not act hastily on important matters; consult a friend capable of advising you. Choose your company.
9. Success, good health and happiness are the result of straight thinking, not chance. Plan your tomorrow intelligently. What you are at this moment is what you thought of in days gone by. Remember, thinking is *planning*. . . . *Plan wisely*.

Upper Manhattan Rites

At a solemn initiation ceremony on Friday, May 24, 1957, the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York City inducted a large class of candidates headed by the Honorable S. Samuel Di Falco, Surrogate of New York County.

The rite was impressively conducted by Empire State District Governor Nicholas Coffinas with the assistance of a fine degree team consisting of District Secretary



IN CINCINNATI—Stalwarts of the Cincinnati Ahepa at a recent meeting in honor of the 25-year members of the Liberty Chapter No. 127 of that Ohio city. At left is dynamic Ahepan Perry Zinzik, Buckeye District Marshal; and at right is President Paul Dimitry of Liberty Chapter No. 127.

Power District No. 4 Holds Bowling Match

The Power District No. 4 held an intrachapter bowling match at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, February 17, 1957. The match, under the direction of District Athletic Director John Mandros, was played at the new and spacious Rocky Springs Park Bowling Alleys. Eight teams from Allentown, Bethlehem, Lancaster, and Philadelphia participated in the match and in addition to the teams over 60 spectators comprised of the Ahepa family watched the event.

The Host Chapter for the affair was Lancaster Red Rose Chapter No. 71. After the bowling match the host chapter sponsored a Greek Glendi where the teams and their friends enjoyed the food, music, entertainment and good fellowship. The winner of the bowling match was Bethlehem Chapter with a team total of 2292 pins, and the Lancaster team was second with 2291. The individual three-game high was by Capt. Mike Moralis of Bethlehem with a total of 521 pins.

Gus Cherevas, District Marshal Angelos Chaoush, Jack Zarcadoolas, G. J. Cashoty, Anthony Yanelis, and John Travers.

Supreme Vice-President Peter T. Kourides was the speaker of the evening. A highlight of the event was the presentation of a gavel by the Upper Manhattan Chapter to Past Supr. President Stephen S. Scopas to mark his recent appointment as a Justice of the Magistrates Court of New York City.

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Sioux City Hosts Pre-Convention Conference

Sioux City, Iowa, was the scene of a pre-convention conference of District No. 14 on April 28, 1957. The meeting, which took place in the auditorium of the Greek Orthodox Church, was attended by sixty delegates from chapters in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, Minnesota; Fargo, North Dakota; Sioux Falls and Aberdeen, South Dakota; and from Cedar Rapids, Mason City, Dubuque, Waterloo, Davenport, Sioux City, and Des Moines, Iowa.

At the conclave many problems confronting the district were extensively discussed and placed on the agenda for further deliberation at the district convention.

Supreme President John L. Manta was the principal guest of honor at the conference and at the banquet that followed. The Supreme President discussed the various aspects of the program he has initiated and called upon District No. 14 to support him in his efforts to make Ahepa a greater and stronger institution for the benefit of the entire membership. He especially appealed for contributions to the Ahepa Hall for Boys project.

Other speakers at the banquet included Past Supreme Vice-President C. P. Verinis of New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Evelyn Semos of Dallas, Texas, Grand Governor of the Daughters of Penelope; District Governor Nick Lillios of Cedar Rapids; Daughters District Governor Mary A. Mantis of St. Paul; and the Rev. Constantine Hallick, pastor of the local Greek Orthodox Church.

Municipal Judge George M. Paradise, Past District Governor, was master of ceremonies and Nick Kazos was chairman of the banquet committee. George Peterson, President of Sioux City Chapter No. 191, was in charge of arrangements.



AT 14TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE—Dignitaries who attended the pre-convention meeting of the Grainfield District No. 14 on April 28, 1957, at Sioux City, Iowa. Left to right: Lieut. Governor No. 14 John W. Mercury; District Governor No. 14 Nick Lillios; Mrs. Evelyn Semos, Daughters of Penelope Grand Governor; George B. Peterson, President of Sioux City Chapter No. 191; Supreme President John L. Manta; Municipal Judge George M. Paradise, Past District Governor No. 14; Past Supreme Vice-President C. P. Verinis; Mrs. Mary A. Mantis, Daughters District Governor No. 14; and Nick Kazos, Banquet Chairman. Supreme President Manta was the principal speaker of the event.

Past Supr. President Scopas Appointed New York Judge

In impressive ceremonies on April 15, 1957, at New York's historic City Hall, Past Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas was sworn in by Mayor Robert F. Wagner as a Justice of the Magistrates Court of New York City. The occasion was, indeed, historic for it marked the first important judicial appointment for an American citizen of Greek descent in the City of New York.

The auspicious event was attended by over 500 persons with representatives and delegations from all the major Greek-American societies, associations, business, professional and fraternal groups. Many leading figures were present, including, His Eminence, Archbishop Michael; Supreme President John L. Manta; Supreme Vice-President Peter T. Kourides; Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan; Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco; Past Supreme Presidents Dean Alfang and Harris J. Booras; and many other dignitaries.

Brother Scopas, of course, needs no introduction to the Ahepa rank and file. In his boyhood as a member of the Sons of Pericles, he early displayed qualities of outstanding leadership which led to his gradual advancement, culminating in the supreme presidency of the Junior Auxiliary. Then he commenced a brilliant Ahepa career which took him through the presidency of the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York, to the Governorship of the Empire State District No. 6, and thence, eventually, through various steps, to the Supreme Presidency of the Order of Ahepa.

A prominent member of the New York Bar for many years, Brother Scopas has established a large practice and a sound professional standing. Always active in



NEW YORK JUDGE—Past Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas (left) admiring the gavel presented to him by Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco on the occasion of his induction as a Justice of the New York Magistrates Court on April 15, 1957, at the New York City Hall. In the center is New York's Mayor Robert F. Wagner who had previously administered the oath of office to Brother Stephen Scopas.

the Democratic Party, he has been in the forefront of that organization's Nationalities Group and for many years headed the Greek National Division of the Democratic Party. Judge Scopas with his charming wife, Cleo, and their three children, Stephanie, Pamela and Stephen, Jr., live in Douglaston, New York.

An Excellent Appointment

Appointment of Stephen S. Scopas of Douglaston to the City Magistrates Court is particularly noteworthy in that he is the first American of Greek parentage ever named to the bench by a mayor of New York City.

This is the more astonishing when it is remembered that the city's Greek-American community is one of its most substantial, honorable and "American."

Mr. Scopas is the personification of this group's service to its home city. He has been a tireless dynamo in civic, philanthropic, fraternal and political circles.

His appointment is a personal honor, to be sure, and a long-delayed recognition of the high place of Greek-Americans in city affairs. Even more important, it adds an able attorney of proven integrity to a court which, year after year, comes in contact with and dispenses justice to more of our people than any other.

—Long Island Star-Journal

Sister Rita Danikolas Engaged to John Ghulos

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Danikolas of East Chicago, Indiana, happily announced the engagement of their daughter, Sister Rita Danikolas, on February 16, to Mr. John Ghulos of Oak Park, Illinois. A reception in honor of the occasion was given in her home with fifty guests present.

Sister Rita Danikolas is known to many across the country, having served the Daughters of Penelope as District Governor of District No. 12, and Grand Secretary for the year 1955-56. At the present time she is a member of the National Advisory Board of the Maids of Athens. Mr. Ghulos is a member of a banking firm in Oak Park, Illinois. The Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athens extend their congratulations to the newly engaged couple.

Quarter-Century Members Honored by Wichita Ahepa

On May 5, 1957, the Air Capital Chapter No. 187 of Wichita, Kansas, held a special ceremony to honor seventeen of its devoted members with the presentation of their twenty-five year service pins.

The event took place in the Ahepa Hall with a capacity audience in attendance to witness the colorful rites of presentation which were very ably conducted by District Governor William G. Nicas of District No. 15. The high district official was assisted by Chapter President Philip C. Stathis and Chapter Secretary Bruce E. Colver.

The recipients of the twenty-five year pin are: Christ Anagnostos, Dr. C. E. Boutros, Sam Bushong, Nick Chicklogans, Paul Fotopoulos, Nick Fotopoulos, Louis Gochis, Pete Gochis, Harry Kartsonis, James Maduros, Louis Nikakis, John Karras, James Papadopoulos, Gus Pavlakes, Steve Provias, P. Thomas, and G. Xidis.



IN CORNFLOWER STATE — Governor William G. Nicas (right) of the 15th Ahepa District making presentation of the 25-year pin to Dr. C. E. Boutros at ceremonies of the Air Capital Chapter No. 187 of Wichita, Kansas, honoring veteran members of that Ahepa unit. At left is Chapter Secretary Bruce E. Colver, and third from left is Chapter President Phillip C. Stathis.



IN NORTH COUNTRY — Canadian Ahepa members of the Nickel Belt Chapter of Sudbury, Ontario, on the occasion of the visitation to their chapter on March 17, 1957, of Supreme Vice-President of the Canadian Jurisdiction George D. Vlassis. Seated, left to right: Nick Kyrzakos, Peter Kyrzakos (Chapter President), Brother Vlassis, Jim Booth, and Gus Kyrzakos. Standing, left to right: Nick Christakis, Chris Gillis, George Montsakos, George Fourizos, Socrates Christakis, and Nick Chaggis. Sudbury is located in an isolated section of Ontario Province, 247 miles north of Ottawa, and the enthusiastic members are to be highly commended for keeping the Ahepa spirit alive in that section.

Leda Chapter No. 59

Leda Chapter No. 59 recently honored its retiring president, Sister Martha Vidalis, at the annual past presidents' dinner held at the Patio Grill in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The opening prayer was rendered by Sister Eleanor Vournas, District Treasurer of Citrus District No. 2. President Julia Papageorgiou presented Sister Vidalis with her past president's pin.

Attending the dinner honoring Sister Vidalis were past presidents Louise Stavrou, Rosa Lee Zakis, Annette Samaras, Kay Demedis, Anna Xiggas, Mary Kerice, Tina Zapetis, and Theodora Revelas. The other members attending were: Marina Bougis, Anthia Drizi, Ethel Spilos, Mary Ross, Koula Petrou, Anna Gianakaris, Alice Ross, Aphrodite Karatinos, Polly Costas, Christine Panos, Kay Drosakis, Eva Scarecelli, Mary Maniotis, Angelyn Georgelas, Ann Manolukas, Frances Demedis, Mary Sempepos, and Mary Ann Zapetis.

Chairman Theodora Revelas was ably assisted by her co-chairmen, Rosa Lee Zakis and Mary Ann Zapetis.

Eurydice Chapter No. 21

On Sunday, May 19, the Eurydice Chapter No. 21 of St. Paul, Minn., held its annual Smorgasbord Dinner at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church Hall. The committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Athena Karras, Adeline Dades, Mary Kocheras, Angeline Miller, and Mildred Kides. Under the supervision of the capable committee, the affair proved to be a very successful and enjoyable one.

Iphthime No. 66 Reactivated

Iphthime Chapter No. 66 of District No. 10, Detroit, Michigan, announced its reactivation as of April 4, 1957. The newly elected officers consist of Mrs. Peggy Georges, President; Mrs. Creso Pappas, Vice-President.

Installation of officers was held on May 3, 1957, at the Ahepa Hall in Detroit with the entire Ahepa Family and neighboring chapters participating. Chairman of arrangements was Sister Katherine Gemolas. All good wishes go forward to the Iphthime Chapter for many happy and successful years ahead.



HELLENIC GENERALS—At luncheon given by John C. Anggelis, State Senator of Kentucky and President of the Henry Clay Chapter No. 258, in honor of Greek Generals who visited the Lexington Signal Depot on their recent inspection tour of U.S. installations as official representatives of the Greek Army. Seated, left to right, are: Guss Johnson, Secretary of Henry Clay Chapter No. 258, Lexington, Kentucky, and President of the Greek Orthodox Church of Lexington; State Senator John C. Anggelis; Maj. Gen. Michael Mantzos, chief signal officer of the Greek Army; and Brig. Gen. Ioannis Mamousis, Commandant, Signal Corps Training Center, Greek Army. The officers are on tour of various installations in this country to gain information about the U. S. Army signal supply system.



The Penelopian

Altes Testimonial Honors Grand Secretary Manetas

Grand Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope, Sister Lillian Manetas, was the guest of honor at a cocktail party and dance held in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Stacy-Trent in Trenton, New Jersey, on May 5, 1957. The affair was sponsored by her own chapter, Altes No. 163. Chairman in charge of arrangements was Sister Helen Gianakopoulos with Sister Fefe Prassas assisting as Vice-Chairman.

It was a befitting tribute to our Grand Secretary who served her chapter well and her district in every capacity until she became District Governor. She served every office on the chapter and district level with ability and distinction. Her outstanding work as Grand Secretary has been noted by the members in her own district and will soon become apparent to all chapters throughout the country at the forthcoming St. Louis National Convention.

The evening of Sister Manetas' testimonial can best be described as a "most delightful one" with many friends and dignitaries present. Guest speakers included Brother Gregory Lagakos, Supreme Counsellor; District Governor Helen Heleotis of District No. 5; District Governor Madia Commings of District No. 3; Mrs. Eleanor Stamoules, Past Grand Secretary; Brother Sidney P. Skokos, Past District Governor; Grand President Mary Snyder of Maids of Athens.

The honored guests included District Governor George Andresakes of District No. 5; Sister Constance Lerangis, District Treasurer of District No. 6; Father Rev. Triandafilou, Pastor of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church; District Governor Callie Varlan of District No. 4; Dist. Gov. Beatrice Anagnos of District No. 6.

During the course of the happy evening, Sister Manetas was presented with a beautiful Longines wrist watch in recognition of her many fraternal efforts and accomplishments.

Houston, Texas

The Daughters of Penelope in Houston have had a busy winter and spring schedule. Social activities, philanthropic endeavors and fraternal undertakings were on the heavy agenda.

Newly initiated are: Mabel Mantjos, Marian Pavlides, Matina Pappas, Ethelene Couras and Peggy Polydoros.

The Editor's Corner

PENELOPE'S CREED

- She believes that an organization exists for the member and not the member for the organization.*
- She believes that every member is fully entitled to the consideration of courtesy, respect, and understanding.*
- She believes that to respond fairly to her sisters' needs is an obligation which she should never forget.*
- She believes that personal vanity is harmful, not only to herself but equally harmful, to the organization-at-large.*
- She believes that a promise is not a promise unless it is supported by sincerity of heart and devotion to service.*
- She believes that to alleviate suffering and combat ignorance, both here and abroad, is of vital importance to every American.*
- She believes that to instill loyalty to her beloved country, America, is an inherent obligation given to many by birth, gained by many through honest toil, and sought by countless thousands less fortunate than she.*
- She believes that to encourage the love of learning, she educates herself, her family, and her sisters.*
- She believes that virtues such as self-respect, integrity, loyalty, kindness, and good manners never go out of style.*

LILLIAN MANETAS
Grand Secretary
Daughters of Penelope



GRAND SECRETARY MANETAS HONORED — At the Testimonial Cocktail Party and Dance tendered by Altes Chapter No. 163 of Trenton, New Jersey, in honor of Miss Lillian Manetas, Grand Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope. Left to right: Miss Helen Gianakopoulos, Daughters District No. 5 Secretary; George Andresakes, Garden State No. 5 District Governor, and Mrs. Andresakes; Mrs. Madia Commings, District Governor No. 3; Supreme Counsellor Gregory Lagakos of Philadelphia; Miss Constance Lerangis, District Treasurer No. 6; the guest of honor, Grand Secretary Lillian Manetas; Past Grand Secretary Eleanor Stamoules of New York; George Gianakopoulos, District No. 5 Athletic Director; Miss Helen Heleotis, District Governor No. 5; Miss Fefe Prassas, President of Altes Chapter No. 163; and Sidney Skokos, Past District Governor of District 5.

Elizabeth, N. J., Daughters Hold Candlelight Rite

Thomas Jefferson Chapter No. 280, Order of Ahepa, sponsored the initiation of Ion Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, February 28, at the YM-YWHA in Elizabeth, New Jersey. More than one hundred persons attended.

George C. Demos of Elizabeth, President of the Ahepa Chapter, opened the meeting and greeted the guests. Miss Helen Heleotis of Asbury Park, District Governor No. 5, Daughters of Penelope, conducted a candlelight initiation ceremony for twenty-three new members. Miss Lillian Manetas of Trenton, Grand Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope, told of the founding of the Order by Mrs. Emmanuel Apostolides in San Francisco in 1929. The group now has more than 275 chapters.

Ion Chapter elected the following officers: President, Mrs. George Demos; Vice-President, Miss Cynthia Arbes; Recording Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Colonias; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Constantine Zades; Treasurer, Miss Bessie Economos; Warden, Miss Rita Gianakis; Marshal, Miss Emily Tutulis; Priestess, Mrs. Steven Arbes; Governors: Mrs. James Youlios, Mrs. John Demos, Mrs. Byron Camene, Mrs. John Paran, and Miss Helen Peters. Committee Chairmen include: Membership, Mrs. Thomas Marmakos; Sickness, Miss Dorothy Gianakis; Education and Culture, Mrs. John Demos; Naturalization, Mrs. Nicholas Demos; Entertainment, Mrs. John Gitoneas; and Publicity, Mrs. Efstratios Aridas. Miss Helen Karras and Mrs. Nicholas Billias were named Guards, and Mrs. John Pappas and Mrs. John Yak were appointed Sentinels.

Fitchburg Auxiliary Gives Anniversary Tea

Aethra Chapter No. 153 of Fitchburg, Mass., celebrated its tenth anniversary with a very successful tea. Honoring the occasion with their presence were District Governor Joanna Panagopoulos, Lieut. Governor Angela Nikitas, Past District Governor Diamond Angelopoulos, and Past District Treasurer Georgia Sarris. Dorothy Kandianis cut the anniversary cake.

A combined Ahepa and Daughters dance was held on May 10. Many dignitaries were present including Supreme President John L. Manta, Supreme Governor Nicholas Despotopoulos, Past Supreme President Peter L. Bell, and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees Charles Davis Kotsilimbas.

The members of Aethra Chapter dutifully celebrated Mother's Day by honoring their mothers with a dinner at the famous Old Mill.



MR. & MRS. LOUIS P. LAMBROS

Adeline Geo-Karis Married to Louis Lambros

One of the outstanding April weddings in the Chicago area was the Geo-Karis-Lambros nuptials on April 27 at Waukegan, Illinois. More than 700 persons attended the church ceremony and the reception which followed at the Glen Flora Country Club.

Waukegan's St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church overflowed with people who came from practically every part of the country for the happy event.

Miss Geo-Karis, a practicing attorney in Zion and Waukegan, is the daughter of John M. Geo-Karis of Chicago, and the late Mrs. Geo-Karis. She is the former Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope. Louis Lambros is the son of Peter and the late Rose Lambros of Chicago. Louis graduated from the American College of Education and attended DePaul University. During World War II, Mr. Lambros served as a surgical technician with the 3rd Division overseas. Adeline, who is also a graduate of DePaul University, served during the war as Lieut. Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her eldest brother, Alexander Geo-Karis, and was given in marriage by him. She wore a street-length gown of pale, blue brocaded Italian silk in straight lines with a Queen Anne collar, cap sleeves and shirred sash. The double tiered bridal veil of Belgian crown lace and woven by the renowned lace weaver of Calais, France, was held in place by a crown. The bride carried an artistically arranged bouquet of orchids surrounded by stephanotis. Miss Marie Fidao of Athens, Greece, was maid of honor. Louis Monzures, 13th district secretary of the Order of Ahepa, was best man. Mrs. Nicholas Valavanis acted as matron of honor.

New York Penelopes Hold Spring Conference

Demetra No. 33 of Brooklyn, New York, was hostess chapter for the 11th Annual Spring Conference of the Empire State District No. 6 of the Daughters of Penelope held in Brooklyn at Original Paul's Restaurant. Congratulations to the chairman, Sister Lydia Stamatis, and her members for an outstanding job.

Some of the many interesting highlights of the conference were the reports rendered by the District Lodge Officers, the attendance of our Grand Secretary, Sister Lillian Manetas, and the entire District Lodge No. 5 from New Jersey. Also attending were past District Governors Stella Sarris, Mary Zarcadoolas, Eleanor Siamoulis, Susan Callis, Tina Liverakos, Mary Gorgas, and Mary Alex. A special meeting was held by the past District Governors to conduct elections for a newly organized Past District Governors Club. The officers elected were: President, Sister Mary Gorgas; Vice President, Sister Eleanor Stamoulis; Secretary-Treasurer, Sister Susan Callis. The newly elected officers were installed by District Governor Beatrice Anagnos.

Louis Paponis Weds Miss Effie Poulos

Stockton's Greek Orthodox Church was the scene of the wedding on June 16 of



MRS. L. PAPONIS

Miss Effie Poulos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Poulos of Manteca, Calif., to Mr. Louis Paponis, son of Mrs. Dena Paponis and the late Mr. Steve Paponis. The bride is a member of Sparta Chapter No. 18 of Stockton. She has served as District Governor of the Golden Gate District No. 21 and as Grand Treasurer. Sister Paponis attended Humphreys College and for the past several years has held a responsible position with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Mr. Paponis, a veteran of World War II, is the recipient of two Purple Hearts. He received his education in San Francisco schools and attended the San Francisco Junior College, University of Nebraska, and the University of Minnesota, majoring in Civil Engineering. Mr. Paponis conducts his own funeral chapel in San Francisco. The groom has long been active in Ahepa affairs and is a member of the Golden Gate Chapter of San Francisco.

THE PENELOPIAN extends congratulations and good wishes for a happy and long life.

Dubuque, Iowa, Daughters Resume Active Role

Arete Chapter No. 2 of Dubuque, Iowa, Daughters of Penelope, one of only two such chapters in the United States when it was first organized in 1931, was reactivated Sunday, February 10, in a public ceremony at Elijah the Prophet Church Hall on Rockdale Road.

The first chapter of the national organization was formed Nov. 16, 1929, in San Francisco, and the Dubuque chapter was the second to be organized on June 17, 1931. It had not been active in recent years, however.

There are now 275 chapters of the Daughters of Penelope, the auxiliary to Ahepa (American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association). Dedicated to the principles of truth, goodness and beauty, the Daughters strive to promote the personal ideals embodied in Penelope, faithful wife of Odysseus. Various charitable projects are sponsored by the group.

Dignitaries came from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Des Moines and Cedar Rapids for the event, which included installation of officers, initiation of new members and a dinner.

Guests were Mrs. Leo J. Zotaley, past grand president, and Mrs. Stephen Phillips, past district governor, both of Minneapolis; Mrs. Homer Mantis, district governor, and Miss Margarite Mirras, both of St. Paul; Miss Krenio Polydorou of Des Moines, past district governor, and Miss Helen Dalamaggas of Cedar Rapids, district secretary.

Representing Ahepa were Nick Lillios and William Faches of Cedar Rapids, district governor and marshal, respectively.

Officers installed were Mrs. Gus Bogas, president; Mrs. James Kachevas, vice-president; Mrs. Spero Bogas, secretary; and Mrs. Andrew Karigan, treasurer.

Officers of the Dubuque, Iowa, Arete Chapter No. 2, Daughters of Penelope: President, Irene Bogas; Vice-President, Irene Kachevas; Secretary, Demetra Bogas; Treasurer, Violet Karigan; Marshal, Bessie Mihal; Warden, Violet Savary; Priestess, Wilma Vrotsos; Governors: Bessie Sfikas, Chairman; Georgia Walters, Helen Angelos, Miss Mary Angelos, Theresa Karigan; Pianists: Evelyn Dissell and Christine Yiannias; News Editor, Christine Yiannias; Inside Sentinel, Helen Nauman; Outside Sentinel, Irene Daskalakis; Flag Guards: Christine Yiannias and Cleopatra Mihal; Parliamentarian, Georgia Walters.

—The Telegraph-Herald

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REACTIVATED ARETE — The members of the recently reorganized Arete Chapter No. 2 of Dubuque, Iowa, Daughters of Penelope. Row One, sitting, left to right: Violet Savary, Bessie Mihal, Irene Kachevas, Irene Bogas, Demetra Bogas, Violet Karigan, Bessie Sfikas, Miss Mary Angelos. Row Two: Rhea Bournias, Irene Daskalakis, Stella Yiannias, Katherine Kanavas, Cleopatra Mihal, Georgia Walters, Vacilo Nacos. Row Three: Christine Yiannias, Helen Nauman, Theresa Karigan, Evelyn Dissell, Helen Angelos. Missing from picture: Theresa Pappas, Wilma Vrotsos, Viola Mihalakis, Ourania Karigan, M. Petrakis.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Reports

It can truly be said that one of the busiest and most progressive chapters in the Fifth District is our own Ogygia Chapter No. 207. Most of our ambitions have now become realities.

Our chapter this year has undertaken the task of assisting the Middlesex County Heart Association in its untiring efforts to raise funds. During the month of February, "Heart Month," our membership took over the entire southern section of the city with a house to house canvas for two days. Our president, Sister Martha Doukas, was named one of the co-chairmen of the drive by Dr. Irving Breslow, the chairman for the city of Perth Amboy. We are proud to announce that the Daughters of Penelope in our community are getting favorable recognition.

We were honored at our February meeting with a visit from our District officers. The visiting dignitaries were Helen Heleotis, District Governor; Joanne Nicas, Lieut. Governor; and Frances Pascal, District Treasurer. Sister Heleotis commended our chapter on its accomplishments to date and then outlined the various District projects. We also discussed the new chapter being formed in Elizabeth. Congratulations to all our new Sisters in the neighboring city.

Sister Rose Sakel, Vice-President, was honored at our last meeting, which she conducted after Sister Doukas handed her the gavel. A Tea for inactive members was held at the home of Sister Stella Sideris in Colonia and was successful in rekindling interest in our organization.

by C. Andreadis

News Bits from Charai No. 79

The Charai Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, Salt Lake City, Utah, held its first Book Review affair of this year on March 10. The book "Bon Voyage" was reviewed by Miss Helen Kimball, well known in Utah for her fine reviewing of books. This proved to be both a financial and social success. Mrs. Georgia Georgiades and Mrs. Mary Anton were the chairmen.

Our chapter also assisted the Beehive Chapter No. 146, Order of Ahepa, during Supreme President John L. Manta's visit to our city in March.

Our District Governor, Marie Harris, was our distinguished visitor during our March 12 regular meeting. Following this meeting, as a fund-raising project, all the members were asked to participate in having their waist lines measured and charged a penny per inch and each penny was glued on to a long scotch tape belt and Sister Harris took them all with her to the District Treasurer in Pocatello, Idaho. These belts were called Wampum belt project.

Our chapter keeps a picture album of all our functions and activities and everything of interest to our chapter. Also a scrap book of all newspaper and magazine pictures and articles concerning our chapter is maintained. This project dates back to March 1939 when it was first organized. Throughout all these years, we are still wholeheartedly participating in all civic, church, and community affairs; Sunday School department; basketball tournaments; and in every worthwhile endeavor.



AT SPRING CONFERENCE — Officers of the Daughters of Penelope, Power District Lodge No. 4, who played a major role at the Spring Conference of the Keystone State organization at New Castle, Pennsylvania, on March 17, 1957. Seated, left to right: Past District Governor Laia Halepus; District Governor Callie Varlan; and Anna Stevas, President of Orpheus Chapter No. 184 of New Castle. Standing, left to right: Evangeline Pappas, District Secretary; and Mena Gelles, Dist. Marshal.

Power District Daughters Hold Spring Conference

Orpheus Chapter No. 184 of New Castle, Pennsylvania, was hostess to 16 chapters of the Daughters of Penelope, Women's Auxiliary of the Order of Ahepa, Power District No. 4, at The Castleton Sunday, March 17, 1957.

The group was welcomed by Miss Anna Stevas, presiding officer of Orpheus Chapter No. 184.

Following the invocation offered by Miss Sadie Othites, "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Judy Zabetakis.

After dinner, a program was presented by Miss Lois Murphy of Strouss-Hirschberg's. Members of the club modeled the latest fashion in spring hats. Orchid and purple flowers, large red poppies, small violet trims and small all-flower hats of



CANTON AHEPA HOME — The progressive minded Ahepans of Canton, Ohio, are enjoying the comforts and conveniences of their own Ahepa Home. The well-kept structure with its landscaped grounds is located at 903 12th Street, N.W., in Canton and serves as the center of fraternal and social activities in that Ohio community.

Bibles Wanted

THE AHEPAN has received a request from White's Bible Gift Mission in Shreveport, Louisiana, to ask our readers to send the Mission any Bibles, old or new, in English or Greek, which they can spare.

Mr. T. S. White, head of the Mission, is in dire need of Bibles for distribution in the poor and isolated areas of Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. For many years he has been engaged in that section of the South in religious work, particularly amongst the underprivileged Negroes in the plantations of that part of the country.

Look around and if you find an old Bible or religious book you do not need, please send it to T. S. White, 1719 Buckner Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

silk were the highlights. Background music was played by Stella Ann Zabetakis.

Judy Zabetakis presented several songs. She was accompanied by Stella Ann Zabetakis.

District Governor, Miss Callie Varlan, of Pittsburgh, presided at the meeting.

Attendance of all the delegates at St. George Greek Orthodox Church Sunday was another feature of the conference. The group was commended by Rev. Amphil Sarandes.

Other district officers are: Miss Athena Bulgaris, district lieutenant governor; Miss Evangeline Pappas, district secretary; Mrs. Mena Gelles, district marshal; Miss Sue Kirifides, district treasurer; and Mrs. Florence Liadrakis, district advisor to the Maids of Athens.

Serving on committees for the conference were: Miss Stevas, general chairman and Mrs. Evelyn Lestas, chairman of reservations, assisted by Mrs. Agnes Papazekos; Mrs. Katherine Koginos was program chairman, assisted by Mrs. Mary Georgiades; Mrs. Florence Hazimanolis was chairman for favors and programs, assisted by Miss Stevas and Mrs. Fifi Karatinos; Mrs. Elizabeth Platos was flowers and gifts chairman, assisted by Mrs. Christine Talaganis and Mrs. Janet Calve; Mrs. Agnes Papazekos was in charge of the menu, while Mrs. Mena Gelles was reception chairman, aided by Mrs. Mary Georgiades.

In addition to the officers present, Past Governor Mrs. Laia Halepus also attended the conference.

—New Castle News

"MEET ME IN ST. LOUIE"

Connie Cummings Honor Graduate

Miss Constance Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Cummings of



CONNIE CUMMINGS

Detroit, Mich., was a June graduate of the Frank Cody High School of that city. The talented young lady, who is a niece of veteran Michigan Ahepan George D. Raptieu, graduated with high honors. During her high school career, Connie was active in stage plays and on the debating team. She is a member of the SS. Constantine and Helen Church Choir and active in Ahepa and Goya. Moreover, she is a sports enthusiast, with tennis and swimming her favorites.

Her father, Brother Cummings, is President of SS. Constantine and Helen Church and is the founder and first President of the Hellenic Board of Trade. He is a member of Alpha Chapter No. 40 of Detroit and at present a member of its Board of Governors.

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Thalia Lentgis Elected Queen

At the annual Queen of Hearts Ball sponsored by the Juan De Fuca Chapter of Seattle, Washington, Order of Ahepa, and its auxiliaries, and held at the Norway Center May 18, Miss Thalia Lentgis was elected Queen of Hearts, and will be entered as the organization's representative in the annual Seafair Contest for the city of Seattle.



THALIA LENTGIS

Miss Lentgis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. D. Lentgis, 2853 Harvard Ave. No. She is an active member of the Maids of Athens, and also a member of the St. Demetrius Church Choir. She has also been very active in the Order of Rainbows for girls where she has served as Worthy Advisor of University Assembly, and a term as President of the All-City Line Officers of the same organization. Miss Lentgis is a freshman at the University of Washington, and is affiliated with Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

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SCENES FROM THE AHEPA DISTRICT No. 8 CONVENTION IN WORCESTER, MASS. — (First photo, left to right): Mr. Basil Milonas of Whitman, Mass., hands Stergios B. Milonas scholarship award of \$150.00 to Stephanos Abramides from Fall River, while Miss Betty Athanasoulas of Lowell receives Ahepa District No. 8 award of \$200.00 from George Granitsas, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. — (Second photo): Miss Bessie Capsalis of Worcester was chosen Miss Ahepa at the Grand Ball. Shown, left to right: Supreme Governor Dr. Nick Despotopoulos of Marlboro; Danny Duggan of Worcester, theatrical producer; Past Supreme President Peter L. Bell of Worcester; Miss Ahepa; Past Supreme Counsellor John Laskaris of Peabody; and retiring District Governor A. Toby Caragian of Marlboro. — (Third photo): The new District Lodge Officers for the Daughters of Penelope. Left to right: Margaret Demas, Secretary; Angela Nikitas, Lieutenant Governor; Joanna Panagopoulos, Governor; and Bessye Evergates, Dist. Advisor to the Maids of Athens. —*The Greek Sunday News*

Garden State No. 5 District Convention

The 26th Annual District Convention of the Order of Ahepa and Auxiliaries of the Garden State District comprising the State of New Jersey was held on June 8th, 9th and 10th, 1957, at the Roger Smith Hotel in New Brunswick, N. J. Monroe Chapter No. 75 was host.

The President of the Monroe Chapter Frank Gementgis opened the convention at 2:00 P.M. by greeting the delegates and extended all the facilities of his chapter to them. Milton Marikakis, the General Chairman, also addressed the delegates. The officers for the convention were elected and the first session was on. George Stathakis of Alexander Hamilton No. 54, Chairman; Peter Katramados of Eureka No. 52, Vice-Chairman; and John Trilly of Hudson No. 108, Secretary. During the session, one of the City Commissioners addressed the delegates and welcomed them to the City of New Brunswick. By 6:00 P.M. the first session was over.

Later on in the evening the delegates and their friends joined an estimated crowd of over 700 people at the Linwood Grove Ball Room and danced until the wee hours. A Miss Ahepa Contest was held and Miss Jo Anne Tozzi of Trenton was chosen Miss Ahepa.

On Sunday afternoon, the Tethys Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope sponsored a luncheon and fashion show. It was well attended and both the fashions and the models who were Daughters and Maids, were gorgeous. On the same afternoon, the Monroe Chapter bowling team defeated Alexander Hamilton for the trophy.

On Sunday evening, the Annual Banquet was held at the Pines in Metuchen.

There were 400 guests present. Among the speakers were; Hon. Chester W. Paulus, Mayor of New Brunswick; Hon. Robert C. Crane, State Senator, Union County; Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, President, Rutgers University; Lillian Manetas, Grand Secretary, Daughters of Penelope; and Helen Heleotis, District Governor. The Hon. Governor C. Richman, Jr., Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, was presented with the "Outstanding Citizenship Award." There were many Ahepa dignitaries present. George J. Margoles, Yankee Past District Governor, represented the Supreme President.

On Monday, we met for our final session at 10:00 A.M. All business being concluded by late afternoon, the new District

Lodge officers were elected. James Katramados, Eureka No. 52, District Governor; Harry Karis, Hudson No. 108, Lieut. Governor; George Gianakopoulos, Trenton No. 72, District Secretary; Louis Chantas, South Jersey No. 162, District Treasurer; and Michael Kouvatias, Camden No. 69, Marshal.

We adjourned to a farewell dinner and we will meet again next year in Camden.

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AT DEDICATION CEREMONIES — Supreme President John L. Manta with members of the Bay State District Lodge No. 8 on the occasion of the dedication of the new Ahepa Home of the Worcester Chapter No. 80 of Worcester, Mass., on May 11, 1957. Front row, left to right: Lieut. Governor Charles J. Panagopoulos; Brother Manta; and District Governor A. Toby Caragian. In the rear, left to right: Nicholas Kriketos, Lieut. Governor of the Sons of Pericles; District Advisor Paul Yphantis; District Marshal George Kotis; and District Secretary Arthur N. Lagadinos. A large crowd witnessed the historic event.

1957 AHEPA EASTER EXCURSION TO GREECE

By GEORGE J. MARGOLES, *Vice-Commander*

UNDER THE COMMAND and leadership of Past Supreme President John G. Thevos of Paterson, New Jersey, over eight hundred excursionists boarded the majestic S/S Queen Frederica on March 26, 1957, to participate in one of the largest Easter pilgrimages to Greece ever sponsored by the Order of Ahepa.

Hundreds of relatives, friends and members of the Ahepa Family were on hand to bid "bon voyage" to the excursionists who came from all sections of the United States and Canada. Virtually every stateroom and cabin was the scene of celebration and gaiety. Representatives of the press, radio, government and the Home Lines converged in the Rhodes suite, which was Commander Thevos' headquarters.

At one minute after midnight on March 27, the S/S Queen Frederica — the pride and glory of Greece — hoisted its anchors and sailed for Piraeus, Greece.

With mingled feelings of emotion the excursionists lined the decks of the S/S Queen Frederica to enjoy the music of a military band playing the Greek and American anthems, to wave a final good-bye to relatives and friends and to observe the evening panoramic view of New York, New Jersey, and the imposing Statue of Liberty.

As soon as we entered the waters of the Atlantic, Commander Thevos conferred with the Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris, the Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles, Nick Karayannis, and members of the Ahepa Family on board ship for the purpose of organizing an Executive Committee to assist in the discharge of the innumerable details and duties incidental to an excursion of such magnitude and size.

The Executive Committee, composed of representatives of the Ahepa Family on board ship, was as follows: John G. Thevos, Commander; Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris, Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope; Nick Karayannis, Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles; Anthony Papageorgiou, Vice-Commander; George J. Margoles, Vice-Commander; Dr. James C. Tsucas, Co-Secretary; Mrs. Ruth Kampos, Co-Secretary; Seraphim Pappas, Treasurer; Anestes Kampos, Co-Chairman of General Committee; Peter Charuhas, Co-Chairman of General Committee; Gus Keros, Vice-Chairman of General Committee; and Mrs. Stella Petrakis, Advisor to the Executive Committee.



TE-DEUM AT CATHEDRAL—The excursionists on the steps of the Athens Cathedral after attending religious services especially conducted for them by the Bishop of Megaridos.



TOP COMMAND — Commander-in-Chief of the 1957 Ahepa Excursion to Greece, Past Supreme President John G. Thevos, left, with Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris, Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope; Admiral C. D. Condoyannis, Captain of the S/S Queen Frederica; and George J. Margoles and Anthony Papageorgiou, Vice-Commanders of the successful Easter excursion.

ON BOARD SHIP

The Atlantic crossing on the S/S Queen Frederica was a pleasant and enjoyable experience. The personnel on board ship was most efficient, cooperative and pleasant. The food and services, in both the first and tourist classes, were excellent. Captain Condoyannis was a perfect host and did everything possible to make the voyage a success. The facilities and accommodations were comfortable, modern and tastefully decorated. Activities were well planned, diversified and kept the excursionists occupied during the voyage.

The Captain's Cocktail Party and Dinner, Get-Together Dance, Greek Tavern Night, Cabaret Night, Tropicana Night, Election of Miss Queen Frederica and Farewell Dinner were highlights of the voyage. These and many other activities on board ship provided every excursionist with lasting and treasured memories.

Much time and effort were spent by the Executive Committee aboard ship meeting with fellow excursionists and assisting them in the solution of any and all problems, inquiries, making hotel reservations in Greece and otherwise helping to make the voyage pleasant and eventful. Practically every day meetings were held to acquaint the excursionists with the activities and events scheduled in Greece, to solicit support and attendance at all functions, and to exchange ideas and suggestions relative to the excursion.

The Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris, held frequent meetings and teas with the excursionists, and did much to marshal the support and assistance of the ladies and Daughters of Penelope aboard ship.

An important undertaking under the chairmanship of Vice-Commander Anthony Papageorgiou was the customary drive to raise funds for charitable and philanthropic purposes in Greece. The drive was a great success and \$3,800 was solicited from the excursionists aboard ship.

During most of the voyage, the Executive Committee was greatly aided and assisted in the discharge of their duties by Mr. Costas Samarakis, General Manager of the Athens Office,

National Hellenic American Line, who flew to New York for the sole purpose of joining the excursion and to be of assistance. We were fortunate in having available his seasoned experience and services. Mr. Samarakis disembarked at Malaga, Spain, and flew to Athens to participate in the reception ceremonies at the Port of Piraeus.

On Friday evening, April 5, we reached Naples and docked for several hours. A number of excursionists toured the city and enjoyed a brief change of scenery.

While docked at Naples, Mr. Eftymios P. Pyrlas of the Greek National Tourist Organization, representatives of the Greek Immigration Department, and agents of the Bank of Greece boarded the ship to distribute official programs of events, facilitate clearance of passengers, exchange money, and to otherwise assist and expedite the arrival of the excursionists in Greece.

ARRIVAL PORT OF PIRAEUS

After ten exhilarating days on board ship, we arrived within view of Piraeus early Sunday morning, April 7. We were immediately met by the official Reception Committee composed of about twenty-five prominent civic, business and governmental leaders, who boarded the ship by means of a special launch in order to extend greetings and to escort the ship to the Port of Piraeus.

The day was fine and the weather as clear as it can be under the sky of Attica. Jet planes of the Royal Air Force circled the ship to welcome the excursionists. Several speeches of welcome were delivered on board ship by the Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. Aliprantis, by the Acting Mayor of Piraeus, Mr. Theoharis, and by the representative of the Mayor of Athens. Commander Thevos, Grand President Zoe Cavalaris and Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles, Nick Karayannis, replied with heart-felt expressions of gratitude for the honor accorded the Order of Ahepa.

Our arrival at Piraeus was a memorable experience and will always remain indelibly etched in the memory of every excursionist. Hundreds of relatives and friends of the excursionists were patiently waiting at the pier with beautiful spring flowers from Athens. The band of Piraeus played the Greek National Anthem and contributed considerably to the festive character of the day. Greek and American flags were displayed everywhere around the pier and streets. For about two hours many pleasant, moving and enthusiastic scenes took place.

After the cheerful embraces, kisses of new arrivals with relatives, accompanied by the execution of appropriate musical



AT TATOI PALACE — Audience with the King and the Queen of the Hellenes after excursion activities had terminated. Front row, left to right: Tom Cavalaris, Grand President Zoe Cavalaris, United States Ambassador George V. Allen and Mrs. Allen, Demosthenes Givas, Their Majesties Queen Frederika and King Paul, and George J. Margoles. Second row, left to right: Seraphim Pappas, Mrs. Margaret Margoles, Mrs. Despina Pappas, Mrs. Persa Givas, Mrs. Evelyn Papaeleas, Peter Charuhas, Mrs. Julia Papageorgiou, George Papaeleas, Anthony Papageorgiou.

scores by the municipality band, the excursionists proceeded to final custom inspection.

Inspection and clearance was handled efficiently and expeditiously — thanks to the assistance and supervision of Mr. D. Kourmias, the Director of the Customs of Piraeus, and his associates. At night, the Acropolis was illuminated in honor of the excursionists.

On Sunday evening the members of the Executive Committee and their families were the guests of the Greek-American Association, in a tavern at Plaka, the Old Athenian picturesque quarter, where fine food, selected retsina wine and Greek and American dancing was enjoyed by all in attendance.

On Monday a press conference was held at the King George Hotel, which was followed by a cocktail party tendered by Commander Thevos and Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris. About twenty representatives of the Greek newspapers and radio commentators were present. Commander Thevos and Mrs. Zoe



HOMAGE AND RESPECT — At left, Commander John G. Thevos placing wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In center, Commander Thevos standing at attention before the Monument of the Unknown Soldier with Brother Andrulakis of Washington, D. C., Grand President Zoe Cavalaris, and Past Supreme Governor George Papaeleas (holding hat), Chairman of the Reception Committee. At right, Sister Cavalaris standing at attention after laying wreath at Monument of the American Philhellenes in the Hellenic capital.



RECEPTION HONORS — Left photo shows official Reception Committee welcoming Excursionists to Greece upon arrival in Piraeus. Commander John G. Thevos is in the center flanked by Grand President Zoe Cavalaris of the Daughters of Penelope, and Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. Aliprantis. Directly behind Mr. Aliprantis is the Acting Mayor of Piraeus, Mr. Theoharis. Right photo depicts scene in the Athens City Hall with the Mayor of Athens, General P. Catsotas (center), approvingly looking on as Brother Anestes Kampos of Baltimore, Maryland, shakes hands with an evzone. This reception marked the beginning of a glorious week of gala festivities.

Cavalaris commented extensively on the excursion and the work of the Order of Ahepa in the United States.

ACTIVITIES IN ATHENS

In the evening hundreds of excursionists attended the colorful reception given by the Mayor of Athens, General P. Catsotas, in the City Hall. Girls wearing native dresses of every corner of Greece rendered a gay and pleasant national atmosphere to the reception. Speeches of welcome were delivered by the Mayor, General Catsotas, and Mr. Lentis of the Cyprus Ethnarchy. Commander Thevos, Mrs. Marie Tsucalas and Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris spoke in behalf of the excursionists.

On Tuesday the Cathedral of Athens was filled to capacity by the excursionists, their relatives and friends in order to participate in special Te Deum Services which were conducted by the Bishop of Megaridos. After services, we marched in a body to the Monument of the Unknown Soldier. A detachment of the Greek Army, which was posted outside the Cathedral, accompanied the excursionists in the parade, followed by the American Legion Post of Athens. Thousands of people watched the ceremony and applauded the excursion-

ists. A wreath was laid by Commander Thevos on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We then proceeded to the Monument of the American Philhellenes where Grand President Zoe Cavalaris laid a wreath. From there we proceeded to the home of the Greek American Cultural Institute to participate in a reception sponsored by that body. Speeches of welcome were delivered by the officials of the Institute, which were acknowledged by Vice-Commander George J. Margoles.

While enjoying the hospitality of the Institute, word was received that Premier Karamanlis desired to receive the Commander and his staff at his office. We paid our respects to the members of the Institute and departed immediately to meet with the Premier. Our visit was most pleasant and cordial. We were well received by the Prime Minister. After discussing topics of Greek interest, exchanging brief comments of our impressions of Greece and posing for pictures, the Commander and his staff returned to the King George Hotel, which was the Headquarters of the Excursion Committee, in order to enjoy in the evening a formal reception given by His Excellency, the Minister to the Prime Minister, Mr. K. Tsatsos. Highest officials of Greece and representatives of the United States Government were present to honor the excursionists.



EXCURSION PERSONALITIES — Left photo, Past Supreme Governor Papaefleas, who did an excellent job as General Chairman of the Reception Committee, with Commander John G. Thevos. Center photo, Mr. Costas Samarakis, General Manager of the Athens office, National Hellenic American Line, addressing the Excursionists aboard S/S Queen Frederica. Right photo, Nick Karayianis, Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles, responding to greetings of welcome extended by Reception Committee upon arrival in Greece.



GOVERNMENTAL HONORS—Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis of Greece receiving the Commander and members of the Executive Committee in his office. From left to right: Anestes Kampos, Excursion Commander John G. Thevos, Zoe Cavalaris, Anthony Papageorgiou, Mr. Karamanlis, Seraphim Pappas, George J. Margoles, George Papaeleas, Tom Cavalaris, Mr. K. Tsatsos, the Minister of the Prime Minister's Office, and Demosthenes Givas. Right photo is scene in the office of the United States Ambassador to Greece George V. Allen when the American diplomat received the Excursion Commander and the members of the Executive Committee.

On Wednesday morning, the members of the Executive Committee were received by His Excellence, Hon. George V. Allen, Ambassador of the United States to Greece. We were well received and spent much time discussing topics of mutual interest. Some suggestions were advanced and discussed in the interest of broadening the scope and nature of future Ahepa Excursions.

We then joined the excursionists at a reception and lecture given by the Royal National Institute of Greece, at Estia Didaskalon of Liosia, Attica. Transportation was kindly provided by the Royal Hellenic Air Forces. In the evening we attended a reception given by the Bank of Greece at their Club. This was a real treat and everyone enjoyed the beautiful Greek folk dancing.

On Thursday, a most pleasant surprise awaited the excursionists on the occasion of a visit and reception organized by the National Bank of Greece at the luxurious establishment ASTERIA at Glyfada. Beautiful weather, excellent music, gorgeous flowers, succulent food, including cocoretsi and retsina, crowned by the exhilarating entertainment provided by the noted actor Mimis Fotopoulos, were enjoyed by the excursionists.

Transportation by buses was kindly provided by the Bank for sightseeing in and around Athens and for the return trip to excursion headquarters.

THE GRAND BANQUET

In the evening, the official Ahepa Banquet was given in the King George Hotel in a brilliant and imposing atmosphere. Hundreds were in attendance to honor Premier and Mrs. Karamanlis and His Excellency, Ambassador Allen and Mrs. Allen. Guests included: the Vice President of the Greek Government and Mrs. Apostolides, the Minister and Mrs. Tsatsos, Minister Mrs. Lina Tsaldaris, the Deputy Minister of Finance and Mrs. Aliprantis, the representative of the Canadian Embassy, Mr. Brodie, the Speaker of Parliament and Mrs. Rodopoulos, the American Consul General and Mrs. Constanzo and other officials of the American Mission to Greece, officials of the Greek Foreign Office, the Mayors of Athens and Piraeus, and representatives of the National Bank of Greece, Commercial Bank of Greece, American Legion, Greek Tourism Organization, Customs and Harbor Officials, Radio Athens, Royal National Institute, Athens Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and various newspapers in Greece.



AT THE OFFICIAL BANQUET—Prime Minister Karamanlis speaking at the Ahepa Banquet. Center photo, taken right after the Banquet, shows left to right, George J. Margoles, Ambassador George V. Allen, Mrs. Karamanlis, Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis, John G. Thevos, and Anestes Kampos. In right photo, the Prime Minister chatting with George Margoles and Captain Demitropoulos.



ON BOARD S/S QUEEN FREDERICA — From top, first photo: Members of the Executive Committee and several excursionists with Captain Condoyiannis. Second photo: Tourist Class "Farwell Party." Third photo: Everybody had a grand time at the "Cabaret Night," one of the high spots of the voyage. Fourth photo: All seem to be in high spirits as the crossing was approaching its end and a "Farwell Party" was staged to mark the event.

Speeches were delivered by Commander Thevos, Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris, Ambassador Allen, Vice President Apostolides, Minister K. Tsatsos, Vice Commanders Papageorgiou and Margoles, and Mr. Brodie of the Canadian Embassy. The principal speech was by Prime Minister Karamanlis, whose remarks of welcome and expression of thanks in behalf of the Greek Government and Greek people to the members of the Ahepa Family in the United States was received with continuous applause.

On Friday, the Governor of the Commercial Bank of Greece treated the excursionists with a sightseeing trip to the Acropolis and Eleusis where lectures on the Eleusis Mysteries were given. A luncheon followed at the restaurant of Daphni.

Saturday, which was the final day of scheduled events, was a day full of activity for the Daughters of Penelope and the excursionists. The Daughters of Penelope Chapter of Athens, known as Karyatides Chapter No. 271, sponsored a wonderful reception in honor of the Commander and the Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope. A contribution of \$320.00 raised on board ship by the excursionists was presented by Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris to the chapter for the benefit of the Penelopian Shelter Home in Athens.

On Wednesday, April 17, the Commander and his staff, upon invitation from the Mayor of Athens, attended the great reception given by the people of Greece to Ethnarch Archbishop Makarios upon his return from exile. The guests were given choice places in a special area and were deeply impressed with the spirit and enthusiasm of thousands of people who had lined the streets to pay their respect to the crusading Cypriot leader.

ROYAL AUDIENCE

Following established custom and tradition, the members of the Executive Committee were received by Their Majesties, the King and Queen of Greece, on April 25 at Tatoi Palace. The audience was arranged by Ambassador Allen who accompanied the Executive Committee to the Palace. We were all greatly impressed by the amazing knowledge of America, its life, and of the activities of the Order of Ahepa displayed by Their Majesties. The King and Queen were most gracious and hospitable and received us most royally. During the audience, Ambassador Allen, in behalf of the excursionists, presented a check in the sum of 101,000 drachmas to Her Majesty, Queen Frederika, to be used equally for the earthquake victims of Thessaly and the orphans' funds under the patronage of the Queen.

The visitation to the Palace concluded

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the official activities of the 1957 Ahepa Easter Excursion to Greece. Upon reflection, it can be sincerely stated that this year's excursion was a tremendous success and that much goodwill was generated by the Order of Ahepa in the promotion of this yearly function.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

We were particularly fortunate in having available the seasoned experience of Past Supreme Governor George Papaeleas of the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York, who is now residing in Greece. He acted as the personal representative of the Commander in Greece and spent much time and effort in meeting with Government agencies and institutions in the interest of coordinating the activities of the excursion. He did much to insure the orderly and efficient handling of every phase of our excursion program. We are also deeply indebted to the Organization of Greek Tourism which acted as host to this year's excursion and successfully organized a committee under the chairmanship of His Excellency, the Minister of the Prime Minister's Office, Mr. K. Tsatsos, which included representatives of the government, banks, and other institutions in Greece.

Of great assistance to the Executive Committee was the personal representative of the Greek Government, Mr. E. Pyrlas of the Tourist Office. He joined the excursion in Naples and did much to assist in making our stay in Athens pleasant and enjoyable. A special word of thanks is due the very capable former American Vice-Consul in Greece, Mr. Alexander Alexopoulos, who acted as Secretary and Liaison Officer to the committee in Greece.

During our entire voyage and while in Greece we were greatly assisted by a number of excursionists who volunteered their services in the execution of a variety of duties and functions. In this connection, we are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stavrakas, Mr. and Mrs. James Karambelas, Mrs. Marie Tsucalas, Mrs. Julia Papageorgiou, Mrs. Persa Givas, Charles Charuhas, Tom Cavalaris, Mr. and Mrs. James Nickolaou, Christ Fradelos, Capt. Delaney, James Santrisos, Louis Corsones, Rev. Ioakim Doulgerakis, Charles Poulos, Mrs. Margaret Margoles, Mrs. Despina Pappas, John Floros, Michael Androulakis, Mrs. Efharis Carelis, George Constantine, Morris Chios, Sr., Mrs. Eva Poulos, Mr. Peters (Petropoulos), Soterios Zaharis and Mrs. G. Keros. All of these fine Ahepans, Daughters and excursionists constituted our General Committee and greatly contributed to the over-all success of the 1957 Ahepa Easter Excursion to Greece.

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MORE PLEASANT SCENES — From top, first photo: Captain Condyiannis leading in a Greek folk dance on occasion of "Greek Tavern Night" held in Crystal Club of S/S Queen Frederica. Second photo: "Foustanelathes" doing their stuff at the "Greek Tavern Night." Third photo: Miss Aphrodite Thevos, daughter of Commander John G. Thevos, right after being crowned Miss Queen Frederica by Captain Condyiannis. The genial Captain Condyiannis rendered a sumptuous dinner in honor of the Excursion Executive Committee.

Message of the Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles

A GAIN, BROTHERS, the ominous clouds of extinction are looming on the horizon and are being hurried towards us by irrational winds. It was at San Francisco in 1955 that the first signs of the evil winds bared themselves, lashing out as if in a feeler action to seek the opposing forces and thus prepare for a more effective attack. The small but dynamic guard which represented us — led by the then newly elected Supreme President, Nick C. Demeris —



NICK KARAYIANIS

stood firm however and apparently quenched any aspirations the tempest might have had, for at New York in 1956 there were no signs of a renewed assault. Do not be fooled though, brothers, for the final battle has yet to be fought, and is rapidly approaching at St. Louis this August. The ill winds have been gaining momentum and seem primed to unleash their fury.

What am I talking about? Please read on, for the importance of the problem which I have metaphorically outlined above cannot be minimized.

In recent years when the Sons of Pericles have been struggling, partly because of Ahepa apathy, partly because of the draft which is constantly depleting our ranks, and partly because of our lax efforts, the voice of those who would destroy the Sons of Pericles has been obtaining more and more attention.

The voice has taken two forms: First, we have the less tactful ones who say, "The Sons of Pericles have only 700 paid members in the entire country after all these years of money spending and hard work, so obviously all is for a dying cause. Get rid of them! It's no use. There are all these other organizations they can join." (Note: Such persons usually never spent a cent and poured not one drop of sweat in behalf of the Sons.)

Second, we have the desegregationists. Their interesting sounds are something of this sort: "It is senseless to have two youth organizations such as the Sons and the Maids! Join them together and let's just have one, because it will be larger and more effective." Not convinced yet? Here's another one: "There are some cities in which there aren't eight boys to have a Sons chapter or ten girls to have a Maids chapter. If we had one youth organization, this city could have a chapter." This argument on the surface has some merit, but even a simple investigation will break it at its seams. We are expected to disband our fraternity so that we can establish a hybrid youth organization (of which kind there are at least ten, I imagine) and have a chapter in Aberdeen, Maryland, or an equally small town when at present Ahepans cannot take out enough time from their political games to help us establish chapters in the following cities:

Birmingham, Alabama
Memphis, Tennessee
Tarpon Springs, Florida
Richmond, Virginia
Atlantic City, New Jersey
Jersey City, New Jersey
Lynn, Massachusetts
Detroit, Michigan

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Des Moines, Iowa
Kansas City, Missouri
New Orleans, Louisiana
Denver, Colorado
Salt Lake City, Utah
Los Angeles, California
San Diego, California

Columbus, Ohio
Indianapolis, Indiana

Seattle, Washington
Portland, Oregon

We do not have chapters in the above cities, but do we squawk? No! We're worrying about Aberdeen!

Although some people might be sincere in their efforts to join the two organizations, I believe they are insufficiently informed and can be argued with on an intellectual level and convinced. Most who follow either of the above "Down with the Sons" arguments are tired of hearing the "complaints" of the Sons of Pericles and are attempting to disband our fraternity directly or indirectly. Apparently, too much effort must be wasted on their part to "appease the children," and this fact detracts time from the "more important" political games they like to play.

These people do exist and are not only our enemies. They are Ahepa's enemies. Ahepa is not drawing the youth into its ranks. Ahepa itself is losing membership at a steady rate because of these people. Yet these people, due to their selfish lust for the excitement political dickering offers them, seek to eliminate any "thorn without regard as to the consequences.

To those we say, YES! We are thorns. We love our fraternity and believe in it sincerely. We feel that if given the opportunity any of us could establish a chapter in another city merely by outlining to the group of boys how each of us has benefitted from being a member of the Sons of Pericles. Any salesman can tell you that it doesn't take much selling if you have a good product. We believe in this as we believe in ourselves, and we will be a thorn to anyone who would destroy the only national Greek-American youth fraternity in the country. In this we concur with our sister sorority, the Maids of Athens, who are equally proud of and have as deep a love for their organization as we have for ours.

Let's unite on this front, brothers, and do all in our power to destroy once and for all the forces that would destroy us. We are as incompatible with those people as we are with their ideas. Another postponement of the issue at St. Louis is not sufficient. We must destroy any such movement and ridicule, if necessary, those who propose such absurdities.

What can each of us do? We can present to our Senior Brothers our arguments for wanting to preserve the Sons of Pericles Organization as it is today. Also we must convince ourselves first and then the Ahepan — and I believe it is true — that a merger of the Sons and Maids will result in the eventual extinction of the hybrid organization and the ultimate end of the Senior Orders themselves.

We must make certain that our friends in the Ahepa are well informed of the attack with which they will be confronted at St. Louis. Thereby, united in a common front, we cannot but permanently defeat the radical planners, for WE ARE RIGHT.

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Pythagoras Wins National Tourney

Jim Mandes Leads Washington Team with 70 Point Total

Pythagoras Chapter No. 9 of Washington, D. C., met and defeated the Ypsilanti Chapter No. 22 from Chicago in the final game culminating the Sons of Pericles National Basketball Tournament. The tournament was held during the weekend of March 3, 1957, under the sponsorship of the Washington Chapter, in the Nation's Capital.

Seven teams representing various sections of the country participated. These teams included Warren, Ohio, No. 39; Lowell, Mass., No. 14; Cleveland, Ohio, No. 28; New York, N. Y., No. 5; and Baltimore, Md., No. 80, besides the two finalists.

Almost every game of the tournament was a close, thrilling contest and the final game was no exception. The lead exchanged hands almost as often as a basket was scored with Washington leading at the half 26-24. The third period saw the fired-up Washington quintet, led by Jim "Dandy" Mandes, pull ahead by 4 more points. However, in the final period the Washington team completely dominated the play over the Chicago squad, going away by 15 points, 57-42. High scorer for the game was Mike Harvey of Chicago with 18, followed closely by Jim "Dandy" and Demetre Koutras of Washington with 17 and 16 respectively.

Paul Stavrakos of Chicago played an excellent floor game as well as scoring 14 to win the Harry Agganis, Most Outstanding Player Award, for the tournament. Other trophies awarded were to Jim Mandes of Washington for being the high scorer with an average of over 23 points a game for three games, to Chicago for second place and another for having travelled the greatest distance, to Warren for third place, and to Lowell for winning the consolation bracket, besides that to the Washington Chapter for winning the title.

The first round pairings were Washington-Lowell, Cleveland-New York, Warren-Baltimore, with Chicago—seeded first—drawing a bye. Washington, Cleveland and Warren won by scores of 75-52, 51-49 (Cleveland by a squeaker) and 62-21. In the second round, Chicago defeated Cleveland 56-31 and Washington defeated Warren 61-49 in the winners bracket. In the consolation bracket, Lowell defeated New York by 45-22 as Baltimore drew a bye.

Lowell met Baltimore in the finals of the consolation bracket and won 44-30 while Warren emerged victorious in the battle for third place, defeating Cleveland 36-25. Then came the championship contest to round out the tournament's athletic activities.

The Box Score of the championship game follows:

WASHINGTON				
	Pos.	FG	FT	Total
Koutras, D.	C	5	6	16
Harrison, B.	F	7	0	14
Mandes, G.	F	0	2	2
Mandes, J.	G	5	7	17
Karayianis, N.	G	3	0	6
Clifton, C.	F	1	0	2
		21	15	57

CHICAGO				
	Pos.	FG	FT	Total
Harvey, M.	C	7	4	18
Stavrakos, P.	F	6	2	14
Tounta, N.	F	2	0	4
Kapsalis, W.	G	2	0	4
Lecos, J.	G	1	0	2
		18	6	42

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Washington	12	14	12	19	57
Chicago	11	13	8	10	42

There was one particularly sour note in the tournament, unfortunately, when a misunderstanding occurred as to the time of expected arrival of the Harrisburg Chapter. They were to have been the eighth participant in the tourney. They arrived too late and their scheduled game with Chicago was forfeited.

The Harrisburg Sons arrived at a time which they had been informed would be acceptable and found themselves with already one loss to their credit. The Washington Chapter wishes to apologize to Harrisburg for this deficiency in the proper handling of the arrangements.



SWEETHEART'S CROWN—At the annual ball of Lefkothea Chapter No. 65 of the Daughters of Penelope, Cleveland, Ohio, Miss Donna Vassos of the Hebe Chapter No. 53 of the Maids of Athens was crowned as the Sweetheart of the event from a field of 75 contestants. Miss Amelia Bamias, President of the Lefkothea, is seen placing the crown on Miss Vassos during the festivities at the Cleveland Hotel, Feb. 9, 1957.

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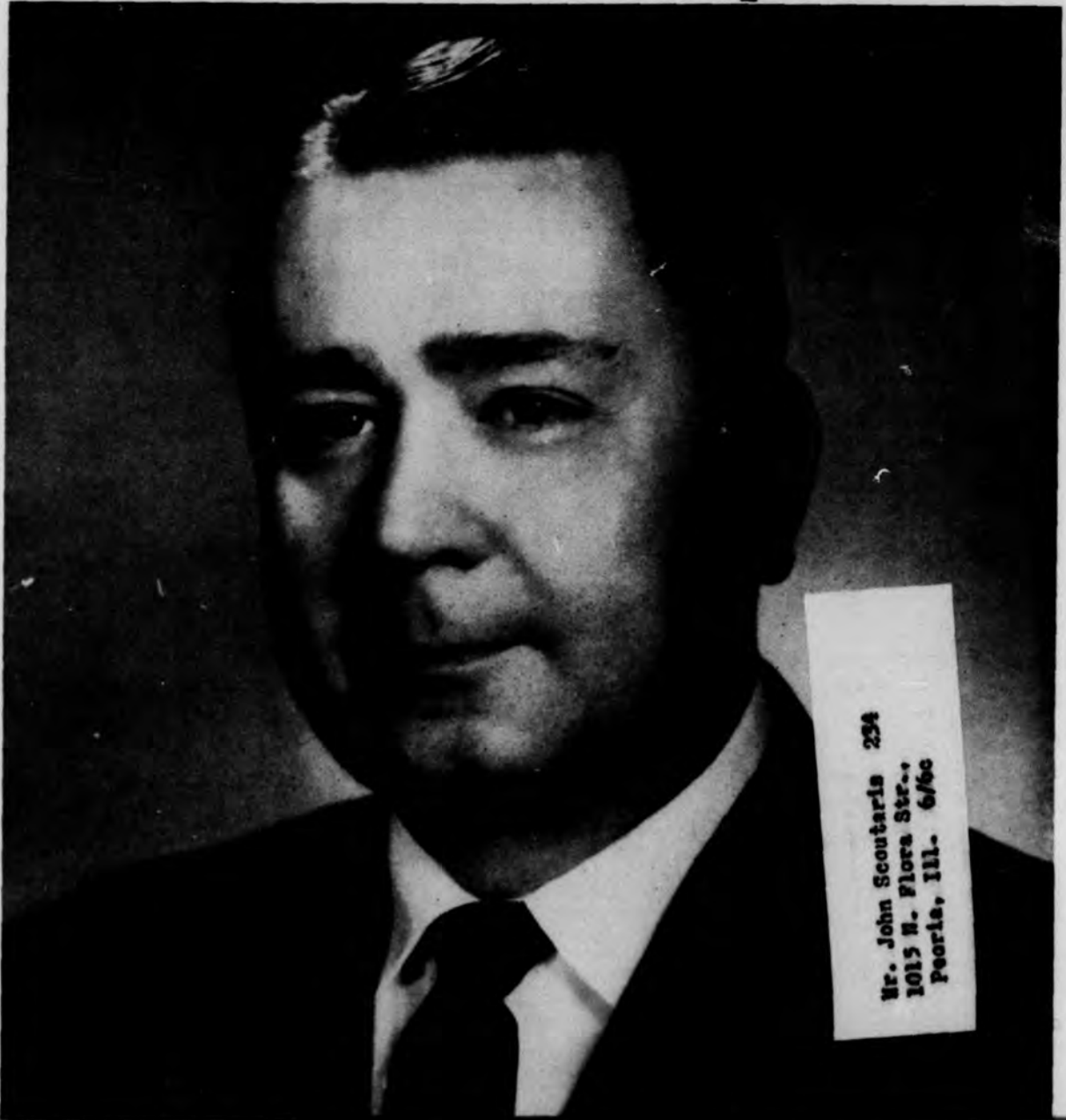
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ΒΑΣΙΛΙΣΣΑ ΦΡΕΙΔΕΡΙΚΗ

* Ἡ Ἑλληνικὴ σημαία, ἡ συνεισφορά τοῦ ὑπερωκεανείου εἰς τὴν διατήρησιν τοῦ ΕΥ-
ΓΕΝΙΔΕΙΟΥ ΙΔΡΥΜΑΤΟΣ που συντελεῖ εἰς
τὴν ἀνάπτυξιν τῆς τεχνικῆς ἐκπαίδευσως
στὴν Ἑλλάδα, αἱ ἀνταξίαι, ἡ ΑΠΛΟΧΩΡΙΑ
καὶ ἡ ἐξαιρετικὴ ΣΤΑΘΕΡΟΤΗΣ τοῦ «ΒΑΣΙ-
ΛΙΣΣΑ ΦΡΕΙΔΕΡΙΚΗ», ἐξετιμήθησαν ἀπὸ
τοὺς ὁμογενεῖς μας, οἱ ὅποιοι καὶ ὡς ἄτομα
καὶ ὡς ὀργανώσεις υπεστήριξαν καὶ ὑπο-
στηρίζουν τὸ Ἐθνικὸν μας ὑπερωκεανειόν.

* Τὸ «ΒΑΣΙΛΙΣΣΑ ΦΡΕΙΔΕΡΙΚΗ» ἐνεκονί-
ασε τὸ 1957 ὑπὸ τοὺς καλύτερους οἰωνούς,
ἀναχωρῆσαν διὰ Πειραιᾶ μετὰ τὸν μεγαλυτέ-
ρον ἀριθμὸν ἐπιβατῶν ἀπὸ ὅλα τὰ ἄλλα
ὑπερωκεανεία τῆς γραμμῆς. Αἱ νεοκατα-
σκευασθεῖσαι δεῦτεροκατασκευασθεῖσαι
μετὰ FACILITIES ἐπιτρέπουσι εἰς 400 περί-
που ἐπιβάτας ΤΟΥΡΙΣΤΙΚΗΣ θεσεως νὰ
χρησιμοποιῶσι κομπίνιας με ἰδιαίτερον του-
αλέτταν μετὰ ΛΟΥΤΡΟΥ.

* Ὅσοι ὁμογενεῖς θὰ βρεθῶν ἐπὶ τὴν Ἑλλάδα
τὸ φετινὸ καλοκαίρι θὰ χαροῦν τὰ ΦΕΣΤΙ-
ΒΑΛ τῆς ΕΠΙΔΑΥΡΟΥ καὶ τῶν ΑΘΗΝΩΝ,
μετὰ τὸ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΝ ΘΕΑΤΡΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑ-
ΔΟΣ, τὸν ΝΙΚΟ ΜΟΣΧΟΝΑ, τὴν ΜΑΡΙΑ
ΚΑΛΛΑΣ, τὴν ΣΥΜΦΩΝΙΚΗΝ ΟΡΧΗΣΤΡΑΝ
ΜΙΝΝΕΑΠΟΛΕΩΣ, τὴν ΟΠΕΡΑ ΤΗΣ ΒΙ-
ΕΝΝΗΣ καὶ ἄλλα.

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ρίας τῆς Παναγίας. Ἀναχωρῆσαι ἀπὸ τὴν Τήνον
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βραδὺ τῆς ἰδίας ἡμέρας.



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YOU ARE ALL ASSOCIATE EDITORS

In the solitude of our tiny country estate in Glenview, Ill., known for its beautiful homes, its spacious yards, decorated with the world's most unusual flowers and the absence of any commercial enterprises; on the land which was explored by the French in 1634 and which, in 1833 sold for \$1.25 an acre and incorporated as a village in 1899, we begin for the first time, to edit one of the world's best known American-Hellenic fraternal magazines—"THE AHEPAN", official organ of the world renowned American-Hellenic fraternal association, the ORDER OF AHEPA.

Here we begin the most pleasant task of bringing together the important news of our chapters scattered throughout the U. S. and Canada for the general information of our membership.

However, the success or failure of this vast undertaking we are about to embark, for the benefit of all Ahepdom, can be measured only by the cooperation this staff will receive from those whose official capacity places them in the actual position of responsibility to see that the proper news-matter arrives in due time for the publication of each issue of the "AHEPAN". It is for this reason that your editor appeals to all the Ahepa communities where also will be found chapters of the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athens to assist him with this great task through their publicity departments. So in a wider-sense, all of our ladies and gentlemen comprising these publicity departments are therefore considered as co-editors of the "AHEPAN".

To you, I shall always look for guidance in formulating the policy of the "AHEPAN". To you too, falls the task to see that we receive the news of a chapter's officers election and installation; yours is the important duty to report births in your community's Ahepa family and tell us of those beautiful weddings. And, to you we will look for those sad reports of our departed brothers and sisters, sons and maids, as well as the infusion of new blood joining the ranks of our beloved Fraternity. In short you are that important link between the "AHEPAN" and the community which has placed so much confidence in your selection to see that our sister chapters throughout the domain are kept informed of our civic, fraternal and spiritual activities.

In return, I promise to edit a magazine worthy of the confidence placed in me by the Supreme Lodge of the Order and to keep it free from any controversial or factional material which is so detrimental to the well-being of any great Fraternity such as ours. The policy of the "AHEPAN", always, will be one of favoritism to none and equal space to all, irrespective of group or factional affiliation.

Your editor also grasps this opportunity to express his sincere appreciation and thanks to our new Supreme President, C. P. Verinis who has served in this capacity before him for his helpful suggestions and other appropriate journalistic "hints" which have made this first issue possible. And, on behalf of all the members of the illustrious 13th District of our Order, in whose ranks I have tried, unselfishly, to perform my Ahepa duty for more than 20 years of active participation, the editor expresses many thanks to the Supreme Lodge for the recognition given them through my appointment.

And with God willing and all the Ahepans cooperating, the "AHEPAN" and its editor, once again will greet you in Boston, where another great convocation should write greater and more glorious pages in the history of this Fraternity which is the proud servant of all the Hellenic peoples throughout the world.



1957 OUR NEW THE SUPREME LODGE OF

CONSTANTINE P. VERINIS SUPREME PRESIDENT

The Supreme President and chief executive officer of our Order is a man of outstanding administrative ability and a national fraternal figure. Gus, as he is affectionately known to his Ahepa brothers, is an average American citizen of Hellenic ancestry who was born in White Plains, N. Y., 45 years ago and living in New Haven, Conn., ever since he was 7 years old.

Fifteen years ago, Bro. Verinis, joined the COCLIN Tobacco Corp. as a salesman and now is its secretary-treasurer and one of its main stockholders. The Coclin Tobacco Corp. is the largest tobacco distributor in all Southern New England with branches in New Haven, Bridgeport and Providence with a total annual gross sales of over ten million dollars.

In early life, Gus Verinis joined the Sons of Pericles and within two years in 1929 he served as Secretary and President of his chapter. Three years later he was elected Supreme Treasurer, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer and finally in 1932 Supreme President, in which office he served for two years. It was during this time that he showed excellent leadership and rare initiative by helping establish 49 new Chapters and also editing the "Periclean".

He duplicated this admirable record when he finally joined the New Haven Chapter of Ahepa in 1933. After serving as Secretary, Vice-President and President for two years,

he was elevated to the office of the Lt. Governor of Yankee District No. 7 in 1945 and the following year became District Governor. During his two terms, he established the "Yankee District News", organized the Bowling League and introduced the annual district-wide initiation.

Gus Verinis was first elected to the Supreme Lodge as Supreme Governor in 1949. He was elevated to Supreme Secretary in 1951, where he served for two years and finally elected to the Supreme Vice-Presidency of our Order in 1954, having been re-elected in 1955. In 1956 at New York he lost his bid for Supreme President but at the St. Louis Convention last August, he won the highest office within the gift of his brothers by an overwhelming majority.

In addition, he has been Editor of the "Ahepan" for three terms and has served on many of the important committees within the Order.

His interests, however, are not restricted to Ahepa service, whose record is ample for any man. He has found time to join the Masons, The Eagles, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and to serve on the Greek War Relief, and to assist his own community for the last five years both as director and treasurer, particularly with the building of their new church and improvement of the church property. Besides, he was awarded an honorable discharge from the United States Army.

Married to the former Sue Dometios of New York and not having been blessed with children, the Verinis' have adopted a Greek orphan boy through the Ahepa Committee. (Picture of the Supreme President C. P. Verinis on front cover.)

GEORGE E. LOUCAS Supreme Vice-President

Attorney Loucas was born in Palea Foca, Asia Minor, on July 20, 1907. When he was nine years old he came to America and joined his father in Weirton, West Virginia where the latter was employed by the Weirton Steel Company.

George attended the Weirton elementary schools and in 1926 graduated from the local High School. Before entering law school at the West Virginia University he majored in speech and psychology. Of meager means while attending the University for five years Loucas was a newspaper carrier, shoe-shine boy, a waiter in a local restaurant merchandise, a hog carrier and com-



mon laborer at the Weirton Steel Company. At the University he wrestled for two years. He graduated with a Law Degree in February, 1931, and has been practicing law ever since with the exception of 31 months when he served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II. Loucas' Greek education was attained at the Greek-American Institute of New York during 1920-1921.

Ahepa is a religion with Brother Loucas. He was initiated at Morgantown, W. Va., in 1927 and has been active ever since his graduation from the University in 1931. He served in all chapter offices including the presidency and then moved up into the District where he chalked-up an enviable record as an outstanding leader of the 11th District which he served as District Governor for three years. During his tenure as District Governor he increased the membership 100 a house-to-house salesman of general %, instituted three new chapters and

kept the 11th almost at the top of the Ahepa Domain.

Nationally, Brother Loucas has attended all National Conventions since 1934 with the exception of two. He has been responsible for much of the legislation adopted at these conventions. He has served the Order as Supreme Governor for two terms, 1938-39 and 1939-40 and as Supreme Counsellor in 1941-42. He has instituted the Student Initiation Plan, whereby the sponsors pay the initiation fee of students at college with chapters participating in the aid of the payment of dues.

Loucas has also served his community as president of the Board of Trustees of his church and was the first president of the Weirton High Alumni Association and Chairman of the Greek War Relief. He has served as President and Secretary of the County Bar Association, chairman of the Hancock County Cancer Association Campaign and vice-president of

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the Red Cross Drive. He is a member of the Moose, Elks and the Eagles. In 1939 he served as a member of the House of Delegates in the West Virginia Legislature. He is married to the former Ermione Karnoupakis from Chios, Greece. They have twin boys attending the University of West Virginia, one the College of Law and the other in the College of Pharmacy.

GEORGE D. VLASSIS

Supreme Vice-President in Canada



Bro. Vlassis who is currently serving as Director of the Office of Press and information of the Royal Greek Embassy in Ottawa Canada, was born in Corinth, Greece. He attended the Gymnasium of Corinth and holds a B. A. Degree from the University of Manitoba, Canada and an M. A. Degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin. Also holds a Collegiate Teachers Certificate for the Province of Manitoba, Canada.

Brother Vlassis has taught Classical Greek at Wesley College, Winnipeg, Man., and Classical and Modern Greek at Carleton College in Ottawa, Canada. He is a Fellow of the American Geographical Society and is a member of the Canadian Authors Association. He is the author of several books in both English and Greek including "The Greeks in Canada, 1953".

Brother Vlassis is a member of the Carleton Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Ottawa, Canada.

His manifold activities in the Ahepa won him national recognition. He has served as President of the Toronto and Ottawa chapters and as Governor of Districts 23 and 24.

Brother Vlassis was decorated by King Paul of Greece for outstanding services in Canada with the Golden Cross of Phoenix.

KIMON A. DOUKAS

Supreme Secretary



Brother Doukas now serving on the Supreme Lodge for the first time, was born in Smyrna, and came to New York City in 1922. He is married but has no children. A graduate of Columbia University and New

York University, he was awarded in 1945 by Columbia the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in public law and government. He is the author of a study dealing with enterprises of public interest and of numerous articles in professional reviews. After teaching law and government at City College in New York and Indiana University, he served both War Department and State Department on two missions to Greece—on transportation in 1945 and elections in 1946. After his release from service, he became a director and the executive Vice-President of a number of Shipping Companies.

Brother Doukas was initiated in 1927 by Delphi Chapter No. 25, which he served as President for two terms. He has headed the Messenger Board, the Combined Bull Committee and many other New York Metropolitan committees. He was called to Washington in 1944 to reorganize this magazine and served as its editor for four years, as associate editor for three more years.

When Lieutenant Governor and District Governor of Empire State District No. 6, he successfully organized two Grand Banquets, in commemoration of the Anniversary of Greek Independence Day in 1954 and 1955. He also acted as co-chairman of the Convention City Committee for the 1956 New York Convention.

Kimon A. Doukas, like most of us, has a real passion for Ahepa. He believes in its noble ideals and has contributed his utmost for the success of its many projects. He has been in the forefront of all New York activities on both chapter and district levels.

He is now called upon to discharge the arduous task of the Supreme Secretary of the Order. His legal training and his business experience are additional assurances that he is eminently qualified to serve us.

STEPHEN C. ANDREADIS

Supreme Treasurer



A business man now serving his second term on the Supreme Lodge of the Order, Brother Stephen C. Andreadis was born in 1916 at Peabody, Mass. the son of Charles and Sophia Andreadis, who immigrated

to the United States from Neon Carlovassi, Samos, Greece.

His early education was in Peabody following which he entered Boston University. He graduated in 1938 with an A. B. Degree to continue his studies at Harvard Graduate School during the period 1940-42 where he majored in History and where he also was a part-time instructor.

During World War II he served in the Army Air Force 1942-46 as a Link Trainer Instructor, Army Intelligence, Historical Division and Instructor in the Armed Forces Institute. Upon his discharge he moved to Lansing, Mich., where he married the former Sally Solovis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sideris. They have one child, Stephanie. Bro. Andreadis is the proprietor of Sal's Coffee Shop.

Ahepa has been Brother Andreadis' hobby. He has devoted many years to the service of the Order and has served in most all chapter and district lodge offices, including the presidency of Wolverine Chapter No. 142. He also served two terms each as Lieut. Governor and Governor of the Automotive District No. 10. He has been a delegate to nine national conventions and at the San Francisco

Convention he served as secretary of the Convention. In New York in 1956 he won his first term on the Supreme Lodge as one of its Supreme Governors.

Active in Democratic Party circles in Michigan, he was recently appointed to the State Board for Libraries by Brother G. Mennen Williams Governor of Michigan. Brother Andreas is also a member of the Masonic Lodge, member of Capital Lodge S. O. No. 66, member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and is active in the Church affairs of Lansing having served as member of the Board of Trustees for four years and presently serving as Treasurer of the Board.

GREGORY G. LAGAKOS

Supreme Counsellor



Attorney, Gregory G. Lagakos is a member of the Philadelphia law firm of Rappaport and Lagakos, and recently was appointed National Chairman of the Greek Section of the Democratic Party by G. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan who is currently serving as Chairman of the Nationalities Division of the Democratic Party.

Brother Lagakos is a graduate of the College of South Jersey (1933) and the College of William and Mary, A. B., (1935) and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, LL.B., (1938). At College of William and Mary he was elected to the Dean's Honor List and in Law School he served as president of William E. Mikell Law Club. He is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations and is a member of the National Board of Directors of the Immigration and Nationality Lawyers Association. Also a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

During World War II he served as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Dept., Army of the United States and was appointed Judge Advocate and Legal Adviser to the American Section, Allied Mission to observe the Greek elections in 1946. Bro. Lagakos is married and the father of one child.

Brother Lagakos has a long and outstanding record as a civic leader

in Philadelphia, having served as chairman of the Greek Division of the Red Cross, chairman of Greek Independence Day, Chairman of the Ionian Islands Earthquake Relief Campaign, Chairman of the Ahepa Justice for Cyprus Committee, Greek War Relief Ass'n, State and Regional Director of the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee, National Chairman of the Ahepa Committee for the Revision of the Walter — McCarran Law, Treasurer of the Philadelphia Citizens Committee on Immigration and Citizenship, member of Board of Directors, International Institute, member of the Committee for Equal Job Opportunities, Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, and as member of the Board of Commissioners of Philadelphia.

Having served his chapter and district lodge of our Order, Bro. Lagakos was elevated to the Supreme Lodge in 1956-57 as Supreme Counsellor to which post he was again re-elected in St. Louis.

MICHAEL COLIAS

Supreme Governor



A successful business man, Brother Colias is a charter member of Waco (Texas) Chapter No. 328 having served as its first president. He was born in Kounoupia, Arcadia, Greece and immigrated to Waco, Texas, during his early teens. His entire Ahepa membership is noted by the fact that he has always served in an elective office in his chapter, and District Lodge. In 1947 he was elected to the District Governorship in which capacity he again served during 1954.

Brother Colias' Ahepa career is marked by more than 22,000 miles traveled for the glory of our Order visiting various chapters and attending many national conventions. His motto always has been: "When I work for the church or Ahepa, I do not want to be paid for it". With this in mind, Bro. Colias, has each time, as Governor, donated the Governor's appropriation to the scholarship fund and District treasury.

Last June, Bro. Colias was named the "Ahepa-of-the-Year" of District No. 16 during the District Convention

held in Waco.

He is also an active member of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Gurley Lodge No. 327; a thirty-two degree Mason and Shriner; member of the Waco Chamber of Commerce; Texas Restaurant Association and the Waco Greek Orthodox Church Community having served the latter as its President, secretary and treasurer.

Bro. Colias, is married to the former Margaret Costakis of Tulsa, Oklahoma and they have two daughters Carolyn 6 and Tina 4.

PETER KOUCHALAKOS

Supreme Governor



An educator, athlete, soldier, and representative agent of a Miami banking and investment firm Brother Kouchalacos is currently serving as the Dean of the Miami, Fla., public high schools. He was born in Lowell,

Mass., on April 25, 1921. His parents Soterios and Constance Kouchalacos still reside in Lowell, Mass.

Bro. Kouchalacos attended the public and high schools at Lowell and graduated from Bridgeton Academy and the University of Miami from which he holds a Bachelor of Education and Supervision degrees. He is an officer of Phi Delta Kappa, graduate educational fraternity at the University of Miami.

During World War II he served in the U. S. Armed Forces and participated in the invasion of France and served in five European campaigns. He was decorated for heroic action in the "Battle of the Bulge" and was honorably discharged on December 20, 1945.

While in High School, and College, Bro. Kouchalacos, excelled in basketball and football and played on Varsity teams. He is a member of the Miami University "M" Club and Alumni Gridders Club.

Bro. Kouchalacos' Ahepa career includes many years as a chapter officer including that of President of Miami Chapter No. 14. Then he served District No. 2 as secretary, Lt. Governor and District Governor for two terms each. He also served at various district conventions as secretary, vice-chairman and chairman. At the New York National Convention he served as secretary.

WILLIAM C. KARNAZE

Supreme Governor



An active Ahepan since 1934, Bro. Karnaze was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on November 15, 1912. Currently serving as City Prosecutor of Kansas City, Bro. Karnaze served as the first President of Sunflower Chapter No. 372, as secretary and a member of the Board of Governors.

He was elected to the office of Dist. Lieut. Governor and then served as District Governor. In 1956 he was selected as the Ahepan-of-the-Year both of his chapter and the 15th District. He served as Chairman of the 25th Annual 15th District Convention and as toastmaster of the Harry S. Truman Testimonial Library Dinner sponsored by the Order. He has attended several national conventions including the Minneapolis, Washington, Houston, Pittsburgh and St. Louis conclaves.

Active in politics and engaged in the general practice of law he also served as State Vehicle Department Hearing Attorney following his graduation from Kansas University.

Bro. Karnaze is also a member of the county and state bar associations, Kansas City Traffic Commission, Optimist International, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and holds the degree of Chevalier in the Order of DeMolay and is a member of St. Dionysios Greek Orthodox Church. He took an active part in the Kansas City Flood Relief Program, Greek War Relief and many local community charitable drives.

Brother Karnaze is married and has six children, a daughter and five sons. Roberta, his wife, is presently serving as Lt. Governor of the Daughters of Penelope of District 15. His parents, Chrysanthos and Efthemia were born in Selemne, near Tripolis, Greece.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Will carry complete Biographies of Grand Lodge Officers of the Daughters of Penelope, District Governors and District Governors of the Order of Ahepa.

GRAND LODGE Daughters of Penelope



ZOE CAVALARIS

Grand President

In St. Louis, Zoe Cavalaris was elected by a large majority to her second term as Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope.

Sister Cavalaris was born on the Island of Tenedos and came to the United States with her parents at the age of three. She is married to Thomas Cavalaris of Charlotte, North Carolina, a member of the Ahepa since 1922; and they are the parents of two sons, future members of the Sons of Pericles.

Her parents have been members of the Ahepa from its inception. She entered the Ahepa family as a member of the Maids of Athens and was initiated into the Daughters of Penelope thirteen years ago and since that time has been active in the Senior Ladies Auxiliary. She has served her Chapter, Venus No. 102 of Charlotte, N. C. in many posts and as President for several terms.

Mrs. Cavalaris attended her first National Convention at Columbus, Ohio; at all times she has been very active in Civic and Community Projects in her city. She has served two terms as President of the Charlotte Philoptochos Society, during the time the community started to build and

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EVELYN SEMOS

Grand Secretary

A native of Passaic, N. J., Evelyn Semos went to Dallas, Texas 22 years ago and ever since has been active in the civic and social life of this fast growing Texas city. She is a charter member of Terpsichore Chapter No. 105 which was instituted in 1942 and has served her chapter in various ways through the years. She then advanced to the District Lodge and it was while serving as District Treasurer that she was elected Grand Governor Zone No. 3 by the San Francisco National Convention. As Grand Governor she was very active in organizational work in Districts No. 14, 15, and 16. For many years she has attended district and national conventions as a delegate and has served on important convention committees. At the New York conclave, she was unanimously re-elected Grand Governor and in St. Louis received the unanimous vote of the delegation for the office of Grand Secretary.

Sister Semos is an active Bond worker—served her chapter as Bond Chairman and then her district as Bond Chairman. She is also a member of the Texas Women's Advisory Committee, Savings Bond Division of the U. S. Treasury Department. Also active in church community affairs. Mrs. Semos is a member of St. Barbara Ladies Society. She is the mother of a twenty one year old son, Chris.

Highlights Of The Ahepa St

The biggest surprise of the St. Louis National Convention of the Order, was the complete victory of the Verinis group. Veteran delegates are still trying to figure out the "whys and whats" which gave Brother Verinis the largest vote of confidence, perhaps, of any previous Ahepa leader.

The convention got off to a beautiful and solemn start with the traditional church services held on Sunday morning August 18 in the famous Kiel Auditorium where His Grace Archbishop Michael, assisted by a number of priests and a 75-voice choir said High Mass. More than 3,000 persons attended the Church services.

Preceding the official opening of the convention the local committee held a reception in honor of the supreme lodge at the Surf 'N Surf Club and then the convention officially opened in the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. This was followed by a "Kalos Orisate Party" in the evening, also held in the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. This was a real get-together party and gave the delegates and their Ahepa friends a real chance to better acquaint themselves with each other.

ELECTION OF CONVENTION OFFICERS

Following the election of New York's Louis J. Dukas as convention chairman; Minnesota's legislator, Thomas Christie as vice-chairman and Seattle's Theme Carras as Secretary, announcement was made of the various committee chairmen along with their respective membership. These committees, immediately went into executive sessions and brought forth several important recommendations which finally were adopted by the convention. Most important legislation adopted, was the grouping of all insurance programs; a constitutional amendment giving the larger chapters of the fraternity proportionate membership representation at all national conventions, which of course does not effect district conclave membership, but, allows chapters with 15 members but not more than 50, one full vote; Chapters with 51 members and not more than 125, 2 full votes and one additional full vote for each additional 100 members. Future opinions of the Supreme Counsellor will remain final and binding on the Order and may be changed only by 2/3 majority of the Supreme Lodge. The convention also directed the new supreme lodge to re-employ an executive secretary in accordance with the Constitution of the Order; and the Canadian jurisdiction was strengthened by an amendment which allows Canadian districts to elect district governors for two consecutive terms, same persons to be eligible to serve again in the same capacity after a five year lapse in service; the convention further authorized an Immigration and Naturalization committee to be appointed by the Supreme Lodge whose duty shall be to work with other national groups seeking equitable and just immigration laws and also adopted a resolution reaffirming Ahepa's previous stand in favor of the historic principle of self-determination for the people of Cyprus. The resolution, further, condemned the totalitarian methods employed by the British and empowered the incoming supreme lodge to assist further with the self-determination desires of the Cypriots.

The Credentials Committee did a herculean job and was staffed by Nick Chronis of Brookline, Mass.; George Pappademas, Nashua, N. H.; Xenophon K. Microusticos, Trenton, N. J.; George Dimas, New York City and Sam Karakostas of Chicago. Other committees and their chairmen included the Legislative headed by Zack T. Ritsos; Immigration and

Naturalization by George C. Vournas; Magazine by Peter N. Montzoros; Insurance by Judge Stephen S. Scopas and others.

THE OFFICIAL BANQUET

The official banquet of the convention was held in the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel with many outstanding city, state and national personalities in attendance. The occasion was honored by the presence of His Grace Archbishop Michael; His Excellency George V. Melas, Ambassador of Greece to the United States; His Excellency G. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan and many other notables. Almost 1,000 persons were in attendance.

Principal speaker of the evening was Governor Williams whose speech was loudly applauded. Among other things, Gov. Williams said he rejoiced in the fact that he was a "member of this great fraternal organization". "Yes, I am proud to be identified as an Ahepan" said the dues-paying Governor. "This great fraternal organization serves, among other purposes, as a reminder, and even a monument, to the eternal debt which the world owes to the Greeks of antiquity. You are the proud namesakes of a great spiritual and cultural legacy — a legacy that has been bequeathed to all mankind; a legacy that is more than a legacy, by the way, as Ypsilanti proved in the last century, and Mussolini and Stalin found out in this" said Gov. Williams.

QUEEN CORONATION AND GRAND BALL

Among the many social events of the convention the most beautiful and well attended affair was the coronation of Miss Chris Katsoulis as the Ahepa Queen. "Her Majesty" is the daughter of Mrs. Manti Katsoulis and the late Constantine Katsoulis of Patras, Greece and is a niece to Brother Harry Stathis, the "patriarch" of the St. Louis Ahepans. Her Majesty's Maids of Honor included the Misses Christine Alexander, Elaine Kollias, Becky Lampros, Helen Magafas, Mary Panages and Angela Lambrinos.

The retiring Queen is Miss Steffie Poulos. James Tompras acted as the Herald with Frank Gregory as Master of Ceremonies. During the ceremonies young Peter Mavromatis was presented with the Dr. C. B. Johannides scholarship. This is in honor of a great Ahepan of St. Louis, Dr. Johannides who was among the founders of the St. Louis May Festivals and the Ahepa Queen Coronations. Dr. Johannides has served as an Executive Secretary of the Order.

Following the coronation and the Grand Ball the Queen's Supper was held at the Sheraton-Jefferson until the wee hours of the morning.

Other notable social gatherings was the moonlight excursion down the Mississippi on the S. S. Admiral with Chris Boulos of Elgin, resplendent in his admiral's uniform holding sway over the 2,000 or more conventioneer excursionists. The Key Club a new convention innovation which kept the late crowds happy with extra-ordinary entertainment in the Boulevard Room from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. each day; Sons and Maids Dance held at the Statler Hotel; Daughters' Masque Ball; the traditional Greek Glendi; Daughters' Fashion Show and the Golf Tournament prizes for which were donated through the courtesy of Schenley Distillers Corp.

1959 CONVENTION CITY

A delegation headed by Nick Koumiotis, President of Hollywood (Calif.) Chapter No. 318 won the privilege to host the 1959 National Convention. The only other city bidding against Hollywood was San Diego.

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St. Louis 1957 Convention



Left to right (1) Working at the 12 hour tally count are the tellers with Peter Cardiges of Pittsburgh at the microphone; (2) On with the victory dance after the election are Supreme President C. P. Verinis, C. E. Athas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Past Sup. President George C. Vournas; (3) Mrs. Evelyn Semos of Dallas, Texas, Grand Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope accompanied by Brothers William Nicas and George Payne of Omaha, Neb., as they leave Kiel Auditorium following Church services; (4) the convention officers, Louis J. Dukas of New York City, Chairman; Thomas Christie of Minneapolis, vice chairman and Theme Carras of Seattle, secretary; (5) attending church services are Andrew S. Nicholson, past Dist. Governor of the 21st Dist. and Mrs. Nicholson; Mrs. George Bezaitis, former sup. treasurer, George Bezaitis; and Thomas D. Jones of Richmond, Va.; (6) Chris Boulos of Elgin, Ill., "Admiral" of the Ahepa Excursion

on the Mississippi as he is about to board the S. S. Admiral steamer with Mrs. Margaret Mantzoros and his wife Kay; (7) Mario Mongini consumer convention manager of Schenley Distillers Co., of New York with Peter Tomaras, Chairman of the Convention Athletic Committee as they look over the Golf Tournament trophies donated to the Ahepa by the Schenley Co.; (8) Former Supreme Governor James Frangos and Mrs. Frangos of Albuquerque, N. M. as they leave Kiel Auditorium; Good Fellows gather at the victory party. (Standing left to right) are Louis J. Dukas; Sup. Secretary, Kimon A. Doukas; Sup. Vice-Pres., George E. Loucas; Zack T. Ritsos, and A. Georgiades. (kneeling left to right) are: John M. Manos, Thomas Cavalaris and George Bezaitis; Seen on the convention floor are: Leo J. Zotaley former Dist. Governor of the 14th Dist., George A. Xanthey and Dist. Gov. of the 14th John W. Mercury all hailing from Minneapolis.

PROGRESS REPORT

By C. P. VERINIS, Supreme President

Keeping our promise to advise the entire membership on all the activities of your Supreme Lodge I hereby tender for your information and guidance Progress Report No. 2 which is a summary of the two meetings held by your Supreme Lodge at St. Louis, August 25 and in Washington, October 11-13, 1957.

MINUTES.— We regret we have been unable to obtain yet the Minutes of the St. Louis Convention. Because of other equally pressing business and a death in her family, the stenographer was unavoidably delayed in meeting her commitment. We hope to have the minutes shortly.

EXCURSION.— We have contracted with the Home Lines to sail on the S/S Queen Frederica leaving New York March 19, 1958. For advertising and other promotional work, we have been allowed an advance of \$30,000 plus other considerations. Further details will follow.

AHEPA HALL FOR BOYS.— After a visit with His Grace, Archbishop Michael at St. Basil's Academy, we were convinced that building at this time of a Home for Boys without corresponding facilities for classrooms is neither wise nor practical. We are working out the details of renovating an existing building to be used as a dormitory for boys and constructing a new building with classroom facilities for boys and girls. As soon as we study the Minutes, we shall circularize the entire fraternity for approval of the new plan. The account has now a grand total of \$141,442.90. All Chapters are hereby requested to send to Headquarters whatever funds they have on hand from collections conducted in the past.

FINANCES.— As of September 30, 1957, all Supreme Lodge funds in cash and bonds amounted to \$57,192.24, and all Trustees Funds totalled \$200,621.05. Specifically, the following cash balances were credited to Supreme Lodge Funds: Emergency Fund \$6,190.57; Ahepa Family Protective Fund \$37,553.16 with 52 claims waiting to be processed; The Ahepan \$7,316.98; National Banquet \$3,254.41. The General Fund had a balance of \$2,877.12, against which there were accounts payable amounting to \$8,939.45, exclusive of the cost of the St. Louis Convention minutes.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.— Though the three appointees of Past Supreme President John Manta did not attend the Washington meeting, the Insurance Committee proceeded in setting up an Insurance Department by consolidating and merging all insurance projects, in accordance with the St. Louis Convention mandate. Further details will be supplied to you upon receipt of the Minutes. However, new applications to the Family Protective Fund have been returned and those accepted before St. Louis are being reprocessed in an effort to limit the Order's liability. Receipts thus far have been under \$57,000.00 and there have been 65 deaths thus far.

MEMBERSHIP.— There will be a joint drive for membership for both Ahepans and Daughters commencing January 1, and terminating May 1, 1958. The details, being worked out by Supreme President C. P. Verinis and Grand President Zoe Cavaris, will reach you shortly.

SONS OF PERICLES.— Supreme President Tom Cho-

lakis has already circularized you for your active participation. We must revive the interest in the Sons and bring back to the fold not only new members but also dormant Chapters. Please help as much as you can. District Advisors are particularly urged to cooperate fully.

ESSAY CONTEST.— Two years ago we declared an Essay Contest on the "Significance of the Ahepa Excursions to Greece", among the members of our two Junior Orders. Because only seven Maids and three Sons participated, we have extended the contest for the current year 1957-1958. There will be three prizes of one round trip to Greece each. Further details will reach you by the Committee now being organized.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROGRAM.— This is a recent movement seeking to reach the people direct for peace throughout the world. It was inspired by President Eisenhower and is being directed primarily from New York. We are sharing in the effort wholeheartedly.

ATHLETICS.— The official program worked out by National Director John Mandros and approved by your Supreme Lodge calls for the following tournaments: Basketball for both Ahepans and Sons, Bowling, Golf and Tennis. The 14th National Ahepa Olympiad will take place in Boston during the convention in 1958.

IMMIGRATION.— A special committee is being organized in connection with pending legislation in Congress, and in accordance with the mandate passed at St. Louis.

THE AHEPAN.— We are pleased to advise that Brother Peter N. Mantzoros of Glenview, Illinois, has been appointed the editor, and Thalia Printing of New York, as the low bidder, was awarded the printing of our magazine.

SUPPLIES.— Our supplies of constitutions, rituals, charter petitions, stationery, membership applications and reinstatements have been totally exhausted at the Headquarters. Though no arrangements or appropriation has been made for replenishing these supplies, we are making the necessary purchases. Please be patient.

EMERGENCY FUND.— We have received 39 claims at the Headquarters and we are proud to report that all of them have been paid.

CYPRUS.— We are privileged to have amongst us since September, His Beatitude Makarios, Archbishop and Ethnarch of Cyprus, who was welcomed to the United States while on board the S/S Queen Frederica, on behalf of AHEPA, by Supreme President Verinis and Supreme Secretary Doukas. They have also met with His Beatitude since then, offering our services in whatever way we can best promote the cause of self-determination for Cyprus. Supreme President Verinis has also accepted invitations to attend and speak at several functions where Archbishop Makarios will be honored.

TOLEDO CHAPTER.— The petition of Ypsilanti Chapter No. 118 of Toledo, Ohio to transfer from District No. 11 to District No. 10 was granted.

13TH DISTRICT.— Last year's action in creating a 25th District, already adjudged illegal by Supreme Counsellor Ernest E. Dematatis in 1955 and by Supreme Coun-

sellor Gregory G. Lagakos in 1956, has now been declared null and void, and the 13th District was restored to its original geographical status. The St. Louis Convention also accepted the fact that this new District had not been created on a regional basis. The St. Louis Chapter No. 53, the East Moline Chapter No. 120, and any other chapter that qualifies regionally under the Supreme Councillor's interpretation of the Constitution will decide by 2/3 majority of their membership, as provided in the Constitution, if they wish to join their nearest District other than the 13th. All chapters in the 13th District as now constituted will be circularized to this effect.

13TH DISTRICT.— In accordance with the St. Louis Convention Mandate, Supreme Governor Wm. Karnaze has been appointed to supervise the special elections for District officers to be held in Cheyenne shortly.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.— The Supreme Lodge appointed Brother William A. Revis to the office of Executive Secretary, with Brother George Cokinos, Executive Secretary of the Sons of Pericles for many years, as his

assistant. Brother Revis, a member of Chapter No. 31 in Washington, D. C. for 31 years, has served his chapter as President and Secretary. A former auditor of our Headquarters, and a member who has rendered great service in the past on a District and National level, Brother Revis is well qualified to fill this post. He accepted the appointment because of his desire to render service and his whole-hearted interest in the Fraternity, and not for any material compensation that he might receive. With this appointment to fill a gap that has existed at the Headquarters for some 15 months, we are confident that Ahepa will again march forward.

The above summary of our activities so far gives a fairly good idea of what has been going on since we assumed office following the elections at St. Louis. Lack of an executive secretary and a number of important matters inherited from the previous administration have kept us constantly on the go. We hope to merit your approbation in our decisions and your patience while working the final solution of all our problems.

ORTHO PRODUCTIONS FILMS



Filming of dramatic Communion sequence. Left to right, Bob Canady, Leslie Bishop, Elaine Ulbrich and Dino Lappas at camera. Location is at St. Sophia Cathedral, of Los Angeles.

story concerning Orthodoxy and a mixed marriage. Through the efforts of many professional and semi-professional talents "The Orthodox Road", while being highly entertaining, succeeds in also being a highly informative medium for the presentation of many important facts on Orthodoxy. It is based on an original story by the Very Reverend L. C. Contos and George N. Rumanes. The screen-play was also written and directed by Mr. Rumanes. Photography Director was Stelios Roccos. The four main leads of the picture are Leslie Bishop, Bob Canady, Elaine Ulbrich and Cathy Dubois. In addition it features Father Contos, Paul Xanthos, Venita Harrison, Jack Gonal and members of the Los Angeles GOYA.

Actually more than a year in preparation and production,

"THE ORTHODOX ROAD"

"The Orthodox Road", the first in a series of educational and religious 16mm sound motion pictures, to be produced by Ortho Productions under GOYA film contract, was previewed and enthusiastically received at the 6th International GOYA Conference held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles in August.

Approved by the Archdiocese of North and South America, the picture is a modern true to life dramatic

there were numerous interesting and sometimes humorous incidents behind the scenes. First, Ortho Productions, must be credited for playing the part of Dan Cupid. Little did two of the main leads, Bob Canady and Elaine Ulbrich know what was in store for them, when as strangers, they agreed to play in the picture. They were introduced to each other and before the filming was completed they were married. However, the biggest joker, as is frequently the case in the motion picture industry, was the weather. In the filming of the outdoor sequences, in the foothills of Glendale, the entire crew were rained out (drenched) on three consecutive schedules. It didn't seem very humorous at the time.

"The Orthodox Road" is now available for rental. It, like "The Divine Liturgy" may be booked through Mottas Films of Canton, Ohio. Rental fee is \$40.00 for one showing. For each additional showing per booking there is an additional fee of \$15.00. Film is to have a return postmark of within 24 hours of scheduled showing date. For each additional 24 hour period thereafter there is an additional fee of \$15.00. Address: Mottas Films, 2108 15th Street, N. E., Canton, Ohio.



Setting focus and preparing to "shoot" an outdoor scene. Man wearing beret and white jersey is George Rumanes. Soldier wearing helmet with red cross is Leslie Bishop. Bob Canady is standing on Bishop's right. Paul Xanthos is standing in the immediate foreground. Dino Lappas is behind camera.

AHEPA AWARD FOR GOVERNOR FOSS OF SOUTH DAKOTA



Assisting in the presentation ceremony of Ahepa's Distinguished Service Award are left to right Peter N. Mantzoros, Editor of the "AHEPAN"; the Most Rt. Rev. Ezekiel, Bishop of Nazianzos; Governor Joe Foss of South Dakota; Andrew Fasseas; representing Gov. William G. Stratton of Illinois; Supreme President C. P. Verinis and Chicago attorney Constantiae N. Kangles.

More than 200 distinguished citizens attended the Inaugural Dinner and Installation of officers of Chicago's Aviation Post No. 651, American Legion, which also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the United States Air Force, on October 31, in the Aviation Room of Toffenetti's.

Honored Guest of the evening was World War II flying ace, Joe Foss, Governor of South Dakota, who was presented with the Legion's Distinguished Service Award and Ahepa's Award for "outstanding service in human relations." The Legion award was presented to Gov. Foss by John F. Tyrell, past commander of Aviation Post and Chairman of the Installation Committee. C. P. Verinis, Supreme President of Ahepa, flew to Chicago to attend the special ceremonies honoring Gov. Foss and to present him personally with Ahepa's Award.

Bishop Ezekiel of the Chicago Diocese of the Greek Orthodox Church gave the invocation and the benediction. Among the distinguished guests attending the dinner were: Andrew Fasseas, Ass't Director of the Department of Revenue State of Illinois, representing Governor William G. Stratton; Nicholas G. Manos, Ass't United States District Attorney, acting as Installing Sergeant-at-Arms; Earl D. Eisenhower; Mrs. Bertha Bauer; Past Dist. Governors of the 13th District A. T. Tsoumas, William D. Belroy Nich, C. Giovan; attorney C. N. Kangles; Peter N. Mantzoros, publisher of the Chicago PNYX and editor of the "Ahepan" and Mrs. Mantzoros; Dario L. Toffenetti; MacKenzie Ridell, Ass't to Postmaster Carl A. Schroeder and a host of others.

A. Henry Goldstein, Public Relations Counsel of Aviation Post was chairman of arrangements. Paul Yates, retiring Post Commander introduced the toastmaster, Daniel D. Glasser, new commander for 1957-58 and Chicago attorney P. G. Pelafas, is among the new officers as Sergeant-at-Arms.

BOSTON DAUGHTERS ELECT 1958 CONVENTION COMMITTEE



Convention Committee leaders chosen at recent meeting of Orion Chapter (Boston) Daughters of Penelope, include, (left to right) Miss Alice Terzis, Grand Ball; Mrs. Harris J. Booras, Hostess Committee; Miss Alice Mehos, general chairman; Miss Anne Dravis, treasurer and Mrs. Nicholas A. Nicholas, registration and credentials.

The Committee to plan the hostess duties for the 1958 National Ahepa Convention in Boston has been announced by Orion Chapter, Daughters of Penelope. The announcement was made at a tea held in October in the Statler Hotel.

President Anne Dravis introduced the committee chairman, Miss Alice Mehos, who announced a tentative program and the makeup of her committee.

Mrs. John Zanetos and Mrs. James Evergates of Clinton poured. A report was given on the St. Louis convention by Mrs. Charles Panagopoulos, Dist. 8 governor. Also adding to the discussion were out-of-town guests, including former district governor, Miss Despina Dadasis, Salem-Peabody; Mrs. George Eliades of Lowell; Mrs. George Daphnes of Brockton; and past district governor, Miss Helen Vasilou, representing the Maids of Athens. The Daughters executive committee for the 1958 national convention is as follows:

Miss Alice Mehos, general chairman; Mrs. John Angelopoulos, general vice chairman; Miss Anne Bulgaris, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Gennis and Miss Ethel Yakes, recording secretaries, and Miss Anne Dravis, treasurer.

Also on the committee are Mrs. Harris J. Booras, hostess committee; Mrs. John Crane, luncheon and fashion show; Miss Alice Terzis, Grand Ball; Mrs. George Poulos, tea; Mrs. John Damascus, art and decorations; Mrs. Nicholas Nichols, registration and installation; Mrs. Steven Koules, Maid of Athens; Miss Marie Romanos, housing; Mrs. Arthur Patsiades, Grand Lodge luncheon; Miss Helen Primpas, memorial services; Mrs. Michael Cristley, Welcome Night; Miss Mary Primpas, banquet; Mrs. James Kounanis, Greek Night; Mrs. Harry Trent, Farewell Dance, and Miss Harriet Chekega, bean supper.

SUPREME PRESIDENT OF SONS OF PERICLES



Thomas G. Cholakis

The son of Mrs. Katina Cholakis, Tom was elected Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles in St. Louis, in August. Tom is a graduate of Siena College and now is studying law at the Albany (N. Y.) Law School.

Upon his election in St. Louis, Bro. Cholakis issued the following statement: "At the St. Louis National Convention, having been elected to the highest office on the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles, I was mindful of many matters. The paramount matter in my mind is to encourage and strengthen the ranks of the Sons of Pericles. Only through constant work and application of our energies will we ever be able to even approach the Sons of Pericles of pre-war heights. But, we the Sons today have something more in common. We are more closely united and more determined in our progress. Brothers, with these thoughts in mind, how can we do anything but progress, and progress we must show that the Sons of Pericles is the leading youth segment of the Hellenic-American youth".

OUR NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



William A. Revis

Brother William A. Revis (Revithes) a resident of Washington D. C. for more than 30 years, was appointed Executive Secretary of the Order by the Supreme Lodge at its October session.

A public accountant by profession, Bro. Revis has a long and enviable Ahepa record. He became a member of Washington Chapter No. 31, in 1926 and the same year was elected as Secretary of the Chapter in which capacity he served for five consecutive years. Later he served as President for two consecutive years. On several occasions he was elected delegate to District and National Conventions and for a number of years he served as District Treasurer of District No. 3.

Bro. Revis was born in Phaneos, Corinth, Greece, and immigrated to the United States at the age of 15. He attended public schools in Mason City, Iowa and later he was employed as Ass't Chemist at the Northwestern Cement Plant of Mason City. In the early twenties he came to Washington to be near some of his relatives and here he attended Strayer College, majoring in accountancy, banking and business administration. In 1930 he opened his own public accounting office.

Our new Executive Secretary is married to the former Galatia Kouklak who hails from Hania, Crete and Athens, Greece. "The AHEPAN" extends its best wishes to Bro. Revis and hopes that he will continue to serve our Order with the same zeal and enthusiasm he has displayed in the past.

Personal Notes

JIM (SKUFAKISS) SCOFIELD, President of Hammond Chapter, Hammond, Indiana, recently returned from a prolonged visit to Hellas. He was very much impressed with the tourist facilities of Athens and the surrounding territory . . . JOHN CHOLINAS, an officer of Northwestern Chapter No. 388, Glenview, Ill., recently opened his beautiful restaurant at Lawrence & Western Avenues in Chicago . . . PAUL J. COSTULAS, is currently recovering from an illness which for a few days confined him in Chicago's Columbus Hospital. Paul who served Ahepa in many capacities is now the District Governor of the great Blue Ribbon 13th District . . . Dr. LOUIS ANGELOPOULOS, of North Shore Chapter No. 94, is the proud father of an eight-pound boy born August 13, in Ravenswood Hospital, in Chicago . . . Three prominent Chicago Ahepans have been elected to the highest offices of Hellenic Post No. 343, American Legion: ARISTOMENIS N. MANTZOROS, of Northwestern Chapter No. 388, Glenview, Ill., Commander; NICHOLAS

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ZOE CAVALARIS

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completed the Greek Cathedral of the Southern Diocese.

Mrs. Cavalaris, has served two terms as National President of the Evritanian Association.

She originated the idea of the Christmas Seal Drive for the Benefit of St. Basil's Academy in 1952 and served as the first chairman of the Drive and ever since has served as advisor to the committee in charge of the Drive.

His Eminence Archbishop Michael, three years ago, appointed her a member of the board of the Philoptochos Board of the Fifth Diocese and year before last was elected unanimously as Vice President of the National Philoptochos Board.

At the same time his Eminence appointed her to serve on the Board of Trustees of St. Basil's Academy.

On the national level, Sister Cavalaris held the post of Grand Governor of Zone I, for two years and at the San Francisco, National Convention she was elevated to Vice Presidency. In New York she was elected Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope and was re-elected in St. Louis.

The National Liner SS "Queen Frederica" And of Greece, Continues her Efforts



Ahepa Excursion 1955: From left to right: The then Supreme President of Ahepa and Excursion Commander Mr. Steve S. Scopas, Mrs. Scopas, Admiral C. C. Condoyannis, Miss Adeline Geo Karis, Mr. Spyros Melas, well-known Academician and the Vice-President of the NHAL, Mr. Ch. Keusseoglou.



July 10th, 1957. One more pilgrimage sails for Greece aboard the "Queen Frederica", the Pan-Arcadians. Above, the popular and tireless Captain of the Greek luxury Liner, Admiral C. C. Condoyannis, welcomes the Arcadian leaders on his ship.



Ahepa Excursion 1956: From left to right: Messrs. George Johnson, Admiral C. C. Condoyannis, the Grand President, Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Toula Zotalis and Mr. T. Tsoumas.



July 10th, 1957: Admiral C. C. Condoyannis greets the leaders of the Pan-Cretan Federation of America aboard the luxury liner.



Ahepa Excursion 1957: The Excursion leaders pose on deck of the S S Queen Frederica with Admiral C. C. Condoyannis. From left to right: Mr. J. Theyos, Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris, Admiral Condoyannis, Mr. George Margolis and Anthony Papageorgiou.

(Advertisement)



May 30th, 1957. The Liner Queen "Frederica" arrives in Kalamata for the third consecutive year bringing a large group of Pan-Messinian excursionists.

BROTHER AHEPANS... Join Our ORDER In Another Memorable Excursion to Greece

*In the Service of the Greek-American People
For the Promotion of Greek Tourism*



September 12th, 1957. Archbishop Makarios, the National Leader of Cyprus, arrived in New York aboard the Liner "Queen Frederica" to submit the burning Cyprus Question at the General Assembly of the United Nations.



March 25th, 1955: Festive celebration, on board the luxury liner "Queen Frederica" on March 25th, Anniversary of Greek Independence, several hours before the ship's departure for Greece, with Ahepa Excursionists.



The National Hellenic American Line contributed to the success of the Athens Festival this year by bringing to Greece a group of ANTA players who performed in the Aeschylus tragedy "Prometheus Bound". Photographed above is the famous actress of stage and screen, Helen Hayes, with Admiral C. C. Condoyannis, Master of the S. S. "Queen Frederica".



The well-known author and philhellene, Edith Hamilton, during a press conference in Piraeus, upon her arrival in Greece on board the S. S. "Queen Frederica".



Blanche Yurka, a great figure in the American Theater, departing for Greece aboard the "Queen Frederica".

(Advertisement)



The National Liner "Queen Frederica" inaugurates the new dock in the Port of Piraeus, Greece, which was built for better accommodation to the tourists from the United States.

On MARCH 19th, 1958, On the Luxurious Greek-Flag Liner S.S. "Queen Frederica"

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 1957



CORONATION OF



Delegates Attending Convention Sessions



Peter Mavromatis awarded \$5,000 Scholarship. M. W. Hodges makes presentation.



Officials at Grand Opening of the Convention



New Ahepa Supreme

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New Ahepa Supreme Lodge sworn into Office by Judge St. Scopas

Ahepa Personalities



Socrates V. Sekles

St. Louis saw many Ahepa personalities attend the 31st National Convention, but Socrates V. Sekles of Pontiac, Mich., was among those very few Ahepans whose presence was felt more than anyone else at that memorable convention.

"Soc" as he is affectionately known to all his Ahepa brothers was in the limelight of the convention's political activities as the campaign manager of the "Ahepa First Party" which successfully supported the present Supreme Lodge administration.

Long before the convention, Bro. Sekles made a nation-wide tour of all Ahepa chapters and spread the gospel of the "Ahepa First Party". His visitations took him to every Ahepa hamlet throughout the country.

Brother Sekles and his entire family are what is known as a 100% Ahepa family. His charming wife has been very active in the Daughters of Penelope in the state of Michigan and has served the Daughters as a Grand Governor. His sons too have been very active in the Sons of Pericles.

Sekles has served his chapter in most all elective offices, his District likewise and on the national scene he has served as supreme treasurer and Governor. He is among the outstanding members in the State of Michigan and is a close friend of Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan. Besides his

Ahepa affiliations and activities he has found enough time to serve as President of the Greek War Relief in Michigan, is a member of various Masonic bodies and the local YMCA and Chamber of Commerce. In addition to all these activities he has been instrumental in his home-town back in Greece in that he has donated the necessary funds to erect St. Constantine and St. George Church in Karditsa and installed at his own expense the water-system of the town. His parents now reside in Athens.

Mrs. Sekles is equally prominent. She is the President of Pontiac's City Federation of Womens' Club; President of the Suster Pontiac Advisory Council and a Director of the Pontiac Symphony Association.

Their children are attending the University of Michigan. All Ahepans are proud of the Sekles family and wish them continued success in their Ahepa endeavors.

NEW MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSIONER



Gov. Foster Furcolo inducts into office, Charles N. Collatos in the presence of Mrs. Collatos.

Charles N. Collatos of Arlington was recently sworn in as Massachusetts Commissioner of Veterans' Services by Governor Foster Furcolo.

Collatos completed a five-year term as Labor Relations Commissioner, a position he had been appointed to by former Governor Paul A. Dever, for whom he worked as Secretary.

Long active in Veterans circles, Collatos is National Executive Committeeman of the American Legion and was recently State Commander of the Bay State's 90,000 Legionnaires. He has also served as State Vice-Commander, Suffolk County Commander, and Commander of the George K. Menichios

Post of Boston.

Active in Civic and Religious associations, he has served as State Chairman for the "Crusade for Freedom" Drive, District Secretary of the order of AHEPA, member of the Alumni Council of Northeastern University, President of the Demosthenes Club, and Executive Board of the New England Committee for Self Determination for Cyprus.

He is the author of "Dangers and Threats of Communist Subversions".

Graduating from Northeastern University in 1941, he immediately went into the service as a Private in the U. S. Army. He then was sent overseas for combat duty as a Gliderman with the Airborne Task Force and then was assigned to the First Allied Airborne Task Force. He was discharged in 1945 as a Chief Warrant Officer.

Collatos then entered with his brothers in the printing business, "The Athens Printing Co." started by his father, the late Nicholas Collatos, who in the 40's was publishing with Bro. Panos E. Kolybaris, as partner and editor the weekly Greek Newspaper "Athens."

He is married to the former Florence Koniars of Belmont Mass., and has two children: Nicky age 6 and Dianne age 3.

MAYOR CHRISTOPHER FOR U. S. SENATOR



George Christopher

San Francisco's most popular citizen, George Christopher, the first American-Hellene to be honored with the mayoralty of a major American city has announced his candidacy for the United States Senate from Cali-

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IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

QUESTION: I want to apply for American citizenship and am told I must pass an examination on American history and government. Where can I go to prepare myself for such a test?

ANSWER: Most cities in the United States maintain special public school classes in English and citizenship for adults. For information about these classes you should inquire at the public school nearest you.

To qualify for American citizenship, aliens must know the main facts about American history and government, and be able to understand, read, write and speak simple English. The law provides an exception to the English language requirement. If on December 24, 1952 a person was over 50 years old and had lived in the United States for a total of 20 years, he does not have to understand the English language to become a citizen. However, it should be remembered that everyone, whether they are required to speak English, or not, must have an understanding of American history and government.

If for any reason an applicant for citizenship is not able to attend a regular day or evening class, he should read and study one or more books about American history and government, or take a home study course. Information about these, as well as 133 specimen questions and answers on American history and government, are contained in "How to Become a Citizen of the United States", a book published by the Common Council for American Unity. Copies, at \$1.00 each, may be obtained from the Council at 20 West 40th Street, New York 18, New York.

Alien Reentry Permits Waived

Under an amendment to regulations issued recently by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, a permanent resident alien returning to U. S. after an absence abroad of not more than a year is no longer required to show a reentry permit, if he presents instead his Alien Registration Card, Form I-151. Any other form of alien registration record is unacceptable in lieu of a reentry permit.

A resident alien planning to go abroad who does not have Form I-151 may obtain it by submitting to the Immigration and Naturalization Service application form 1690 with two photographs and a fee of \$5.00. If

time is too short, or if the alien expects to remain outside the U. S. for more than one year, he should request that a reentry permit be issued.

In the event a returning alien has neither an Alien Registration Receipt Card nor a reentry permit, but can satisfy the District Director in charge of the port of entry that there was good cause for failure to present the required document, the District Director is authorized to issue a waiver upon application on Form I-193.

It is suggested that aliens who avail themselves of this new privilege should keep their stamped transportation ticket or other evidence of proof of departure. This should facilitate their reentry.

FANTASY RECORDS RELEASES "TWELVE GREEK RECORDS"

The American Skalkottas Committee through Fantasy Records, Inc., 654 Natoma Street, San Francisco 3, Calif., has released the first record of the Twelve Greek Dances by Nicholas Skalkottas recorded in the spring of 1957 by the Little Symphony Orchestra of San Francisco under the direction of Bro. Gregory Millar-Manousos a member of the Golden Gate Chapter. This is the first time in which Greek symphony music has been recorded in the United States. The Symphony of the Twelve Greek Dances has been widely reviewed and applauded by all major critics on the West Coast. The New York Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Dimitri Mitropoulos played for the first time Skalkottas' music in 1953. The most serious consideration of Skalkottas' music however, came in 1956 through the efforts of Maestro Gregory Millar-Manousos who founded and organized the Little Symphony Orchestra of San Francisco. Manousos' interest in Skalkottas' music widened considerably when he directed the Neo-Hellenic symphony concert under the auspices of the Order of Ahepa and the Society of Greek Arts in San Francisco. In succession Manousos presented the Twelve Greek Dances and the concertos Andante Sostenuto and Little Sonata. Nicholas Skalkottas was born in 1904 in Halkida, Greece. At the age of five he was playing the violin one which was built by his father. Later he entered the Athens Conservatory of Music where he won an Averoff scholarship. In 1921 Skalkottas went to Berlin and after two years there he decided to give himself to writing symphonies. In 1927 after changing many

MAYOR CHRISTOPHER

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forma. He will seek the seat now occupied by a distinguished and nationally known political figure, Sen. William Knowland.

Brother Christopher, a Republican, 49, son of an immigrant has lived in San Francisco since he was 2 years old. His campaign got off to an early start recently when Stuart N. Greenberg, manufacturer and a member of the Public Utilities Commission of San Francisco, handed over a \$1,000 check to the Mayor as his personal contribution.

American-Hellenic Committees for Christopher for United States Senator are springing up all over the country and our people are contributing towards the election of our favorite son. Tears welled in the Mayor's eyes during his recent press conference in San Francisco as he made his formal announcement in which he said: "When my name was first mentioned as a possible candidate, I stated that I was honored and interested in being considered for this high office. I made it plain to those who approached me, however, that there would be only one major inducement which could persuade me to forego my service as Mayor of my beloved San Francisco. That inducement would be proof that my service in a broader field would best serve my city, State and my country."

Brother Christopher will be remembered by many national convention delegates when in 1953 at Houston, Texas made his now famous bid for the Ahepa Convention of 1955 which was held in San Francisco. Brother Christopher and his charming and devoted companion Tula recently returned from and extended vacation in Europe where he participated in programs of the Crusade for Freedom and spoke on Radio Free Europe for American municipal officials.

All Ahepans throughout the country are eagerly awaiting for the nomination and election of George Christopher to the United States Senate. Good Luck to you George!

teachers he came under the contemporary school of Schonberg. With the advent of Hitler he left Germany and returned to Athens deeply in debt leaving behind him all his work. He died in 1949.

Bro. George Lekas, of Oakland, California, is the Executive Director of the American Skalkottas Committee

MAKARIOS CALLS CYPRUS ISSUE "A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM"

Ahepa and New York Societies Sponsor Makarios Banquet At The Waldorf-Astoria

With a warm welcome from New York's Mayor Robert Wagner and other noted political figures, His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios, Ethnarch of Cyprus, proceeded with his long hoped opportunity to meet the press and appear before the American people over radio and TV and seek their support for his Holy cause—the self determination of his people.

His Eminence, arrived in New York on September 12 aboard the SS "Queen Frederica", of the National Hellenic American Lines and immediately issued the following statement to the press:

"I am very happy to be in the United States and very pleased indeed to come in contact with the representatives of the Press. Your presence here is an evidence of your interest in the Cyprus question.

As a matter of fact, the Cyprus question has become today an international issue of great importance and the United Nations have repeatedly dealt with it. At the last General Assembly of the United Nations a resolution has been adopted calling for a "peaceful just and democratic solution in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations." However, the British Government failed to take any constructive action contributing to such a solution. The only effort made so far, by the British Government, was to complicate the problem and to present it as difficult to solve. But the nature has always been very simple. The people of Cyprus is demanding the right, the natural right of any people to decide freely their own political future. No argument can stand against this right. In refusing this right to the people of Cyprus the British Government tries to present the Cyprus question as a Greco-Turkish difference; Greece is accused as aiming at the annexation of Cyprus, while Turkey opposes to it. So, confusion and false impressions are created as the essence of the matter.

The Cyprus question is not a question of Union (Enosis) of Cyprus with Greece. It is often discussed whether Cyprus belongs to Greece or to Great Britain, or whether Turkey has any rights on Cyprus. Cyprus does not belong but only to its own people. And the Cypriot people demand to be given the right to decide their own political future. This is the essence of the problem which is submitted for the fourth time to the UNO by the Greek Government, acting at the request and on behalf of the people of Cyprus. I hope that this international body, acting in accordance with the basic principles of its Charter, will adopt a resolution applying the principle of self determination to Cyprus."

Among Ahepa's Supreme Lodge officers to greet the Archbishop aboard the SS Queen Frederica were: Supreme President C. P. Verinis; Supreme Vice-President George E. Loucas and Supreme Secretary, Kimon A. Doukas.

On October 6, the Archbishop was tendered a banquet in his honor, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel where more than 1,000 persons participated. The banquet was organized by the Empire District Lodge, the Federation of Greek-American Societies of New York and the Cypriots Federation.

Among prominent Americans in attendance was also New York's Mayor Robert F. Wagner who said: "As the Mayor of New York, and honorary citizen of Athens and a private individual, I was proud, honored and happy to give you an official welcome to the metropolis of the world". The highlight of the



His Beatitude is welcomed to New York by Supreme President C. P. Verinis and Supreme Secretary Kimon A. Doukas.

speaker's message was given by Representative Albert Morano of Connecticut, member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, when he called His Beatitude Makarios, "one of the greatest leaders of contemporary history." Rep. Morano said that Cyprus was the "heartbeat of liberty" and that "if liberty does not beat in Cyprus it does not beat in the United States". Mr. Morano concluded his speech by stating that "anybody who denies liberty and freedom in Cyprus, is trying to deprive from the U. S. the democratic heritage that has been handed down from our forefathers."

His Excellency George V. Melas, Ambassador of Greece to the United States, told the Archbishop that the "whole Greek nation stands behind you to a man." Mr. Melas emphasized that the right of the people to elect the Government of their own choice is guaranteed by the Atlantic Charter and the United Nations Charter. Ambassador Melas concluded by stating that he was convinced that in the Cyprus struggle the spirit of American Independence will prevail.

And Senator Jacob K. Javits, called the Archbishop, "one of the greatest figures in the world. Fundamentally" continued Sen. Javits, "the people of Cyprus themselves have the right to determine their form of government. The United Nations is available to allow a trusteeship period should this be necessary as a matter of security, or to provide for a firm base for Cyprus itself to move into a new governmental situation. This objective can be obtained with peace and honor and with the best interests of the free world; our government should seek it diligently.

"In addition, the resentment of the people of Cyprus can only help communism and cannot help anyone in the free world. Self-determination for Cyprus has millions of friends in the United States. This is symbolized by a bi-partisan resolution in the Senate of which I am a cosponsor, along with my distinguished senior colleague from this State, Senator Ives its author, and many other Senators, urging that the principle of self-determination shall be applicable to Cyprus. I shall use my best efforts to insure its passage when

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**A GREETING TO AHEPA
FROM ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS**

With deep and profound feelings of happiness I convey, on behalf of the Cypriot people, a heartfelt greeting to the President and all members of Ahepa for their active interest and assistance in the Cypriots question. The contribution from this great Organization for the Cyprus issue has been of great significance.

The issue for the freedom of Cyprus constitutes a moral demand not only for the Cypriot people but for all freedom loving peoples. To deny people and ignore the idea for it, in the case of the Cypriot people, endangers the ideals of the free world. Therefore it was natural for the Order of Ahepa, a progressive Greek-American organization to take a firm stand on this matter, in accordance with the strong democratic mind of this great American nation, in which are inter-woven the thought of freedom and the anti-colonial spirit.

In demanding their freedom the Cypriot people seek only the application of ideals which are internationally accepted. There is no doubt that by applying the principle of self-determination in Cyprus the prestige of the free world will be greatly strengthened. I am confident that the Order of Ahepa whose outstanding community work in duty appreciated by all, will continue to strive for Cypriot freedom.

I pray to the Supreme Leadership for the President and all members of the Order of Ahepa every progress and success in their noble pursuits and wish to God for His rich blessings on all.

Wisher to God,

ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS



**SUPREME LODGE
ORDER OF AHEPA
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1449 R STREET, N.W. • WASHINGTON, D.C.**

September 19, 1957

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I deem it an honor to respectfully submit a Report and Resolutions passed by the 11st National Convention of the Order of Ahepa, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, August 18-24, 1957, on the question of self-determination of Cyprus.

I may add by way of explanation of the action of the Convention on this issue that the Order of Ahepa, since its founding, has as one of its constitutional objectives,

"To arouse mankind to the realization that tyranny, wherever it may exercise its baneful power, is a menace to the life, property, prosperity and integrity of every nation...." (Paragraph E, Article II)

Pursuant to this, the Ahepa raised its voice against the Hitler terror and persecution of the Hebrew race long before the menace to the United States from the Hitler tyranny came into focus (1938), and extended a helping hand to our fellow citizens of Italian descent against the prejudices flowing from Mussolini's unprovoked attack against Greece (1940).

Tyranny cannot be condemned in Hungary in the morning and be condoned in Cyprus in the afternoon because Great Britain is a friendly power. Nor is it a "domestic" question. To accept that view, as apologists for colonial powers would have the world do at this late hour, would be tantamount to proclaiming that justice can be attained only through revolutionary action.

The issue of Cyprus provides a test in morals not only for the United States and Great Britain, but for NATO and the Western Nations in general. His Excellency Carlos P. Romulo, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1954 spoke for all champions of freedom when he said:

"... We are not unmindful of the security implications of the question of Cyprus. We want the free world alliance everywhere to be strong and to remain strong. But the only way for the free world to remain strong is to be really free and to be for freedom anytime, anywhere -- never to be embarrassed by the principle of equality and self-determination, never to default to the Communists in any struggle where this principle is involved. But we default to the Communists each time we tell the people of any subject or colonial territory in the world that we cannot entertain their claims to self-determination or to freedom because of Article 2 (?) of the Charter or because they happen to live in strategic territory.

"Each time we say that we may continue having the bases there, but we have lost the people. And in the end the struggle between freedom and slavery will be decided on the basis of human hearts and human minds, not of square miles of strategic land."

We do hope, Mr. President, that the United States, true to its tradition, will raise its voice in favor of self-determination of Cyprus not only before the forthcoming meeting of the United Nations in New York, but also in London and everywhere.

Respectfully yours,

Constantine P. Verrinis

Constantine P. Verrinis
Supreme President, Order of Ahepa.

BEST WISHES
 for
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
 TO THE ENTIRE
AHEPA FAMILY

THE AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL OF SALONICA

IT HELPS YOUTH OF RURAL GREECE TO BE GOOD FARMERS



Students and staff of the American Farm School, Salonica, welcoming four pure-bred Aberdeen Angus cattle, a bull and three heifers, which were donated by the Association of Aberdeen Angus Breeders of America to the farmers of Northern Greece. President Eisenhower made the presentation to Greek Ambassador George V. Melas. Here the cattle are shown in front of the School dairy barn, which will be their permanent home after being exhibited at the 22nd International Trade Fair, which closed September 28 in Salonica.

Since its founding in 1903 by the late Dr. John Henry House, the American Farm School, in Salonica — one of four American-sponsored schools and colleges in Greece, has educated the youth of rural Greece in practical farming, Christian principles and sound citizenship.

Familiar to hundreds of Ahepans, either through personal tours, while visiting Macedonia, or through friends and graduates, of the institution, the School has consistently pioneered in the introduction of modern farming methods and the introduction of improved strains of grain and farm animals. The results of this training can be observed throughout the country in prosperous farms and improved living standards of its graduates.

A survey, commissioned by the trustees in 1955, disclosed that 69 percent of the graduates since 1927 — it was impossible to obtain accurate figures beyond that year — have gone into farm or agricultural services.

The most recent accomplishment in the School program for the improvement of living conditions of a country more than 60 percent agricultural came to pass last August, when President Eisenhower, acting in behalf of the Association of Aberdeen Angus Breeders of America, presented through Ambassador George V. Melas four pure-bred Aberdeen Angus cattle, a bull and three heifers to the rural population of Northern Greece. The animals will be used for breeding purposes at the American Farm School, after being exhibited at the International Trade Fair in Salonica.

Accompanying the gift was a book of photographs of the cattle, the frontispiece of which reads:

"Two-way trade is a broad avenue by which all men and nations of good will can travel towards a golden era of peace and plenty.

"On the occasion of the 22nd International Trade Fair of Salonica, I am happy to present to the people of Greece, on

behalf of several Aberdeen Angus breeders, four heads of black Angus cattle. This gift, representing a fine example of the people-to-people approach to mutual aid, has been coordinated by the United States Department of Commerce and Agriculture.

"To the many thousands of people who will see these cattle and the multitude of American products on display in the U. S. Exhibit at the Salonica Fair, I send my warm personal greetings."

Ambassador Melas, in acknowledging the gift on behalf of the Greek people, said:

"Mr. President, may I be permitted to say how gratefully I thank you on behalf of the Greek government and people for your fine gesture of donating to the Association of Aberdeen Angus Breeders of America, for their valuable contribution towards promoting an important branch of Greek rural economy.

"It is a pleasure to add my warmest thanks personally to the generous donors, Messrs. Wampler, Spitzer, Harper, Spangler and Shannon, and through them to the Association of Aberdeen Angus Breeders of America, for their valuable contribution towards promoting an important branch of Greek rural economy.

"The American Farm School in Salonica, the capital of Northern Greece, has for long years seriously contributed to the development of the best agricultural regions of Greece. This new contribution for which we are much indebted to you, Mr. President, will add yet another precious means of improving conditions of the hard working farmers, and we regard it as a new, valuable token of the unceasing good will of this great country towards Greece, already displayed in so many ways."

The first beef cattle to be imported into Greece, this gift represents the culmination of a long-cherished project of Director Landsdale, who firmly believes their introduction into rural Greek economy will substantially increase the farmer's income as well as supplementing the diet of the rural population.

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY. — This is the month of Officers' installations. All Chapters are requested wherever possible to hold public ceremonies inviting the general public to attend.

MARCH 17. — National Banquet, at Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D. C.

MARCH 19. — Easter Excursion to Mother Hellas aboard the National Greek Liner "Queen Frederica".

Membership Drive — January 1 to May 1

Every Ahepan and Daughter should get one new member to join. Thus, success of drive is automatically assured.

THE AHEPAN

THE ROLE OF S.S. "QUEEN FEDERICA" AS THE NATIONAL SHIP OF GREECE

When the late Eugene Eugenides founded the National Hellenic American Line and Home Lines and subsequently placed the luxury liner "Queen Frederica" on the New York-Piraeus regular run, under the Greek flag, he opened new horizons in the Greek transatlantic service. The Greek Merchant Marine suddenly boasted of a luxurious ocean liner whose high standards and comfort easily matched those of any modern ship and was also a great boon to the economy and prestige of Greece.

The "QUEEN FEDERICA" has enjoyed unprecedented success during the three years that she has been in the Greek service and has gained a fine reputation in Greek-American circles as well as among the American tourist element for her unexcelled service, courteous Greek personnel, warm hospitality, magnificent cuisine and delightful social life aboard the ship.

The Ship's great popularity is proven by the fact that although in 1956 there was a 30% increase in passenger traffic, this percentage is expected to be topped in 1957, according to figures from recent sailings this year. On her first sailing of the year, the "QUEEN FEDERICA" carried to Piraeus the largest number of passengers of any other transatlantic liner on the same regular run. This has been true of every sailing since then and is an indication of the Line's interest in being of service to Greek-Americans, both as individuals and as organizations.

POPULAR "EXCURSION" SHIP

The "QUEEN FEDERICA" has been chosen—EXCLUSIVELY—for the past three years by nearly all the important Greek-American Organizations in the United States as their official excursion ship to Greece.

The following Excursion to Greece took place in 1957 with the S.S. QUEEN FEDERICA:

AHEPA	MARCH 27th
GAPA	April 24th
KASORIANS	April 24th
MICRASIA TICS AND TRACIANS	April 24th
PAN-SAMIANS	May 19th
PAN-MESSINIANS	May 19th
PAN-LESVIANS	May 19th
PAN-RODIANS	May 19th
PAN-CRETANS	July 11th
PAN-ARCADIANS	July 11th
AMERICAN FOUNDATION	
FOR GREECE	August 4th
AMERICAN MAYORS AND PRESIDENTS	
OF GREEK COMMUNITIES ..	August 4th

The National Hellenic American Line, in their efforts to promote Greek Tourism, arranged the itinerary of the "QUEEN FEDERICA" to include other ports of call in Greece, besides Piraeus. The ship anchored at Kalamata on May 29th, Chanea, Crete, on July 24th and Tinos on August 15th. This was the third year the "QUEEN" stopped at Kalamata, bringing Messinian excursionists, but it was the first time in history that a large transatlantic liner docked at Chanea and Tinos. This initiative on the part of the National Hellenic American Line is doing a great service to Greece by revitalizing the life-blood of these ports and promoting their commerce and industry. The stop at Chanea

brought the Cretan excursionists to the very door of their Motherland, while the call at Tinos gave the passengers of two organizations (The American Mayors and Presidents of Greek Communities as well as the American Foundation for Greece) the opportunity of participating in important religious festivities. The stop at Tinos, the Lourdes of the Near East, coincided with the religious festivities which take place each year on August 15th. Thousands of pilgrims go to pray in the magnificent church of the "Evangelistria", where the miraculous icon is enthroned. The miracles wrought each year at Tinos has made that island the most revered shrine of the Orthodox world.

The Ministry of Mercantile Marine in Greece gave firm instructions to the Authorities at Piraeus, Kalamata, Tinos and Chanea to give warm receptions to the excursionists and to place every facility at their disposal.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR ORPHANED STUDENTS

The foremost and most important project of the National Hellenic American Line is the functioning of the Eugenides Foundation which provides Scholarships to poor or orphaned students in order to study in the best technical schools of Europe and the United States. This is helping to solve the long-time problem in Greece of inadequately trained young men in the various marine and technical fields. The minister of Merchant Marine, Mr. Stelios Kotiades, was most enthusiastic in his praise of the Line for the wonderful work which they are doing. He also congratulated the Company for a large donation made recently towards the purchasing of various important text books, sorely needed by the Technical Schools of Greece.

Mr. Nicos Vernicos-Eugenides, President of the National Hellenic American Line, continues to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, the late Eugene Eugenides, who was proclaimed a National Benefactor by the Greek Government. Mr. Vernicos-Eugenides donated the sum of \$6,000 recently to assist the earthquake victims of Thessaly.

The National Hellenic American Line effected various improvements and renovations on the SS QUEEN FEDERICA during her sojourn in Piraeus some months ago. These included 40 beautiful, new, two-and-three berth tourist cabins with facilities. These changes prompted the Greek Merchant Marine Minister, Mr. Stelios Kotiades, to again congratulate the Line. He wrote: "The recent renovations being done on "QUEEN FEDERICA" at Piraeus is indeed a boon to the industrial shipping market of that port, especially at a time when Greek Shipping is no longer effecting their repairs in Greece because of their inaccessibility to Greek ports. I wish to express my warmest congratulations and complete satisfaction for this patriotic gesture. I would be most happy if the example of the National Hellenic American Line was followed by other Greek shipowners in order to give life to our most important port and to our National Economy."

CONSTANT STRIVING FOR PERFECTION GOAL OF S. S. "QUEEN FEDERICA"

The secret of the "QUEEN FEDERICA'S" success has been in part, her continuous striving to uphold the standard of the ship's personnel to the very highest level. To this end, the Line has organized a school in Athens for the train-

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On The National Scene

Daughters of Penelope

By MARGARET MANTZOROS

District Governor Mary Kapsos of Delta District No. 16, donated the 1,000 Constitutions and 300 Rituals printed for the Maids of Athens. The support of Mrs. Kapsos to this worthy undertaking is greatly appreciated by all concerned. . . This generous gesture was followed by an equally generous gift from our Grand Secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Semos of Dallas, Texas, who donated the jewels to the Maids of Athens Grand Lodge. . . Sister Adelaide Nicholas of New York City was appointed National Advisor to the Maids of Athens. Regional Advisors include, Mrs. Sarah Angelos, Houston; Mrs. Stella Carras, Miami; Miss Ruth Varlan, Chester Pa; Miss Kay Bozion, Flint, Mich; Mrs. Sophie Angelos, Los Angeles Mrs. Ressie Frangos, Albuquerque; and Mrs. Bertha Meleos, Charlotte, N. C. . . . The Misses Evelyn Mickles and Eitsa Petsos, both of Rochester, N. Y. have been appointed chairman and vice chairman respectively of the "Helen Karagianis Memorial Scholarship." . . . Sister Josie Chase of Columbus is chairman and Sister Lena Simitzi of Ventura, Calif., is vice-chairman of the membership drive which will begin simultaneously with the Ahepa drive on January 1, 1958. . . Sister Kay Brotsis is the liason officer for this Ahepa project. . . Sister Mary Zarcadoolas is the new chairman of the "Greek Orphans From Greece Committee". Her co-workers include: Sister Sophie Litras of Brooklyn as vice chairman and two committee members, Sister Anna Tsiamas, of Woodside, L. I., and Mrs. Cleo Mirros of Astoria, L. I. . . Mrs. Irene Gorgan and Miss Catherine Nicketakis, both of Waukegan, Ill., have been named chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the "National Overseas Project". . . Sister Betty Kolybaris is Publicity Chairman for the Greek Press. . . Other Committees and their chairmen will be announced in the next issue of the "AHEPAN".

JOIN
THE AHEPA EXCURSION
LEAVING NEW YORK
MARCH 19th, 1958
WITH THE LUXURIOUS
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MOTHER LODGE DISTRICT No. 1

Atlanta (Ga.) Daughters



(Left to right), Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris, Grand President; Mrs. James Botsaris, President of Atlanta's Menelaos Chapter No. 53; Mrs. Adeline Geo-Karis Lambros, Past Grand President (Zion Ill.); Mrs. Peter Pappageorge, Past Pres., and Mrs. Annise Rontsos, Dist. Governor, both of Atlanta at ceremonies honoring Atlanta's Daughters. The Chapter was awarded the Daughters' "Achievement Plaque" for raising the largest amount of money in a national contest among Daughters Chapters for the Penelopian Teen-Age Shelter Home for Girls, to be built in Athens, Greece.

CITRUS DISTRICT No. 2

WEST PALM BEACH "DAUGHTERS"

Fill Chapter Officers Vacancies

At the October meeting of Leda Chapter No. 59, Daughters of Penelope two officers vacancies were filled by the election of Mrs. Martha Vidalis as vice-president and Mrs. Christine Pannos as Warden. Plans were also completed for the annual past president-dinner and combined meeting to be held in November.

Honored guests at the meeting were Mrs. Julia Papageorgiou, newly elected Grand Governor and Mrs. Eleanor Vournas, Dist. Treasurer. Mrs. Papageorgiou also reported on the activities of the St. Louis National Convention. Hostesses of the evening were Mrs. Theodora Bevelas and Mrs. Kay Drivasakis.

CAPITOL DISTRICT No. 3



Washington Hostess Holds Reception For Supreme Lodge Members

The gracious and charming Mrs. Ernst Dematatis of Washington, D. C. held a reception in honor of the members of the Supreme Lodge in her spacious home on October 11, prior to the recent Supreme Lodge meeting held there. Bro. Dematatis is the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Dematatis is shown above as she is serving coffee to her honored guests, Supreme President C. P. Verinis and Ahepa's First Lady.

GARDEN STATE DIST. No. 5

Dover (N. J.) Daughters Hold Tea Party and Dance

Publicity Chairman Sister Annie M. Monovasis of Dover, N. J. Chapter No. 250 reports that her chapter held a Social Tea Party on September 8. These will be regular features of the chapter designed to increase interest in the Daughters of Penelope activities and thus stimulate their membership drives.

This chapter also held a dance on October 5 at Dover's Dutton Hotel. This was a semi-formal affair with Sister Stavroula Karas as chairman.

THE AHEPAN

GOLF TAKES OVER IN POWER DISTRICT

Keeping pace with the national trend in sports, chapters of the Power District No. 4 conducted inter-chapter golf matches this summer. The first match was sponsored by Bethlehem's Homer Chapter No. 65 and was held at the Willowbrook Golf Course in Cataqua, Pennsylvania.

Bethlehem's Secretary, John Calatis arranged the weather with the U. S. Weather Bureau and as a result, there was a sizeable number of spectators following the teams around the course. Bethlehem's team composed of John Mavis, John Galatis, James Gatanis, and John Mandros, eased out the Allentown foursome comprised of Gu't Economy, John Yakis, Mike Lewis and David Baker. Although the scores did not produce any low 70's golfers, the friendly rivalry which existed between the two chapters spirited the spectators to cheer for their favorite foursome.

The second inter-chapter match was again hosted by Bethlehem's Homer Chapter of which John Moralis is the hard working President. The match was held at one of the most difficult courses in the east—the new Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course. Philadelphia's Hercules-Spartan Chapter No. 26 provided a spirited and strong foursome in George Morpheus, George Alex, Jake Demitris and Bill Demitris. They edged out Bethlehem by a total point score of 433 - 453. The spectators report that in addition to the difficult course played, the golfers were off their game for that day.

These series of golf matches were started a year ago under the direction of the then District Athletic Director, John Mandros who is now the National Athletic Director. Teams from the chapters of eastern Pennsylvania have participated during the course of the year and these events have greatly instilled the Ahepa-sport spirit in these chapters. This type of sport attracts men of all ages, thus all members can actively participate in the athletic programs.

New Castle Picnic Profits Go to Ahepa School for Boys

New Castle (Pa.) Chapter No. 87, in cooperation with the local Daugh-

Chicago Chapter 46 Show Middle-East Film

On Sunday, November 10, Nicholas S. Salamie, Consul of the Republic of Lebanon in Chicago, delivered a lecture on the timely subject of the Middle East which was well attended. The lecture was held in the Assembly Room of the Hotel Sherman, Chicago Ahepa Headquarters. A special film of the State of Lebanon was also shown. Demosthenes I. Georgoulis, is president of "46".

Supreme President Verinis Attends North Shore No. 94 Masquerade Ball

Ahepa's largest Chapter, North Shore No. 94 held a Masquerade Ball, on October 31 at the Aragon Ballroom, for the benefit of North Shore's Community Building Fund.

George J. Pyre, one of the outstanding Chicago business men is chairman of the Building Fund with Zack T. Ritsos, past supreme secretary and past supreme counsellor as vice-chairman.

Members of Penelope Chapter held a picnic on Sunday Sept. 8 for the specific purpose to help raise funds for the Ahepa School and Dormitory for Boys. The chapter's share of the profits was \$87.16 a check for which has been forwarded to the headquarters by Bro. Speer Marousis secretary of the Chapter.

Perdikis-Manakos Wedding

On Sunday, Sept. 1, at St. Nicholas Church, Bethlehem, Pa., Miss Froso Perdikis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Perdikis of Bethlehem was married to Lt. Panayiotis G. Manakos, RHNF, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Manakos of Athens, Greece. Best-man was Theodore Lappas of Palisade, N. J. and Cambridge, Mass. Lt. and Mrs. Manakos spent their honeymoon in Miami Beach, Fla. Mrs. Manakos has held many Daughters of Penelope offices and served for two terms as District Secretary of the "Daughters" of Power District No. 4. Lt. Manakos is a graduate of the Greek Naval Academy of Greece, the University of Athens and has majored in economics.

Other officers of the fund include George Makris, treasurer, Miss Helen Makris, secretary and Dr. Louis Angelopoulos, also a vice-Chairman.

Nicholas G. Rekas is president of the Chapter. More than 700 persons were in attendance when Supreme President C. P. Verinis was introduced. The Supreme President's retinue included, Past District Governors, A. T. Tsoumas, Nicholas C. Giovan and Sam Karakostas; Peter N. Mantzoros, Editor of the "Ahepan" and publisher of the Chicago PNYX and Paul J. Costulas, Governor of the 13th District.

Attending this beautiful affair was also Andrew Fasseas, Ass't Director of the Department of Revenue, State of Illinois, representing Governor William G. Stratton and other outstanding leaders of the community.

Among the Committee members who worked diligently for the success of this North Shore event include: George Panagopoulos, Dean Adinamis, Peter Angelopoulos, Gust Bexes, Nick Catranis, David J. Christ, Theodore Costoplos, Angelo R. Costulas, Nick Danakas, Arthur Daravanis, Spero Furla, John Geocaris, Alex P. Geranios, George Johnson, George Lamperis, Nick Pappas, John Baptsis, Peter G. Sikokis, Nick Toulis, Mrs. Daphne Rekas, Georgia Roiniotis, Irene Spiropoulos and Mrs. Angeline Vasilakos.

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Ohio Daughter Wins Freedom Award



Miss Betty Georgiadis, daughter of Bro. and Mrs. Serk Georgiadis of Canton, Ohio, has been awarded an honor certificate of merit by the FREEDOM FOUNDATION of Valley Forge for an essay "America, Its Rights and Privileges".

This is the second time she has won an award. In 1955, the foundation awarded her the George Washington honor medal.

Sister Georgiadis, has translated her essay into the Greek language for distribution among persons arriving in this country from Greece to help them better understand the American form of government and the American way of life. Miss Georgiadis is employed by the U. S. government as secretary to the resident officer in charge of construction in Northern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

This is not the first time Sister Georgiadis has won awards. On Aug. 8 she was announced first-prize winner by a local radio station for an article she wrote, "A Salute to Radio". Besides being an active member of the Daughters of Penelope, Betty is a member of the Business and Professional Women' Club, Charter member of the National Secretaries Association (International) the League of Womens' Voters and the Philoptohos of Canton. During the last District Convention of the Buckeye District No. 11, Miss Georgiadis was named the "Daughter of the Year" of Buckeye District and was presented with a trophy-cup by Ahepa District Governor George Cavalaros, at a banquet held in the Cleveland Hotel.

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Tzouanakis and Brahos Edit Two Hoosier Papers

Two well known Hoosier Ahepans were in charge of Lake County's two daily newspapers, The Hammond Times and Gary Post Tribune, during the month of August. It marked the first time that two Ahepans of Hellenic extraction handled editorial department material for the two newspapers with a combined circulation of well over 125,000.

Brother James Brahos of Hammond, past Hoosier District 12 governor, was occupying his regular post as city editor of The Times when he was advanced to managing editor during the vacation of Carl Davidson.

Brother Mike Tzouanakis of Gary, lieutenant governor of the Hoosier District who is assistant city editor at the Gary Post Tribune moved up to city editor during the vacation of Arnold Coons, regular city editor.

Needless to say, both Ahepans made every effort to "scoop" each other, while occupying the top ranking posts from a previous rewrite position.

Brother Brahos, a 20 year veteran with The Times, has been city editor since 1947. Brother Tzouanakis has been assistant city editor of the Post Tribune for three years, moving up from a previous rewrite position.

With two Ahepans holding key positions, it is no wonder that more people know about Ahepa today in northern Indiana than at any other time before they entered the field of journalism.

Muncie Daughters Hold Halloween Party

A Halloween party was held in October by the Daughters of Penelope Megara Chapter of Muncie. Prizes were won by Miss Ronnie Benos, Jimmy Chagares, Mrs. Gus Phillis, Mrs. Willard Ritter, Miss Marcia Benos and Gayl Woodering.

Others attending were: Mr. and Mrs. James Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. P.

Danikolas-Chulos Nuptials



Rita Danikolas, past Grand Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope and John N. Chulos exchanged marital vows on June 2 at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church in East Chicago, Ind. Mrs. Chulos is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Danikolas of East Chicago and Mr. Chulos is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Chulos of Oak Park, Ill. James Zafirris was best man, assisted by Leo J. Lamberson, past supreme president of the Order. Following a Bermuda honeymoon the couple made their home in Oak Park. Mr. Chulos is a graduate of De Paul University and is employed at the National Bank of Austin.

J. Costas, Mr. and Mrs. Th. Limpert, Ted Printzos, Connie Printzos, Mr. and Mrs. John Printzos, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson, Miss Patty Cross, Miss Martha Phillis, Miss Kay Printzos, Mr. and Mrs. James Benos and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Blaimas. Mrs. Gus Phillis of Richmond, is president of the chapter.

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**OIL CENTER
DISTRICT No. 15 NEWS**

**Nick Jamson
Wins National
Ahepan-Of-The-Year
Award at St. Louis**



Among the outstanding Ahepans of the 15th District, nationally known Nick Jamson, former supreme governor and former district governor won the much coveted national title of the

Order when he was named The Ahepan - of - the - Year at the St. Louis National Convention.

Before coming to St. Louis, Bro. Jamson was named the Ahepan - of the - Year of the 15th District and received favorable mention in LOOK Magazine which published an article in connection with the awarding of the All-American City trophy to the City of Grand Island, Neb. The article mentioned this immigrant restaurant operator whose support and contributions by way of a full page advertisement in the local paper, among other things, helped spearhead the drive for new schools in Grand Island.

Bro. Jamson's past Ahepa record indicates that a large portion of his life and fortune has been spent spreading Ahepanism throughout the 15th District and sections of the Northwest. For more than 30 years he has been attending national conventions as a delegate.

His civic record also is a proud record. He has been among the founders of the Holy Trinity Church of Grand Island and one of its heavy contributors. He was instrumental in the purchase of a parish home adjacent to the Church edifice and also served as Chairman for the Patriarchate Building Fund which netted \$1,625.00. As Chairman of the Ahepa Home For Boys he raised \$725.25.

Other community interests in which he took an active part include his appointment by the Governor of Nebraska as District Chairman in 1956

**DELTA DISTRICT
No. 16 REPORTS**

**Galveston (Texas)
Daughters News**

By Mrs. ALPHA COUVARAS

Secretary, Aelus Chapter No. 116

Miss Lois Legate of Waco, Texas was married to James L. Homer, Jr., on Sept. 7, in the Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption. Chris Couvaras uncle of Mr. Homer was the best man. More than 200 guests attended the reception which followed, in the Solarium Room of the Buccaneer Hotel. The Very Rev. Nicholas Sargologos officiated at the impressive candle light ceremony.

In August, Mrs. Cornelia Lymberis announced the marriage of her daughter, to Chris Metsikas of Troy, N. Y., and Kavalla, Greece. Following the wedding a reception for close friends and relatives was held at Gaido's famous Pelican Room. T. A. Waterman acted as best man.

for the Association for Christians and Jews and being among the founders of Fonner Park which brought parimutual racing to Grand Island which will eventually provide Grand Island with a sizeable yearly income for civic improvement. He also, was one of the leaders in the drive for a 3.7 million dollar school bond issue which gave Grand Island one of the outstanding school systems in the State. In addition he has served as County Chairman for the Red Cross Drive. Bro. Jamson, we, your Ahepa brothers, salute you.

**EL CAMINO REAL
DISTRICT No. 20**

**El Camino Real District
Raises more than \$6,000
For Ahepa Hall for Boys**



Co-Chairman, Louis P. Manos of Hesperia Chapter and Nick Koumioti of Hollywood Chapter accept \$3,800.00 check from Treasurer Chris S. Phillips for Ahepa Hall For Boys. Not shown in picture is Co-Chairman George Mavredakis, representing Rosebowl Chapter.

Through the combined efforts of three 20th District Chapters, Hesperia, Hollywood and Rosebowl, the Ahepa Hall For Boys received \$3,800.00. Elsewhere in the District, Ahepa and Daughters Chapters, brought the total contributions for this worthy cause well past the \$6,000.00 mark. Of this amount, Tucson, Ariz., raised \$750.00 and San Diego more than \$1,000.

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—Fraternal Monitor

Bon Voyage and Meritorious Service Party Highlights Gladstone C. J. 6 Chapter Activities



—Photo by Apostolides

On September 25th a banquet was held by Gladstone Chapter C. J. 6, Vancouver, B. C. honoring the departure for a visit to Greece of Bro. Constantine Cambury and to award Certificates of Meritorious Service to a number of other distinguished Ahepans of the Chapter.

(Front row left to right) are: John Michas, Harry Santos, Nicholas Kogos, Mike Chikites, John Athens, Past Pres.; Constantine Cambury and Aristo Kotsiras.

(Back row left to right) are shown: Aleck Gregory, Past Pres.; currently serving as secretary of the chapter; Constantine Bonnis, Past Pres.; and Tom Latsoudes, Past President.

ATTENTION — CHAPTER SECRETARIES

All Chapter Secretaries are hereby requested to cooperate with the Circulation Department of the "Ahepan" by mailing to this department a complete list of their good standing members at least once a year. Individual members, changing their addresses, should send both their old address, (exactly as it is imprinted on mailing label of their last copy of the "Ahepan" with their Chapter number) and their new address to: The "Ahepan", Circulation Department, 1422 K. St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

MAKARIOS BANQUET

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Congress convenes next year."

Although Supreme President C. P. Verinis was invited to attend just three days prior to the banquet, he was unable to be present and sent the following telegram:

"Several events beyond my control, coupled with an extremely late invitation, prevent my joining with you to honor and pay tribute to His Beatitude Makarios, the Archbishop and Ethnarch of Cyprus. Ahepa will always continue to render assistance whenever possible just as it came to the aid of the Cypriot cause in 1954. Please extend to the Archbishop the sincere good wishes of the Supreme Lodge and all Ahepa for a successful mission. — CONSTANTINE VERINIS, Supreme President of Ahepa."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Contrary to many erroneous reports, the Supreme President had not been extended an official invitation to be a speaker on the program.

SPORTS

OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR 1958

John Mandros, of Bethlehem, Pa., National Director of Athletics has released the following program for the 1957—1958 season. Dates for each event will be released at a later date:

- 15th National Ahepa Basketball Tournament
- National Sons of Pericles Basketball Tournament
- 4th National Ahepa Bowling Tournament
- 7th National Ahepa Golf Tournament
- 14th National Ahepa Olympiad
- Ahepa National Tennis Tournament

James Kritis former Allentown (Pa.) High School tackle has made the Moravian College football squad... A boy to watch is Peter Americus from Easton (Pa.) High School, who is the nephew of our late brother champ. Pete is a full-back and captain of his team... Andy Papaminas, Dist. Governor of Dist. No. 3, is the JV football coach of the Baltimore Polytechnic High School... Boys to watch! Bill Vassellaros, Maryland All-State halfback; Ted Callandros, end; and Gust Vassellaros at the guard slot... Benny Galifis from Baltimore, Md., has made first string all-American at the rough and rugged game of Lacrosse... Alex Sokares, who is Albany, New York's All-City Basketball and Football player has received a scholarship for Georgia Tech next year.

Boston Latin's crack football forces have two Hellenes operating on the starting team, Manny Zisses, aggressive 195-pounder, who packs a mighty wallop at right guard, while Nick Mourginis holds down the right end slot for the Purple... Across the street at Boston English, Coach Stewart has four Greek-Americans on the squad. Senior Harry Pappas and Junior Ken Kiriakopoulos team as starting tackles. Pete Vergados, 165-pound junior, is a reserve back while Tom Stavris, 185-pound senior, is a key replacement at guard... Lou Tsioropoulos, former Lynn English and Kentucky star, apparently has won himself a berth on the roster of Boston's world pro basketball champion Celtics...

ZERVAS AND KALABOKE

NAMED SONS BASKETBALL CO-CHAIRMEN

Peter Zervas, Dist. Governor No. 6 and Bill Kalaboke, Dist. Secretary-Treasurer of Dist. No. 6, were named co-chairmen of the National Sons Basketball Tournament at a meeting held recently in New York City.

GREEK CONQUERS CATALINA CHANNEL

A 48 year old retired Greek Army major who swam 23 storm swept miles from Santa Catalina Island to the Southern California mainland said recently he would have swum right back again if friends had not talked him out of it.

Jason Zriganos conquered the choppy channel in 18 hours and 37 minutes despite a rainstorm that made the going more difficult than usual.

IMPORTANT

Chapter News and other material for Publication should be mailed directly to the Editor:

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Personal Notes

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P. GEANNOPOULOS, Secretary of Logan Square Chapter No. 260, Sr. Vice-Commander and A. STEVE BETZELOS, of Chicago Chapter No. 46, Jr. Vice-Commander . . . A. T. TSOMAS, former District Governor of the 13th District, arrived in New York on September 12, to meet the S. S. "Queen Frederica" aboard which were returning to the United States from an extended trip to Greece and the European Continent, his lovely daughter Poulia and his sister, Mrs. Mary Pofanti . . . S. J. SENES, former Hoosier District 12 Governor, is in Europe as a member of a three-man vocational educational team that will survey vocational schools in France, Italy, Turkey and Greece during the ensuing year. Bro. Senes makes his home in Hammond, Ind. He is on leave of absence from his post as supervisor of trade and industrial education in charge of the Chicago office of the Illinois Board of Vocational Education . . . ANDREW BROCKLES and SPIROS VERSIS, recently were seen in the lobby of Chicago's La Salle Hotel, in a long and serious huddle. Both Brockles and Versis were attending a business convention of salad dressing and mayonnaise manufacturers. Brockles hails from Dallas while Versis comes from Washington, D. C. . . . PETER AGRIS, a member of Athens (Boston) Chapter, recently was appointed Public Relations Director of the 32nd National Convention to be held in Boston next August. Bro. Agri is the Publisher of the HELLENIC CHRONICLE of Boston. Bro. Agri was born in Gloucester, Mass., and attended the University of California, at Los Angeles, and Boston University, where he majored in journalism and public relations. During World War II he served with an Army Air Corps flight crew . . . Bro. and Sister CONSTANTINE N. MAVRIKES, of Skokie, Ill., are the proud parents of a baby girl, their first child. Bro. Mavrikes served as the first president of Northwestern Chapter No. 388, Glenview, Illinois . . . MARCUS NOTIAS, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons of Pericles and Mrs. Notias became the proud parents of a boy recently in Houston, Texas . . . Past Supreme President of the Sons NICK KARAYIANNIS, returned to the University of Maryland to study for his Doctorate Degree. Nick

OBITUARIES

Nick Strattin Dallas, Texas



A former Chicagoan, Brother Nick Strattin for many years lived in Dallas Texas, where he was engaged in the restaurant business. He died suddenly while visiting relatives in Greece, on August 26th. A former Supreme Governor of the Order, Mr. Strattin also served as President of the Dallas Chapter No. 20 and was District Advisor of Delta District No. 16. Mr. Strattin came to the United States in 1910. He is survived by his wife, and two daughters, Miss Joan Strattin and Miss Maria Strattin of Dallas; an uncle Tony Crystal also of Dallas and three brothers, all of Volos, Greece.

Thomas Phillips Detroit, Mich.

Thomas Phillips, former District Governor of the Automotive District No. 10, died recently in Detroit Mich. Bro. Phillips' services to Ahepa were multifarious and outstanding. Of late years he had retired to Clearwater, Fla., where with his wife Opal operated a motel.

is employed at Diamond Fusse Ordinance Corp. of Washington, D. C., and is studying nuclear physics . . . The U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, has accepted BERNARD THORNBERG for the coming year. Bernard, is President of the Pytharos Chapter No. 9 of Washington, D. C., Sons . . . PFC RON CURTIS, past Supreme Vice-President of the Sons, recently announced his engagement to Miss Angela Panos, a San Francisco Maid. PFC Curtis is stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. GUS TSERONIS of Pytharos Chapter No. 9, Washington, D. C., was awarded the Stergios B. Milonas scholarship at the St. Louis convention . . . PETER MAVROMATIS of St. Louis won the \$500 annual Dr. C. B. Johannides scholarship awarded by the St. Louis Ahepans.

George Kapetanakis South Beloit, Ill.

Past District Governor of the 13th District, George Kapetanakis, died on October 2, in the Beloit, Wis. Hospital after a prolonged illness. Funeral services were held on October 5 at the First Presbyterian Church of Beloit, Priests from the Rockford, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wis., communities officiated at his last rites. More than 100 of his brothers from throughout the 13th District attended the funeral services including a number of leaders from the City of Chicago among whom were: Nicholas C. Giovan, A. T. Tsoumas, Sam Karakostas, all past Dist. Governors of the 13th District; Paul J. Costulas, Dist. Governor, George Miller of Harvey, Ill. Dist. Lt. Governor and Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Mantzoros of Glenview, Ill. Bro. Kapetanakis had served in most Chapter offices of the T. L. Wright Chapter No. 164 of Beloit, Wis., and for several years on the District Lodge. In 1949 he was elected to the Governorship of the District and re-elected in 1950. He is survived by his wife.

Sudden Heart Attack Claims Bouramas Chicago, Ill.

William G. Bouramas, Past District Governor of the 13th District died suddenly from a heart attack on Nov. 6 in his home in Chicago. His funeral was held on Nov. 9 with services at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and interment in Evergreen Park Cemetery.

Bro. Bouramas joined our Order in 1925, being the 14th charter member of Chicago Chapter No. 46. Later he transferred to Woodlawn Chapter No. 93, and then to Victory Chapter No. 334 which he helped to organize. He served in various capacities, finally being elected to the Governorship of the 13th District.

Presentation of this award took place during the coronation of the Ahepa Queen in the Kiel Auditorium . . .

 *Letters*
TO THE EDITOR

Baltimore, Md. Aug. 14, 1957

Dear Brother Editor:

I want to express my heartfelt satisfaction and pleasure through the "Ahepan" to the "Power District News" for the inspiring article under the heading "Ahepa Faction". What a true expression of the Hellenic spirit of mind. Congratulations, and worthy of a Bravo!

In my humble opinion, as an older man, it would be a wonderful idea to have such an article to be read by every Chapter president after opening of chapter meetings. Especially at times of elections it would stress such worthy thoughts to every member. I am sure it will help to avert a lot of misunderstandings so disheartening to some of us.

VASILIOS PAPPADOPOULOS
Lord Baltimore Chapter No. 364

Weirton, W. Va. Aug. 31, 1957

My dear Brother Pete:

It is needless for me to say how happy I was to have been able to place your name in nomination for assignment as the Editor of the AHEPAN... I know too, that the AHEPAN will be a fraternal magazine and above all with discrimination toward none.

GEORGE E. LOUCAS
Supreme Vice-President

Philadelphia, Pa. Sept. 4, 1957

Dear Peter:

I know that you will do a splendid job on the "Ahepan" and I want you to accept my sincere and heartiest congratulations on the occasion of your recent appointment.

GREGORY G. LAGAKOS
Supreme Counsellor

St. Louis, Mo. Sept. 9, 1957

Dear Peter:

Thanks for the good job you did in St. Louis.

LOUIS E. JEMAS
Treasurer

31st Ahepa Nat. Convention Committee

Pontiac, Mich. Sept. 7, 1957

Dear Brother Peter:

I am sure Brother Peter that there could not have been a better choice than you as Editor of our Ahepan Magazine. I sincerely believe that you are the best man for the job and I know, judging from past experience in my associations with you that you will do your best to turn out a wonderful and beneficial magazine, one of which our Order

can be duly proud.

SOCRATES V. SEKLES
Past Supreme Treasurer

Minneapolis, Minn. Sept. 6, 1957

Dear Peter:

It was gratifying to read of your appointment by our Supreme President to serve us as Editor of the AHEPAN this year, an appointment which I heartily concur with. With your vast knowledge and background in our fraternity, we can truly look forward to an outstanding magazine this year of the highest calibre. Heartiest congratulations to you Peter and the best of luck.

LEO J. ZOTALEY
Past District Governor
Grainfield District No. 14

Coral Gables, Fla. Sept. 8, 1957

Dear Peter:

I was very happy to second your appointment as Editor of the "AHEPAN". You have the ability and "know-how" to do an outstanding job.

PETER KOUCHALAKOS
Supreme Governor

Dallas, Texas Sept. 10, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

Permit me to extend my congratulations and best wishes on your appointment as Editor of the "Ahepan". With your vast experience in the field of journalism and your love and devotion to our Order, we look forward to a great year.

Mrs. EVELYN SEMOS
Grand Secretary
Daughters of Penelope

New York, N. Y. Sept. 9, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

Congratulations on your new post as Editor of the "Ahepan". I know the Supreme Lodge made an excellent choice when they selected you.

If I can be of any service to you, please call on me. Congratulations again.

GEORGE DOURIS
Editor, English Section
THE NATIONAL HERALD

New York, N. Y. Sept. 11, 1957

Dear Peter:

I do not wish to let this opportunity pass to congratulate you upon your appointment as editor. You are an ardent Ahepan, you have the experience and certainly wish to devote the time to make this magazine what it should be, namely, a fraternal organ promoting the interests of all and excluding none from its columns.

And if there is anything I can do to

assist you in the editing of the magazine, please do not hesitate to call on me. I am at your disposal.

With warm personal regards,
KIMON A. DOUKAS
Supreme Secretary

New York, N. Y. Sept. 7, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

Congratulations on your appointment to the Editorship of the "Ahepan" and best of luck.

GEORGE DIMAS
Former Editor
"THE AHEPAN" Magazine

New York, N. Y. Sept. 12, 1957

Dear Mr. Mantzoros:

I congratulate you on your appointment as the new Editor of the "Ahepan" magazine and I wish you success.

A. GEORGIADIS
Vice-President

Atlantic Bank of New York

Ottawa, Canada Sept. 11, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

May I grasp this opportunity to offer you my sincere congratulations on your appointment as the Editor of the magazine of our Order. I feel certain that under your editorship the "Ahepan" will reach heights of excellence as a fraternal organ.

GEORGE D. VLASSIS
Supreme Vice-President of Canada

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 17, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

Congratulations — As I predicted at your Magazine Committee meetings, now it's official. You are the Editor of the "Ahepan". I think you will do a good job. Sincerely, I wish you success as the Editor of the "Ahepan", and anxiously will look forward for the next issue by your efforts.

C. N. DIAMOND
Past Supreme Governor

Washington, D. C. Sept. 20, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

On behalf of the Sons of Pericles, I wish to congratulate you on your appointment. Your experience in the newspaper field should make you a definite asset to the Magazine.

Wishing you the best of luck in your new capacity, I am,

GEORGE COKINOS
Executive Secretary
Order of Sons of Pericles

Charlotte, N. C. Sept. 20, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

I wish to extend my congratulations and best wishes on your appointment as Editor of the Ahepan. With your love, and devotion for our fraternity

and your vast experience in the field of journalism, we look forward towards receiving a publication that we can proudly share with our friends.

Mrs. ZOE CAVALARIS
Grand President
Daughters of Penelope

Nassau, Bahamas Sept. 19, 1957

Dear Peter:

Greetings from our journey to Nassau and Havana. Congratulations on your appointment as Editor of the "AHEPAN" Magazine. You deserve it.

ZANNIS & FROSO
MARMARINOS

Sacramento, Calif. Sept. 25, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

Congratulations upon your appointment as Editor in Chief of the "AHEPAN". The Supreme Lodge could not make a better selection. I know you will carry the duties of editor better than any of the past and the Ahepa membership will benefit a lot.

"Uncle" S. STAMOS
Member-Mother Lodge.

Boston, Mass. Sept. 30, 1957

Dear Peter:

Congratulations on your appointment as Editor of the Ahepan Magazine. I know that with your ability and experience you will do an outstanding job.

PETER AGRIS
Editor

THE HELLENIC CHRONICLE

Washington, D. C. Oct. 3, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

My congratulations on your appointment as editor of the Ahepan Magazine. I am sure that you will do an excellent job in a fraternal spirit.

WILLIAM A. REVIS
Executive Secretary

New York, N. Y. Sept. 25, 1957

Dear Peter:

I am glad that you are the chief of the Ahepan, and I anticipate a good medium in competent and experienced hands.

With my kind compliments and wishes, I am,

NICK D. MOUSMOULES

Seranton, Pa., Oct. 1, 1957

Dear Peter:

I was extremely pleased to read of your appointment as Editor of the Ahepan. Please accept my heartfelt congratulations! I am confident that with the selection of a competent and professional newsman, the Ahepan will once again command the prestige of all Ahepans — and further, will not become

an instrument for propounding the views of any one particular clique.

GEORGE J. CARROS
Lt. Governor, Power Distr. No. 4

New York, N. Y. Nov. 8, 1957

Dear Mr. Mantzoros:

It is with the greatest pleasure that we have been informed that you have been appointed by the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa as editor of the "AHEPAN" Magazine. Please accept our most sincere congratulations.

We believe that your great experience in the newspaper and publishing field as well as your activities in the Order of Ahepa will make your new task a very successful one.

FRANGISKOS STAFILOPATIS
Home Lines
National Hellenic American Line

Albany, N. Y. Oct. 18, 1957

Dear Peter:

May I, at this belated opportunity, join your many friends in congratulating you upon your appointment as Editor of the AHEPAN Magazine. I am sure that the task with which you have been entrusted with, will be overcome in your usual and efficient manner.

GEORGE J. PIPENTACOS
District Governor, Empire Distr. No. 6

Evanston, Ill. Nov. 12, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

I beg the liberty to blow my own horn, so to speak, in order to give you some publicity matter about Evanston Chapter No. 204.

This chapter, though not very large in numbers, claims the distinction of prominence in other respects. It is the only chapter that has in its ranks of members four Past Presidents of the Hellenic Professional Society of Illinois (formerly The Hellenic Club of Professional Men of Chicago), brothers A. A. Pantelis, George S. Porikos, Theodore N. Constant and Themis S. Tsaousis. Brother A. A. Pantelis has also served two terms as Supreme Counsellor of the order and brother George A. Spannon a term as Supreme Governor. We also have in our chapter six members of the bar, two or three engineers and other professional men, and many merchants of Chicago and Evanston.

The rolls of membership are constantly being augmented by the initiation or transfer of new members. During the past few months the following brothers have become members of this chapter: Nicholas J. Allans, George N. Ames, Peter T. Ellew, George T. Jiaras, Michael N. Mays, Evangelos Shambis, Nick W. Tarant and Themis S. Tsaousis.

The secretary of this chapter is brother Adam S. Porikos, a Past President of Chapter No. 46, who very efficiently performs the duties of his office.

The Evanston Chapter No. 204 not only preaches but practices fraternity and harmony. It is the ideal chapter to belong to.

THEODORE N. CONSTANT,
President

THE ROLE OF S.S. "QUEEN FEDERICA"

(Continued from page 23)

ing of stewards. They are taught— apart from the rudiments of their trade—English and highly polished manners. It has now been decided to hold classes aboard the ship to further continue the training of those who do not meet the strict requirements of the Line.

Another important endeavor of the Company has been the training of her Chefs and Pastry Chefs to a point of sheer perfection. Realizing that they must be unexcelled in their respective fields, they were sent, at Company expense, to study in Paris and in the United States. More recently, they were placed aboard the luxury liner "HOMERIC" (a ship belonging to the same Line) during the cruise season to observe the fine technique of catering to cruise passengers.

EX-ADMIRAL

SKIPPER OF "QUEEN FEDERICA"

It seems only fitting that such a ship should have at its helm one of the most distinguished Admirals of the Royal Hellenic Navy. Admiral Constantine Condoyannis, Captain of the "QUEEN FEDERICA", has earned the admiration and respect of the thousands of passengers whom he has carried during these past three years.

An untiring and charming host, Admiral Condoyannis has contributed much towards making the "QUEEN" the warm and hospitable ship that she is. His graciousness and elegant manners have become legendary and the National Hellenic American Line cannot help but be proud of the fact that the "QUEEN FEDERICA" is the only ship with a Captain who is an "Admiral".

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EASTER EXCURSION

To *Mother Hellas*

Constantine P. Verinis, Supreme President



Sailing with the Greek Flag

on majestic

QUEEN FREDERICA

from New York, March 19, 1958

The Thirteenth Ahepa National Banquet

One of the most outstanding social gatherings in the nation's capital, held bi-ennially, is the forthcoming Thirteenth National Banquet of the Order, scheduled for Sunday evening, March 16, at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

John A. Vlachos, of Alexandria, Va., a past District Governor of Capital District No. 3, has been appointed General Chairman of the banquet. He will be assisted by two vice-chairmen and two secretaries, Bill Holmes, President of Washington's chapter No. 31 and James G. Cokas, President of the other Washington chapter No. 336; Dee Vrionis, President of Muses chapter No. 22, Maids of Athens in Washington and Iphy Sparks, President of the Washington Herminon chapter No. 11 of the Daughters of Penelope as secretaries to the Banquet Committee. Arthur J. Craten, of Mt. Vernon chapter No. 370, Alexandria, Va., will be the Treasurer of the committee. Additional appointments to the Committee will be announced soon.

The 1958 Banquet under the leadership of Bro. Vlachos, promises to be



JOHN A. VLACHOS
Banquet Chairman

the largest and most impressive of all national Ahepa functions, with an expected attendance of more than 1,000 persons, including about 300 members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, Cabinet members and other high governmental officials.

All Chapters are urged to cooperate in this national project by remitting thirty dollars to the Banquet Committee along with their designation of their respective Congressmen or other national figures to officially represent their chapters.

A cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. will precede the dinner thus giving every Ahepan the opportunity to meet personally the important Washingtonians and other prominent Americans in the service of our Government. In addition, any Ahepan may attend the Banquet. Those who contemplate to be there should remit their \$15.00, cost of the banquet per person, at their earliest opportunity, thus eliminating last minute confusion.

This will be a two-day event with Saturday, March 15th, reserved for get-together parties and a dance.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1958 - SHERATON-PARK HOTEL - WASHINGTON, D. C.



The arrival of Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus aboard the Greek National Line "Queen Frederica" created an unprecedented stir in American circles. He was interviewed aboard the ship by the press, radio and television and was hailed as an impressive leader of a burning national question. Pictured with Archbishop Makarios are from left to right: Mr. Pericles Lantzounis, Mr.



Savvas Zavogiannis and Mr. A. Lappas. — A group of lovely Greek girls wearing the magnificent national costumes of Greece, dance with enthusiasm the traditional dances of their country on the top deck of the Greek flag Liner, "Queen Frederica" during one of her recent arrivals in Piraeus. In the background, beating time — a group of Evzones sit crosslegged.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

AHEPA'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO HELLAS

Those who have visited Greece as members of Ahepa's Pilgrimages to Hellas and, especially those who have traveled aboard the majestic S. S. Queen Frederica, flagship of the National Hellenic American Line, nostalgically recall the wonderful times they had in the company of Admiral C. Condayannis and his staff of officers and extraordinary courteous crew. They will always remember the fine continental and Hellenic cuisine; the gay parties and outstanding entertainment.

These were well founded reasons which prompted the Verinis Administration to re-engage the S. S. Queen Frederica, the only liner between New York and Piraeus flying the Greek flag, for the Order's Annual Easter Excursion to Greece, which departs from New York on March 19.

All Ahepans, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens, Sons of Pericles, their relatives and friends, are therefore invited to join this pilgrimage which will give them the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances. Incidentally, this reminds us of a true-life story of what happened to two young romantic hearts when the atmosphere is "right". For years, two youngsters lived in Chicago, but it took both of them to go to the San Francisco National Convention, where under the "right" atmosphere got to know each other better and finally at the New York Convention decided to return to Chicago and marry. This is just one example of what these Ahepa Conventions, Excursions and other social gatherings, mean to our younger generation. And what better atmosphere? Yes! what "right" atmosphere can there be found than the beautiful and romantic appointments of the S. S. Queen Frederica for our younger people to get together.

And of course the oldsters too, will find the relaxing atmosphere on board this luxurious liner and the courteous service something to talk about when they return from such an exhilarating trip to mother Greece. To top it all, and in addition to this grand experience, the Excursionists will find an eager Greek Government headed by Their Majesties King Paul and Queen Frederica, ready with grand receptions, banquets and Athens side-trips to make their Greek stay a grand, pleasant and an unforgettable experience.

To those of you who always wanted to visit the seat of civilization; the cradle of Democracy and the world renowned shrines of Greece, we say, this is it. This is your opportunity. So, make your reservations NOW with your favorite travel agent, and remember too, that a portion of the profits from this ship go to the Eugenides Foundation for the education of Greek youths in Greece and abroad.

So all aboard, for the 1958 Ahepa Easter Excursion to Greece, with the incomparable, the majestic liner, the S. S. Queen Frederica, departing from New York on March 19.

VAN A. NOMIKOS

Just before going to press, we were shocked to hear of the sudden passing (January 31st) of our beloved Van A. Nomikos, the eighth Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa. We hasten to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Nomikos. A detailed eulogy will follow in the next issue of The Ahepan.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDER WAY

LET'S NOT BE LATE IN '58

By CONSTANTINE P. VERINIS, Supreme President

The St. Louis Convention has set a challenge for every chapter in the Ahepa domain. It affects each and every District and should be the guide post and incentive to get out into the flow and stream of humanity and interest worthy and qualified persons to join our ranks, as we are the most active and vocal champion of our people everywhere.

Each chapter shall be entitled to be represented at Supreme Conventions beginning with the Boston Convention this coming August, in accordance with the number of members it has in good standing, thus giving it a greater voice in the highest deliberative body and in the affairs of the Order.

Such representation shall be as follows:

- 1) Chapters having fifteen (15) to fifty (50) members in good standing shall have one (1) full vote or two (2) half votes.
- 2) Chapters having from fifty-one (51) to one hundred-twenty-five (125) members, two (2) full or four (4) half votes.
- 3) Chapters having from one hundred-twenty-six (126) to two hundred twenty-five (225) members, three (3) full or six (6) half votes.
- 4) Chapters having from two hundred twenty-six (226) to three hundred twenty-five (325) members, four (4) full or eight (8) half votes.
- 5) Chapters having from three hundred twenty-six (326) to four hundred twenty-five (425) members, or above, five (5) full or ten (10) half votes.

The Supreme Lodge shall certify to each chapter the number of votes to which it shall be entitled to have represented at the Supreme Convention, based on records at the Supreme Headquarters showing the number of members in good standing as of the 30th day of June of each year.

We can paint beautiful pictures, sankist skies and picturesque rainbows. We can even weave words of eloquence, but the simple unadorned fact is that only by hard, sincere and continuous efforts, interest and work, can we bring in new members thus bringing about a healthy and more effective organization.

A membership campaign, to fully benefit from the decision of the last Supreme Convention, has been formulated by the Supreme Lodge, under the following rules:

- a) The campaign commenced on the 1st day of January, 1958 and shall end on the 31st day of May, 1958.
- b) Regular initiation and reinstatement fees shall be applicable during the campaign.
- c) Newly initiated members and reinstated members shall count equally, percentage-wise, towards any of the awards.
- d) Awards shall be made by the Supreme Lodge on a percentage basis. All chapters will thus have an equal

opportunity, and the same incentive, to increase their membership.

Supreme Lodge Trophies or plaques, appropriately engraved, shall be presented.

- a) To the three chapters initiating or reinstating the highest number of members, percentage-wise, (3 trophies).
- b) To the three Districts initiating or reinstating the highest number of members, percentage-wise, (3 trophies).
- c) To the chapter in each District showing the greatest increase and largest growth, percentage-wise, (24 plaques).

Do we need promises or flamboyant sales talk to convince our members to get out and serve the organization, that has served them, and all our people, for the past thirty-six years. We think not, because we honestly believe that the rank and file are conscious of the greatness and the destiny of the Ahepa, and their duty to it.

We have successfully undertaken and completed many worthy projects, but so much more is needed to be done and so much more can be done with a large membership, all working in one direction, with but a single aim, with but a single purpose.

Let us roll up our sleeves and get into the crusade for new and reinstated members. This is done only by each of us applying ourselves to the task of personally contacting as many of our delinquent members and of our friends, who we know will make good material as new members, and bring them within the ranks.

Every member of the Ahepa, from the Mother Lodge, Supreme Lodge, District Lodges and the Chapters, shall be on the Campaign Committee and become an apostle and serve and preach our gospel. The officers shall be the means of inspiration and shall give of their assistance to every member.

The great mass of our people are still strangers to the Ahepa and probably have not fully understood or realized the value and importance of this brotherhood. A large active and alert membership constitutes the life of any organization. Ours is no exception.

Ours is a highly respected and recognized force that wields tremendous influence wherever it is functioning. It is our responsibility to increase its effectiveness by enlarging its membership and making it truly representative of our people. Let us bring this into reality. Let each member take an active part in building the strength of our Fraternity.

It can be done.

new members will be won!

Let's not be late,

in Fifty-eight!

Ahepa Insurance Department

Note: The following letter was recently mailed to all certificate holders of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund and to officers of the Fraternity. It is being printed here for the information of all members of the Order of Ahepa.

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SPECIAL CIRCULAR TO CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, AHEPA FAMILY PROTECTIVE FUND

Dear Fellow-Ahepans, Greetings:

The entire question of insurance, consisting of the Emergency Fund, the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society and the Ahepa Family Protective Fund, was thoroughly discussed at our last Annual Convention at St. Louis.

For your information, effective August 23, 1957, all three insurance projects were consolidated into a newly organized plan to be known as the AHEPA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT. All 3 insurance programs were ratified, confirmed and approved by our last Supreme Convention, and their assets and liabilities assumed by the Order of Ahepa, thus assuring their successful operation.

The Directors of this department are Past Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas, Chairman, John T. Pappas, Secretary, Michael G. Manesiotis, John G. Plumides, Jack Zareadoulas, Joseph S. Bambacus, George Shorall, and Supreme President Constantine P. Verinis and Supreme Treasurer Stephen C. Andreadis.

This communication is addressed to you as a certificate holder of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund. We propose to address in the near future, a separate communication to our membership concerning the Emergency Fund and the Ahepa Fraternal Benefit Society.

Pursuant to the power and authority given by all certificate holders to the Supreme Conventions of our Order and the Board of Directors of said Fund, the St. Louis Convention adopted the following restrictions, conditions and modifications:

- 1) The beneficiary of a certificate holder who dies within 90 days from the date of application is entitled to no other benefit than the return of the 1st payment.
- 2) If death occurs subsequent to 90 days, but within the first year, the benefit is limited to \$200.00.
- 3) If death occurs after the 1st year and before the end of the 2nd year, the benefit shall be \$300.00.
- 4) If death occurs after the 2nd year and before the end of the 4th year, the benefit shall be \$450.00.
- 5) If death occurs after the 4th year and before the end of the 5th year, the benefit shall be \$700.00.
- 6) If death occurs after 5 years, the benefit shall be the full \$1,000.00.

Subject to these restrictions and limitations, you were covered up to December 31, 1957, the end of the first year's operation of this Fund which coincides with your payment of chapter dues. Your Board of Directors, after careful con-

sideration, have decided to increase the annual contribution for the year 1958, to \$30.00. This increase was clearly indicated in the light of our experience for the year 1957, and is intended to strengthen and secure the sound operation of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund.

At the same time, your Board of Directors have also decided to allow a grace period to March 31, 1958, on or before which time your chapter dues and your current contribution to the Fund must be paid in order that your membership in the Ahepa Family Protective Fund shall be maintained.

Please return the enclosed bill with your remittance as soon as possible.

We are also enclosing herewith a financial statement of the Ahepa Family Protective Fund, as of December 31, 1957, which is self-explanatory.

We take this opportunity to congratulate you for having joined this plan and hope that you will continue your membership, enjoying good health and happiness under the protective wing of our Order.

Sincerely and fraternally,

C. P. VERINIS STEPHEN S. SCOPAS
Supreme President Chairman Ahepa Insurance Dept.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AHEPA FAMILY PROTECTIVE FUND

December 31, 1957

RECEIPTS:

From contributions — net, after refunds	\$ 55,800.00
Interest Income	616.19

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 56,416.19

DISBURSEMENTS:

38 Claims paid @ \$1,000.00 each	\$ 38,000.00
Application forms	1,139.85
Certificates and holders	283.26
Office expense, supplies, photostats	192.65
Payroll	104.36
Postage	100.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 39,820.12

CASH BALANCE, Dec. 31, 1957

\$ 16,596.07

NOTE:

Total Death Claims to January 1, 1958	— 83
Less Claims paid as above	— 38
Balance of Claims pending	45***

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***Of the 45 claims pending, 19 were for deaths prior to August 23, 1957, and will be paid at \$1,000.00 each. The other 26 claims are for deaths after August 23, 1957 and will be paid at \$200.00 each as per mandate of the St. Louis Convention. All of these claims are now being processed, and checks will be mailed out within 30 days.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE ST. LOUIS MINUTES?

What has happened to the Minutes of the St. Louis 1957 Supreme Convention? Where are they? Why haven't they been circularized to our Chapters in accordance with the Constitution and also the St. Louis mandate that they be sent out in summary form by October, 1957, the latest?

These are poignant questions, disturbing our Ahepa membership and requiring some explanation. Here are the facts:

Ever since we left St. Louis, your Supreme Lodge have made every effort to obtain the Minutes and carry out the mandates and decisions of the convention to the letter. Our parting request on Sunday afternoon, August 25, 1957, to the official reporter, Mrs. Phillips of Decatur, Illinois, was that she transcribe her notes and mail us the minutes with every possible dispatch, but not later than the middle of September.

It is now January, 1958, or more than five months since we adjourned at St. Louis and still we have received no minutes, except the first four days of the Convention, August 19, 20, 21, 22, 1957. Mrs. Phillips had been engaged by Bro. Chebithes, acting for and in behalf of the then Supreme President Manta. However, neither he nor anyone else is responsible for the inexcusable delay in getting the minutes—a sad and unfortunate repetition of what happened to the New York 1956 National Convention Minutes—with some variations of course. What we can not understand is why Bro. Chebithes or anyone else, except the Supreme Lodge or its representatives have attempted to get the minutes.

The following two letters despatched by Supreme President Verinis give an outline of the story, which is as perplexing to all of us as it is sad and unsatisfactory. The first letter is addressed to the reporter:

Washington, D. C., December 14, 1957

Dear Mrs. Phillips:

In order that we might set the entire record straight concerning the minutes of the St. Louis Convention of the Order of Ahepa, I deem it best that we put into writing the following:

1. You stated at the St. Louis Convention that you would have the minutes ready within 1 or four weeks, including a summary thereof.

2. Supreme Secretary Kinson A. Doukas wrote to you in September requesting you to do your utmost to bring about the early completion of the work. In addition, he has written to you several times since.

3. I wrote to you many times, in addition to telegrams and telephone calls to your office, most of which have gone unanswered.

4. I have asked Past Supreme President John L. Manta, since his administration was responsible for retaining you, to assist us in procuring the minutes. He has informed me over the telephone that your answer was "When the minutes are ready, we will send them to you."

5. I have also requested Brother Stephen J. Janakopoulos, an attorney in Alton, Illinois, to assist us. He and I spoke to you over the telephone from St. Louis several weeks ago at which time you assured us that the minutes would be ready shortly. You also informed us that you had already mailed to Headquarters the minutes for the first three days of the Convention.

6. I also requested others who live close by to assist us in getting these long overdue minutes, and they too have been unsuccessful.

On Monday, December 9, 1957, I visited your office located at 505 Citizens Building, Decatur, Illinois. You informed me at that time that the minutes had been completed and sent to our Headquarters in Washington. You turned over to me a receipt #7698188 for certified mail that had been sent to Washington a few hours before my arrival in Decatur. You told me further that the entire work had been mailed, contained in six packages that you and your secretary had mailed that same day.

I repeated my question as to whether a portion of the minutes had been sent out or all of them and you again assured me that the minutes had been completed, and sent to our Headquarters in Washington. You repeated that this work was so voluminous that it required two of you to carry it to the Post Office.

You further stated that there had been some doubt in your mind as to whom you should have sent the minutes for you had requests from myself, Supreme Secretary Doukas, Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, Past Supreme Treasurer James Dikeou and others. You will recall that I assured you that if you had sent the minutes to Head-

quarters, to Supreme Secretary Doukas, or to me, you could not have gone wrong. You also stated several times that you had a number of requests from Brother Chebithes for these minutes, and asking for your file copy, but that you told him, and again assured me that this copy had been sent to Headquarters as well.

You then went on to state that you had been originally hired by Brother V. I. Chebithes just two or three days before the Convention and that he asked you to bid on this work. You gave him a bid based on his statements that ours was but a 4 or 4½ day Convention and that most of the work would be turned over to you already typed and that it was a simple job. You were not told that we usually have an 8 day Convention when you figure night sessions, etc., and consequently you did not come prepared for a job of this magnitude. Moreover, you told me that you would mail me a complete report on this matter for the record.

Mrs. Phillips — I believe that I have stated the facts as per our correspondence, telegrams, telephone calls, and my visitation to your office on December 9. Let me state now what we have received from you thus far.

1. The minutes of the first day of the Convention. This is all that was sent to Headquarters on December 9 under certified mail receipt #7698188.

2. The registration cards of the delegates that you turned over to me when I visited your office on December 9.

3. Transcript covering a portion of a committee report.

Our Convention ended August 25, 1957. It is now December 14—sixteen weeks since we concluded our deliberations at St. Louis and the members are justly asking "what happened to the minutes." I believed you when you told me you had mailed all the minutes to our Headquarters for you appeared sincere and you must value your reputation as a court reporter. I am asking you now, what can I tell our members has happened to the minutes?

Sincerely yours,
C. P. VERINIS
Supreme President

The second letter is addressed to Judge Greanias, a fellow Ahepan, named by Mrs. Phillips as her attorney:

Washington, D. C., January 11, 1958

Dear Judge Greanias:

After talking to you on the phone today, and hearing that Mrs. Phillips has not yet contacted you, I thought it best to send you a copy of all pertinent communications on the matter of our St. Louis Convention minutes in addition to my letter of December 14, 1957 to Mrs. Phillips that has not yet been answered.

About a week after that letter, we received the minutes of the second day of the convention. We also received two invoices for a total of \$716.25 to cover the cost of the first two days' minutes. As I told you over the phone these minutes cover only 191 pages and at the maximum rate charged by any reporter for similar service should not have exceeded \$236.75.

On December 31, 1957, I sent the following letter to Mrs. Phillips—
"I am in receipt of your letter and telegrams dated December 30 and 31, requesting me to issue my check for \$716.25 for the St. Louis Convention minutes. I already wired you that my check would be sent to you via airmail—special delivery today. (She insisted on my personal check since we could not send her a check from the Headquarters on that same day.)

"As your bookkeeper told me yesterday over the phone, and in accordance with your telegram, I am therefore enclosing my check for \$716.25, reminding you again of your promise, stated in your telegram—

"AM NOT TRYING TO BE ARBITRARY, BUT MUST HAVE AMOUNT IMMEDIATELY. UPON RECEIPT BALANCE OF RECORD AND YOUR LETTER WILL BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY."

"I shall be at the Headquarters on Friday noon, January 3, 1958. The Supreme Lodge will be meeting on Saturday, January 4, 1958, and the balance of the minutes should be there by then."

The Supreme Lodge met on January 4, 1958, again without the benefit of the St. Louis minutes. We tried to reach Mrs. Phillips on the phone but without success. That night, our Supreme Counsellor, Brother Gregory E. Lagakos sent the following telegram to her—
"YOUR FAILURE TO MAIL BALANCE OF AHEPA CONVENTION MINUTES DESPITE OUR REPEATED REQUESTS AND DEMANDS HAS CAUSED AND CONTINUES TO CAUSE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO OUR ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF 600 CHAPTERS AND 40,000 MEMBERS. UNLESS MINUTES ARE RECEIVED WITHIN ONE WEEK WE SHALL BE COMPELLED TO INSTITUTE APPROPRIATE PROCEEDINGS. IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUESTED."

We received the following reply from Mrs. Phillips, by telegram—
"COUNTY JUDGE GUS GREANIAS ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS WILL

REPRESENT ME. HE HAS ADVISED ME THAT I SHOULD EXPECT PAYMENT UPON RECEIPT OF RECORD. YOUR ORGANIZATION COMPLETELY IGNORED THE STATEMENTS FOR FIRST TWO DAYS MUCH EXPENSE INVOLVED ON MY PART IN FINALLY GETTING SUPREME PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL CHECK. YOU ARE AN ATTORNEY, YOU KNOW A REPORTER CAN DEMAND PAYMENT WHEN RECORD IS DELIVERED ESPECIALLY FROM OUT OF TOWN LAWYERS OR ORGANIZATIONS. LAST YEAR'S REPORTER ADVISED ME HE WAS ALMOST ONE YEAR COLLECTING FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION. I WILL ADVISE YOU OF COST DUE FOR BALANCE AFTER WHICH JUDGE GREANIAS ADVISES ME TO HAVE YOU MAIL YOUR CERTIFIED CHECK TO HIM."

Headquarters replied to Mrs. Phillips on January 7, 1958, as follows —

"Since you did not keep your promise, it was only natural that the Supreme President cancel payment for the two days' minutes submitted. You are hereby advised that before we make any payment, the entire transcription of our St. Louis Convention must be completed and received at the Supreme Headquarters with accompanying vouchers and a copy of the contract entered into with you for the taking of the minutes of said Convention. Our previous years' records indicate that charges are usually made by page. Complete the minutes at reasonable charges and you need not worry about payment.

"The Convention was held in August, 1957 and, for no accountable reason yet advanced by you to justify such undue delay, the minutes have not been sent to us. Such action is utterly incomprehensible and it is causing irreparable damage to our Fraternity."

This is the record until I returned to my office today from a tour and called you on the phone, only to be told that Mrs. Phillips has not contacted you. I appreciate your kind offer to call her and to assist us in procuring these minutes. The entire Fraternity will be ever grateful to you if you can assist.

With the kindest of regards and all good wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,
C. P. VERINIS
Supreme President

In addition to this correspondence, Mrs. Phillips has written to Supreme Secretary Doukas in reply to his numerous requests for the Minutes, as follows:

Dear Mr. Doukas,

Decatur, Ill., December 21, 1957

No one is more aware of the necessity for prompt delivery of records than I, and I wish, above everything, it would have been possible to fulfill my obligation in that regard. However, following your St. Louis convention, I have had some very heart-breaking news regarding my son, who is in college, and apparently there are times when other matters have to come ahead of others.

When your Mr. V. I. Chebitzes contacted me to report this convention, it wasn't until his second call that I accepted. I was told this would be a four day convention, possible four and one-half days—and I most certainly wasn't prepared for the type of convention it was. I report numerous conventions each year, along with my other work, and I am sure you know that your convention is much larger than the average convention, and certainly a more difficult convention for a reporter appearing for the first time. Mr. Chebitzes said your group wanted daily summaries prepared; I made arrangements to do just that. Then on my arrival in St. Louis, I am told they don't want daily summaries, so I release my people.

Now, numerous telephone calls have been made to the office in Decatur. One call came in, the party leaving no name, saying the records would all be picked up — not to mail them. Mr. Chebitzes asked for a copy of the record, and my first thought was that he had a right to order the record, but in thinking it over, I told him that only the headquarters would receive the three records and they could be seen there, in the event that was the policy of the Order of Ahepa. Calls came from Denver, Colorado, from San Francisco — one person leaving one kind of a message, another leaving still another. Mr. Doukas, I enjoyed working for your group and I respect each one of you, but I sincerely regret that I agreed to report your convention, and simply because I was unable to foresee the tragedy which has occurred in my life, thereby making it impossible for me to do that which was expected of me by your group. I am frank to tell you however, my son comes first, and if you are able to understand this, I will be greatly relieved.

I have re-read the report of Mr. Kourides. I feel sorry for the reporter who prepared the minutes last year. I know what he was up against, but I know very well that you, as members of Ahepa, do not. The members of your own faction explained to me what happened last year, stating that the reporter was not to blame, but yet I notice that a lawsuit was filed against this man. I read Mr. Kourides' report very thoroughly, and his report regarding the reporter would alone be enough to make me, or any reporter, regret the fact that they had agreed to report the convention, knowing full well that any reporter will be put in the same position. Mr. Ungarsohn was far

more broad-minded than I would be, and when you appealed to my "sense of fair play" in your letter, it is my opinion that your group treated Mr. Ungarsohn with anything other than "fair play." Consequently, I'm aware of the report to be expected about me at your next year's convention.

In closing, I am not sure that I have quite put my point across, but I most certainly do understand your position and the Order's position. I told your Supreme President that I am forwarding him a letter of explanation for each chapter.

Very truly yours,
ELAINE PHILLIPS
Elaine Phillips Reporting Service.

On January 14, Supreme President Verinis received the following telegram from Mrs. Phillips:

MY UNDERSTANDING WAS 1.25 PER PAGE FOR EACH RECORD. I NOW UNDERSTAND I AM IN ERROR ADJUSTMENT MADE ON RECORD SENT TODAY. BY YOUR ACTION I AM NOW SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL CHARGES SURELY YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS MEANS TO ME. WILL NOT TRY TO FIGHT YOU ANY MORE. PLEASE, PLEASE, RELEASE PAYMENT OF YOUR CHECK TO ME. I DO NOT HAVE FUNDS TO COVER THIS. I AM PLEADING WITH YOU PLEASE WIRE COLLECT ANSWER IMMEDIATELY. WILL FORWARD ALL RECORDS TODAY IF ISN'T NECESSARY THAT YOUR ORDER SEND CHECK TO JUDGE GREANIAS IF YOU WILL ONLY ORDER PAYMENT OF YOUR CHECK. YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN SEND THEIR CHECK TO ME AT THEIR CONVENIENCE.

After talking to Judge Greanias on the phone, Supreme President Verinis replied to Mrs. Phillips, as follows:

REPLYING TO YOUR TELEGRAM — YOU HAVE NOT KEPT A SINGLE PROMISE YET. MY CHECK WAS SENT TO YOU IN THE HOPE THAT YOU WOULD KEEP YOUR WORD TO DELIVER THE BALANCE OF THE RECORD IMMEDIATELY. THIS YOU FAILED TO DO. FUNDS WILL BE RELEASED UPON RECEIPT OF MINUTES AT HEADQUARTERS OR ON DELIVERY TO JUDGE GREANIAS AND APPROVAL OF CONTENTS.

On January 17, 1958, the minutes for Wednesday and Thursday were received at the Headquarters. The record for Friday and Saturday, the most important and the bulk of the work, has not yet been received. However, Supreme President Verinis released the stop order on his check to Mrs. Phillips with the following telegram:

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY OF CONVENTION. AM NOTIFYING BANK TO RELEASE FUNDS. YOU MAY DEPOSIT CHECK FOR PAYMENT AND IS TO BE APPLIED TO ACCOUNT, NOT THE FIRST TWO DAYS. PLEASE COMPLETE WORK AND AMOUNT DUE YOU WILL BE SENT UPON RECEIPT OF MINUTES.

In spite of this record of frustration and disappointment, we are still making every effort to obtain the 1957 Minutes and carry out the mandates of the 1957 Convention. Let us hope that success will soon crown such efforts.

At the same time, your Supreme Lodge are turning their attention to the 1958 National Convention at Boston. Mindful of our experience with public stenographers and reporters both at New York and St. Louis, we have set the machinery in motion to obtain the services of a competent and reputable reporter, who will be able to take down the verbatim meetings of the Convention, but will also transcribe them and render his final report to the newly elected Supreme Lodge for their further attention.

On January 12, we have instructed past Supreme President Harris J. Booras, Administrative Director of the Boston Convention Committee "to seek a qualified reporter in Boston or elsewhere" and engage him for the work, after securing appropriate safeguards that he is qualified and prepared to meet our requirements.

KIMON A. DOUKAS
Supreme Secretary

C. P. VERINIS
Supreme President



1957 — DISTRICT GOVERNORS

CITRUS DISTRICT No. 2

George Tom Karras, Governor



An active member of the Sons of Pericles in the city of Miami, Fla., where he was born, Bro. George Tom Karras was elevated to the Governorship of Citrus District No. 2, at the 1956 District Convention being re-elected in

1957. Bro. Karras, a participant in many district and national conclaves of the Order, joined its ranks in 1950 becoming a member of Miami Chapter No. 14. His first office in the chapter was that of Athletic Director. He then moved into the district offices being elected District Secretary and Lieut. Dist. Governor.

Bro. Karras is married to Stella Panagiotopoulos (Panos) formerly of Lowell, Mass., who is equally prominent in the circles of the Fraternity. Mrs. Karras is a past president of the Miami Daughters of Penelope and currently is serving as District Marshal. The couple have two lovely children, Tommy and Virginia.

The Karras family was further recognized for their devotion to the Order when in St. Louis last August, Bro. George's sister, Denise Tomaras, was elected Grand Secretary of the Maids of Athens.

GARDEN STATE DISTRICT 5

James Katramados, Governor



Jimmy was born in Detroit, Mich. His family moved to Newark where he attended school and graduated from West Side High School.

Upon his graduation he enrolled at N. Y. U. and studied there for one year and then went into the Army. He served in the European Theatre with the 69th Infantry Division from March 1943 to January 1946.

After his discharge from the service

Jimmy continued his studies at Rutgers University and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, majoring in management. He is employed by the Western Electric Company as Industrial Engineer in Wage Incentive Organization.

The Governor is a sports enthusiast. He likes all sports and participates in bowling and softball. He is one of Eureka's best bowlers.

Ever since his initiation into the Order of Ahepa in May 1949, in the Eureka Chapter, Jimmy has been an ardent Ahepan. He has attended all the District Conventions since then and the last six national conventions. He has served his chapter as athletic director, secretary, and president. He was athletic chairman at the district convention in 1950 at Newark. He came up the ladder on the district lodge starting with athletic director, marshal, treasurer, secretary, lieutenant governor and governor.

Jimmy is well known and well liked all over the district. He is always pleasant and has a smooth and easy way about him. He is an all round nice guy.

Marital status—Jimmy is enjoying the blessing of bachelorhood at the present time. He resides at 265 Lincoln Place, Irvington, N. J.

EMPIRE STATE DISTRICT 6

George J. Pipentacos, Governor



The illustrious Empire District No. 6, also boasts of a graduate of the Sons of Pericles as its chief executive in the person of Bro. George J. Pipentacos a member of Albany Chapter No. 140, Albany, New York.

He was initiated in the SOONS in October of 1941 and has continued actively serving the Sons and Ahepa ever since his initiation. He has served as secretary and president of his Sons chapter. In 1947, he was elevated to Lieut. Governor of the Sons at the Jamaica Dist. Convention. In 1948, at the Elmira conclave he was elected Dist. Governor and it was during his admini-

stration that the Buffalo, Syracuse and Astoria Sons chapters were reactivated. His good work in behalf of the Sons was again recognized when in 1949 he was re-elected Sons Governor at the Rochester Dist. Convention. And the same year in Miami at the Ahepa National Convention he was elected Supreme Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons of Pericles. At the Cleveland Convention in 1950 he was elevated to the supreme presidency of the Sons and again re-elected in 1951 at the Minneapolis Convention, which was the first Sons of Pericles National Convention since 1936.

His equally impressive service to Ahepa began in 1949 when he became a member of the Albany chapter. He was the executive chairman of the 1953 Albany Dist. Convention and served as Convention Secretary to the 1955 Elmira Dist. Conclave. At the same convention he was elected Dist. Marshal of the Empire State District Lodge No. 6. The following year, at the Saratoga Springs convention he was elevated to the position of Dist. Lieut. Governor and in 1957 at the Syracuse Convention was elected to the Governorship of the District.

Bro. Pipentacos has attended 12 District and 10 National Conventions. He is married to the former Eva Fentikiou of Sindos, Greece. He is a graduate of Siena College, with a B.A. degree in Sociology and is presently employed by Peter's Food Store, Inc., Albany, N. Y.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT No. 9

Alick Andreades, Governor



An Africa, Sicily and Normandy World War II campaign veteran, politician and businessman, Alick Andreades is the progressive and likeable chap who runs the affairs of the Northern New England District No. 9.

Brother Andreades, blood brother of our illustrious supreme treasurer, Stephen C. Andreades of Lansing, Mich., was born in Peabody,

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BLUE RIBBON DISTRICT 13

Paul J. Costulas, Governor



One of the most dynamic and outstanding District Governors of the Order of Ahepa, Paul J. Costulas, immigrated to America at the age of 5 from his native Athens Greece, where he was born on May 3, 1901.

Following his graduation from Public and High Schools he entered the American School of Aviation and graduated in 1919 as an Aeronautical Engineer. He also took a course in wireless radio and electricity at the Lewis Institute.

Brother Costulas joined Ahepa's

Mass., the son of Charles and Sophia Andreades, who immigrated to America from Samos, Greece.

The year 1945 was a very eventful period for the Governor of District No. 9. First he married the former Athena Bonozo, of Lynn, Mass., then he migrated to Augusta, Me., where he became a member of the George C. Chase Chapter No. 128, of Lewiston-Augusta. He served his chapter for two years as president during which time he had the good fortune to initiate Gov. Edmund Muskie of Maine into the ranks of the Order, as well as Charles Nelson, former Congressman. In 1956 he became the district lodge treasurer and in the summer of 1957 he was elected Governor.

In Sept. of last year, Bro. Andreades was also elected a city councillor of the Augusta City Council and has the distinction of being the first Greek-American to be elected to such a position in his city. In addition to this he finds time to run his own business, ALECK'S RESTAURANT AND CORNER STORE, to actively participate in the activities of the Greek Orthodox Church of Lewiston-Augusta as its vice-president; to be a Legionnaire and a member of various Masonic bodies.

The Andreades are blessed with two children, Charles, 11, and Gail, 7 years old respectively.

ranks in 1929 and served North Shore Chapter No. 94 in various offices, including the President's chair. During this period he also devoted considerable time as chairman of advisors for the Lord Byron Chapter of the Sons of Pericles sponsored by his chapter and later took an active part in the War Bond drives and other activities both of his chapter and the District.

In 1951 he was elected treasurer of the 13th District Lodge and was re-elected in 1952. In 1953 he was elected chairman of the King Paul and Queen Frederica Banquet held in Chicago and the following year, 1954, he served as Deputy Dist. Governor under Governor William Belroy. In 1955 he was elevated to the Lieut. Governorship of the district, re-elected in 1956. And last year his many years of Ahepa work found his brothers unanimously voting for him to become their chief-executive.

The Blue Ribbon District No. 13, is indeed very happy with Paul J. Costulas as its hard-working and conscientious District Governor during the 1957-1958 Ahepa term.

GRAINFIELD DISTRICT 14

John W. Mercury, Governor



A quarter of a century in the service of Ahepa is the claim of popular John W. Mercury, a member of Minneapolis, Minn., Demosthenes Chapter No. 66, as District Governor of the Grainfield District No. 14.

Born in Minneapolis, Bro. Mercury is a successful business man operating the Cafe Coronet.

Having served his chapter in various capacities, including its presidency, Bro. Mercury then served his district as treasurer, Lieut. Governor and at the Duath Dist. Convention in 1957 became the District Governor.

In addition to his Ahepa activities, John has found time to serve as a member of the Minneapolis Greek Community Board of Trustees; actively participate in Home Lodge of the Masonic Order; Minneapolis Scottish Rite and 32nd degree Mason; Zuhrah Temple

OIL CENTER DISTRICT No. 15

Paul M. Kastle, Governor



A World War II veteran, Bro. Kastle was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Feb. 12, 1912.

Bro. Kastle's education includes schooling in Athens, Greece, from 1924-27 and attendance in a Kansas City law school.

A former member of the Sons of Pericles, he joined Ahepa in 1933 serving as chapter secretary for three years and then elevated to chapter president. During his tenure as President he brought into the chapter more than 100 reinstatements and new members.

Bro. Kastle's program as District Governor, includes the reactivation of the Sons of Pericles chapters in his district; a campaign to reinstate more members and bring in new ones; and closer relations between his and neighboring districts. His dream is to in-

and Zuhrah Patrol.

The Mercureys have one son, Peter, nine years old.

"While daydreaming the other day," writes Bro. Mercury, "I ran across the following poem which I think should be of interest to all my brothers."

What say we go to lodge tonight?
Let's visit in groups of two,
Let's give the signal at the door
Just like we used to do.

We've stayed away too many years,
And I've got a yen to go
And sit up among my peers
And take part in the show.

I want to watch the captain of the
guard,
Perform upon the floor,
And when ten comes along,
We'll pay respect once more.

I want to see the ballot spree
For young Ahepans, all brand new,
So cut your television short tonight,
And help us keep Ahepa's banner
bright, and strong.

itate an annual meeting among Ahepa district governors.

Bro. Kastle is married and the father of two children. He is also a member of various other organizations in the Kansas City area, including the Greek Orthodox Church.

THE MORMON DISTRICT 19

Frank J. Dagnes, Governor



Brother Frank J. Dagnes, the energetic Governor in this district is responsible for a 500-mile section of the Ahepa domain, known as the States of Utah, Idaho and Southern Nevada.

He is well qualified for the job, having served in practically all his chapter offices and then elevated to Dist. Marshal and Lieut. Governor before he assumed the arduous task of running the affairs of this important Ahepa district. He was initiated in Boise Chapter No. 254 in 1946.

Bro. Dagnes has the cooperation of his entire family in his chosen mission for our great Order. His charming wife, the former Helen Dudumake of Pocatello, Idaho has served as District Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope. The Dagneses have three children, two daughters and a boy.

In addition to his many Ahepa duties, Bro. Dagnes has served for seven years as president of the St. Helen and Constantine Greek Orthodox Church Community. In fact he was instrumental in the erection and promotion of this beautiful building of Orthodoxy in Idaho.

Plans are now under way by his district lodge to initiate into the ranks of the Order, Idaho's Junior Senator, the Hon. Frank Church who has expressed a strong desire to become an Ahepan. His initiation is planned for next summer at the District Convention of the 19th District.

BEAVER DISTRICT No. 23

Constantine Arabovitis, Governor

A Canadian resident for almost 45 years, Bro. Arabovitis first settled there in 1914. He hails from historic Messolaghi and the town of Grammatikon. His first residence in Canada was in Montreal and subsequently moved to Toronto, later moving again to his present address in London, Ontario, where he became a member of Lord Nelson Chapter C.J. No. 2.

Bro. Arabovitis has seen long service in Ahepa's councils, having served in various chapter offices, and as Dist. Athletic Director, Lieut. Governor and at the London Dist. Convention in 1956 was elevated to the Governorship of the District and was re-elected again at the Ottawa convention in 1957.

During the war years, he also gave of his time, generously, to such outstanding causes as the Greek War Relief Committee, serving as its secretary-treasurer, and also participated in many Red Cross drives and other community civic enterprises.

Reviews

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**LET'S NOT BE LATE
IN '58
GET A NEW MEMBER**

POETRY

Disillusionment

My days of grind and toil are done
No wealth, no fame, no favor won
Just another day of lore
Bartered for a right to live no more
No temples have I built I shall say
No happy hopes have cheered my way
It was not thus, when I was young
When every day saw another rung
Climbed life's ladder reaching for
success

For dauntless youth no failure would
confess

I used to sail the high of business' seas
With full-rigged ship to earn the toil'
fees

In any weather, I put the ship-a-hoy
with zeal

And stood by the helm, the ship firmly
to steer

I rode many storms and bucked angry
waves

I sailed the calm of the sea's eccentric
ways

To win or fail, is the course of life's
plight

All a man can do is stand up and fight
But now . . . my aching bones and
heavy heart

Bid every taxing effort to depart
No longer frets ambition with
impatient brow

Nor spurs the willing hand to grasp
the plow

Age! the relentless foe and human bore
Were great enough to close ambition's
door

Inch by inch, yield-up the life I hold
so dear

Not the gruelling buffets of the world
I feel

But courage, master only of a mind
content

Desert, when age brings
Disillusionment

By Othon J. Cacharelis

Past President
Demosthenes Chapter No. 66
Minneapolis, Minn.

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1958 EXCURSION
TO GREECE
WITH THE
S.S. "QUEEN FEDERICA
FROM NEW YORK
MARCH 19, 1958**

GRAND LODGE — Daughters of Penelope



RUTH KAMPOS

Grand Governor Zone No. 1

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Sister Ruth Kampos, is a member of Aleme Chapter No. 27 of Baltimore since 1945. She served two terms on the Board of Governors, has been an Adviser to the Maids, served her Chapter as Marshal, Treasurer, Vice-President and President. In the District she had the office of Marshal and Treasurer and two years as District Governor.

Mrs. Kampos is very active in her community. She is President of the Philoptochos Society for the past five years and participates in civic affairs of the City of Baltimore. She has been twice chairman of the Seal Drive.

She has just been appointed by Archbishop Michael as Second Vice President of the First District. Mrs. Ruth Kampos had also been appointed to be secretary of the 1957 Ahepa excursion.

She is married to Brother Anestes Kampos and is the proud mother of a future Ahepan, age 10. She has attended ten National Conventions and six District Conventions.

**PLAN TO ATTEND
THE AHEPA NATIONAL
BANQUET
SUNDAY, MARCH 16
SHERATON PARK HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.**



JULIA PAPAGEORGIU

Grand Governor Zone No. 2

Sister Julia Papageorgiou, was born in New York City, later moving to Chicago, where she attended the Parker High School, and the St. Constantine Parochial School.

She was initiated in the Hellas Chapter No. 9 in 1934. Later transferring to the Media Chapter No. 128, and at present is a member of Leda Chapter No. 59 of West Palm Beach, Florida, where she was serving her second year as President at the time of her election to the Office of Grand Governor of Zone No. 2 at the St. Louis National Convention.

She has also served numerous other chapter offices including the Presidency in the Chicago Chapters. She has always been a very ardent worker in the Daughters, being very instrumental in laying the groundwork and established the Nassau Bahamas Chapter in 1950.

She has attended fourteen National Conventions and nineteen District Conventions, serving as Chairman on many important committees. Also serving on many National Committees by appointments such as the "Chapter Manual of Instruction" and the National Advisory Board of the Maids of Athens.

Sister Julia is also an active member of the Eastern Star, the Philopto-



MARY VAMVORAS

Grand Governor Zone No. 3

Miss Mary Vamvoras Grand Governor Zone 3 was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. A charter member and one of the organizers of Daughters of Penelope Hecabe No. 185 of San Antonio, Texas. Served her chapter as first President and re-elected for a second term and Chairman of the Board of Governors. In the District she held the offices of District Treasurer, Lieutenant Governor and Governor. Has attended eight National and ten District Conventions.

Miss Vamvoras is active in her community and is a member of Kappa Phi Sorority which she organized in 1944. In the business world she is associated with Frost Bros. as assistant Supervisor of the Sales Audit Department.

choc Society, and the P.T.A. of Palm Beach County. She has done extensive traveling here and abroad, always promoting the welfare of the Order.

She is the daughter of the late Chris Zaglifa and Eva Zaglifa of Chicago; and the wife of the very prominent and philanthropic Ahepan, Anthony Papageorgiou. Sister Julia is, also, the mother of three fine children and grandmother of four lovely children.

GRAND LODGE — Maids of Athens

MARY SNYDER

GRAND PRESIDENT



Mary Snyder has been in the Maids of Athens for almost 8 years. During that time she has held the offices of chapter secretary, District Secretary, District Treasurer, Lt. Governor and District Governor twice. In New York City she was elected

to the office of Grand President and last August in St. Louis was re-elected to the same position unanimously. Mary has lived in Trenton for 14 years. She is a graduate of Rider College and is currently employed at the David Sarnoff Research Center, RCA Laboratories, Princeton, N. J., as an executive secretary to the Public Relations Manager. Her other activities include the church choir (to which she has belonged 10 years and is a past vice-president), captain of an RCA bowling team, Editor of the Princeton Town Club newspaper, a member of the Young Kalamotousi of America, an alumna of Zeta Mu Epsilon sorority and a member of the Executive Committee of the Princeton Town Club. She is the daughter of Mrs. Stella and the late G. Snyder, of Chios, Greece.

Her hobbies include club work, art, singing, bowling and creative writing. Miss Snyder is a member of Eretheion Chapter No. 23, Trenton, N. J.

JOAN KAPPAKAS

Grand Treasurer



A member of Cyrene Chapter No. 118 of Brooklyn, New York, Joan served as treasurer of her chapter. At the Empire No. 6 District Convention in 1956, she was elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor. The following year she was

unanimously elected to the position of District Governor. At the Maids of Athens Fifth National Convention in St. Louis she was elevated to Treasurer.

Joan is a Home Economics major at Nasson College in Springvale, Maine.

JOAN POMPOS

GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT



Joan is a member of the Pi Sigma Tau Chapter No. 56 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During her nearly four years as a Maid, she has been extremely active in her chapter. After serving as treasurer, she was elected president for two terms.

At the Pittsburgh convention in 1954, she served on the Executive Committee. She represented her chapter at the New York Convention and served as Convention Secretary and was elevated to Grand Secretary by the largest delegation since the Maids' first National Conference. In St. Louis she served again as Convention Secretary and was unanimously elected Vice-President.

Joan is a graduate of South Hills High School and is now attending the University of Pittsburgh. She teaches Sunday School at St. Nicholas Cathedral and is employed at the Commonwealth Trust Company of Pittsburgh.

DENISE TOMARAS

GRAND SECRETARY



Sister Tomaras, newly elected Grand Secretary, was born in Miami, Florida. She attended the Miami Senior High School where she was in the honor society and she graduated from Miami High in 1955. She is employed

as a private secretary at the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.

In 1952, Denise joined the Maids of Athens, Hurricanes Chapter No. 100 of Miami, Florida and in the following years she served her Chapter as secretary, vice-president and president. Denise was chosen Queen of the Sons of Pericles and Maids ball in Miami.

Other activities include, Sunday School Teacher at the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church for 2 years, served as an active member of her church choir and a member of the Goya in Miami.

BECKY ANGELOS

GRAND GOVERNOR ZONE 4



Becky Angelos, a member of Houston's Rhodanthe Chapter No. 41 has served her chapter as secretary and President and in 1954 was elected Grand President, re-elected again in 1955. In 1956 she became Governor of Zone No.

4, re-elected to the same position at the St. Louis convention.

One of the most popular Maids in the country, Becky has attended six national conventions and several district conclaves and currently she is working hard to establish two new chapters of the Maids, one in San Antonio, Texas and the other in Omaha, Neb.

Miss Angelos graduated from the public schools of Houston and the San Jacinto High School with honors and attended the University of Houston where she majored in Marketing (retailing and merchandising).

Presently she is employed as a secretary in the Mayor's division of the city of Houston.



Yma Sumak, celebrated singer, traveled to Greece with the S. S. Queen Frederica where she gave several performances. Miss Sumak who adores Greeks—as well as the Greeks adore her—was enthusiastic about her trip to Greece—called it an “unforgettable experience”.

Ahepa Personalities

LIKE FATHER LIKE SON



Jim Veras, Jr.

It is well known throughout the Ahepa Family that Jim Veras of Scranton, Pennsylvania, is one of the most active and wholly dedicated Ahepans. He is in the forefront of every activity and his active participation in every National Convention is one of the outstanding features of our Ahepa life.

However, very few people know that he has a son who by now is a professional Engineer recognized by the State Registration Board of Pennsylvania. Young Jim has graduated from Lehigh University where he had majored in electrical engineering. He is now employed at the Engineering Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company in Philadelphia, and is doing very well.

Young Jim is a member of Eta Kappa Nu, a National Electrical Engineering Honorary Fraternity and is still taking graduate work at Philadelphia. He has not as yet started any active participation in Ahepa affairs. But give him time. After all, he has attended many National and District Conventions accompanying his father, his mother and his three sisters, whenever Jim Veras decided to take them along for moral support or otherwise.

We warmly congratulate Jim Veras, Jr. and wish him success in his chosen field.

George Pappademas

Nashua, N. H.

The October 1957 issue of the "American Drycleaner" trade magazine for the drycleaning industry devoted six pages of this issue to extoll the "success story" of our good Brother George Pappademas, Lieut. Governor of Northern New England District No. 9.

George who has devoted many years to the growth and expansion of the Order is now doing more than \$250,000 drycleaning business in Nashua, N. H., and surrounding territory. George, according to the magazine story, credits his success to emphasis on cash and carry trade. It's been such a boom that he changed the company's name from Colonial Valet Cleaners to Cash and Carry.

He started this business in 1947 with three trucks servicing three routes. By 1951 he was running six routes but still he was not satisfied with this type of operation. He switched over to cash and carry in October of 1950 but kept his routes until this new idea proved successful.

The switch from routes to cash and carry prompted George to expand the overall operation. In 1953 he built an addition onto the plant that doubled its area. George's expansion program passed another milestone in 1955 with the opening of a branch office in Derry, 14 miles northeast of Nashua. Last March, George opened his second drive-in near a giant supermarket on the outskirts of town and within a mile of six of Nashua's largest factories. George's most recent addition was the installation of a launderette and shirt department in the east wing of the U-shaped plant.

When Bro. Pappademas started 10 years ago he had eight employees. Today he employs 34. Volume has increased to the point where he is now considering putting on a night shift.

Bro. Pappademas has attended many national conventions and he is well known among the delegates for his fine work on the credentials committees.

The "Ahepan" joins his many friends and wishes him continued success in his thriving enterprise.

Brother Pahnno Transferred to Athens



Bro. Leon N. Pahnno, past president of the Savannah (Ga.) Chapter who is a civil engineer with the Army's Corps of Engineers, has been transferred from the Eastern Ocean District in New York City, to Athens, Greece, where he will serve under Corps. Southern District with headquarters in Leghorn, Italy.

Bro. Pahnno was born in Savannah, Ga., in 1924. He is the son of Mrs. Anna N. Pahnno. At an early age he went to Greece where he graduated from the Practicon Lyceum of Calamata in 1943. His return to the United States was held up until July 1946 because of the German occupation. On his return he entered Armstrong College in Savannah but transferred to the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1947, where he graduated as a Bachelor of Civil Engineering in 1951.

He has been employed by the Corps of Engineers since his graduation from the Georgia Tech.



Supreme President C. P. Verinis at the Nations! Goya Conference in Los Angeles with the National Chairman of Goya, Soterios Tsoutsouras, left, and Rt. Rev. Ezekiel, Bishop of Nazianzos.

THE EUGENIDES FOUNDATION

A PATRIOTIC EFFORT FOR A NEW TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Eugenides Foundation, that noble, patriotic agency created originally by that great compatriot of ours, the shipowner Eugenides, and brought into fruition after his death, has finally entered the stage of realizing still more fully the high aims stipulated by the ever memorable founder.

Under the immediate supervision of his sister, Mme. M. Simon, the Eugenides Foundation has already undertaken the immense but well co-ordinated efforts to streamline technical education in Greece, by printing new up-to-date technical textbooks. This in addition to the many scholarships provided by the founder for post-graduate work in foreign institutions for deserving Technical Evening Schools graduates. Thus a complete "Technical Library" is visualized by the Foundation with modern text books for the technical student.

This, of course, is a project of great national import. The Minister of Industry having examined the first such textbook published by the Foundation in its "Technical Library" series, characterized the effort as one more avenue for the rebuilding of the economy of the land.

For those who know it came as no surprise that the late Eugenides anticipated so correctly the objectives of the Foundation by providing for the strengthening of Technological Education in Greece. Evidently the great benefactor had foreseen the urgent need for rescuing technical education from its present low levels, and besought to do something about it by providing amply for its amelioration. It is significant then that the sister of the great donor, Mme. M. Simon, has observed that the late Eugenides earmarked the two luxury liners, "S.S. Queen Frederica" and the "Homeric" to continuously sustain through their income the Foundation and its objectives. And it is the first time in Greek Maritime history that such a great and internationally active shipping combine as the "Home Lines" should so channel its activities to benefit a foundation of such patriotic and philanthropic aims.

A SOLEMN CEREMONY

Thus on Friday, November 22, in one of the halls of the Production Center, in the presence of officials from the Dept. of Technological Education, the first volume, a textbook, of the projected "Technological Library" was officially presented. Present were, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Papalegouras, the General Secretary from the same Ministry, Mr. Askitopoulos, several professors from the Metsovion Polytechnic Institute, representatives from the world of arts and letters as well as the members of the Governing Committee of the Foundation and the Director and Supervisor herself, Mme. M. Simon.

Prof. Pappas, outlined the aims of the Foundation thus:

"It is fitting that I should recall with patriotic gratitude the fact that all this is made possible thanks to the wise and generous decision of the late Eugene Eugenides who bequeathed a large portion of his estate towards the lifting up of technological education among us, and to the sister of the testatrix, Mme. M. Simon who following the wishes of her brother guides the Eugenides Foundation with such wisdom, enthusiasm and unselfishness.

Every benefactor of our country deserves the gratitude of the entire nation. Such honor especially belongs to those who

confer upon the nation not one but a variety of benefits.

These textbooks that are being made ready to be published are to serve primarily Mechanical and Electrical Schools. But they will benefit all technicians, all superintendents, and those who work in the Merchant Marine. Therefore, although intended for school use these textbooks will help all whether they are graduates of Technical schools or not.

"Furthermore, Mr. Minister, I wish to assure you that these textbooks now in the process of publication, under the supervision of Mme. M. Simon, are to be complete in all details, in appearance as well as the content of ideas. And the price will be so low every student will afford to buy them since the Eugenides Foundation will shoulder most of the expense of publication.

"In accepting the first textbook on behalf of the Government, Mr. Papalegouras first thanked the Director of the Eu-



Archiepiscopos Makarios broadcasting while on board the S.S. Queen Frederica on his recent trip to the United States.

gundes Foundation, Mme. M. Simon. "Technical Education" he added "constitutes the basic effort in building up our country. All our efforts should be directed in this direction so that we should be able to develop technicians who will be able to help us build up the country. Therefore the Government will seek to strengthen the aims of the Eugenides Foundation. This edition of this first textbook is the safest guarantee that the Foundation is doing a great job."

MME. M. SIMOU'S SPEECH

To these remarks on the part of the government officials, the Director of the Foundation, Mme. Simon, sister of the late Eugene Eugenides, answered as follows:

"I consider today's gathering of the greatest importance for the Foundation, because with the publishing and circulation of the first volume of the "Technical Library" the way is open for the fulfillment of one of the aims visualized by my late brother.

"I wish further to express my thanks, Mr. Minister, to you,

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CAPTAIN C. CONDOYANNIS

Of the S. S. "Queen Frederica"

Captain Constantine C. Condoyannis, Master of the National Hellenic American Line's "S.S. Queen Frederica" since December, 1954, when he inaugurated her New York-Athens service under the Greek flag, is said to enjoy the unique distinction of being the only trans-Atlantic passenger skipper who is a retired Admiral of the Navy. He also is known in his native Greece as a successful author, distinguished scientist, able college professor and authority on maritime lore, and is recognized in Athens cultural circles as an accomplished violinist and virtuoso of musical classics.

An Admiral of the Royal Greek Navy, his was a sea-going and not a mere "paper" appointment. He spent most of the last ten of his thirty-five years in the navy as an admiral of the fleet in active service at sea during war years. (The "paper" admiral is one who is given a pre-retirement upgrading to that rank so as to improve his pension rating). At the time of his retirement from the Royal Greek Navy in 1948, Admiral Condoyannis had seen service in two world wars and in several other conflicts in which his country was involved including a campaign against the Communist-inspired Greek guerrillas and a Communist revolt in the Greek armed forces.

As a professor in the Greek Naval College in the twenties, Captain Condoyannis had for a student the present King Paul of Greece, at that time the Crown Prince. At royal receptions and state affairs, Her Majesty, Queen Frederica, frequently introduces Captain Condoyannis as "the professor of my husband." Captain Condoyannis recalls the then Prince Paul as a reserved but urbane young man, extremely popular with his fellow students and completely friendly, kindly and democratic with all his associates in both the student body and faculty. During the three years ('21, '22 and '23) that Crown Prince Paul attended Professor Condoyannis' classes he proved an apt pupil, a tireless worker at his studies and a brilliant scholar. Captain Condoyannis describes the King of Greece as one of the best graduate naval officers the navy college ever produced. "King Paul frequently has demonstrated his ability," says his former professor, "to take the bridge of the royal yacht and navigate it over any course he chooses to chart."

As a naval officer on active service, Captain Condoyannis (then Admiral) had command of the Battleship Averoff, flagship of the Royal Greek Navy. For many years preceding this command he was the Greek Navy's Chief of Staff and Aide de Camp to Prince George. In the early years of World War II he was the Greek Navy's liaison officer attached to the staff of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, British Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet. His numerous decorations include: Commander of the Royal Order of King George 1st, Knight Commander of the Royal Order of the Phoenix and Commander of the Legion d'Honneur.

As a writer and scientist, Captain Condoyannis has authored twelve books in his native Greek tongue. Eleven of these were of scientific, marine and geographic interest and one an exhaustive travel tome about the South Seas. Two of his books, "Oceanography," published in 1928 and "Naval Geography" published in 1936, won the Athens Academy Awards in the year following publication. Best known of his scientific works were "Morphology of Sea Bottoms" and "Water Chemistry". The former book has a unique place in marine bibliography, according to its reviewers, being one of the most thoroughly



Captain CONSTANTINE C. CONDOYANNIS

revealing works ever penned on the origin and phenomena of aquatic plants and ichthyological life.

As a trans-Atlantic passenger-liner's skipper, Captain Condoyannis prides himself on being master of the largest and fastest express liner under the Greek flag (22,000 tons; 21 knots). He also recalls with gratification the christening of his ship three years ago (Dec. 22nd, 1954) by Her Majesty, Queen Frederica, at Piraeus as the line inaugurated her fast express service between Athens and New York. The Queen and members of the royal family, he likes to point out, have twice honored his ship as passengers.

Born in Nauplion, Greece, sixty years ago of an old seafaring family, Captain Condoyannis was educated from his early boyhood for the sea and was a graduate officer of the same Greek Naval College at which he was later a professor who taught his future king. A lean, dapper man of medium height, with aquiline features and kindly, smiling eyes in a Jesuitic head, Captain Condoyannis is a frequent visitor at the royal palace when his ship is in port, the student-professor relationship of thirty-five years ago with King Paul having ripened into a lasting friendship.



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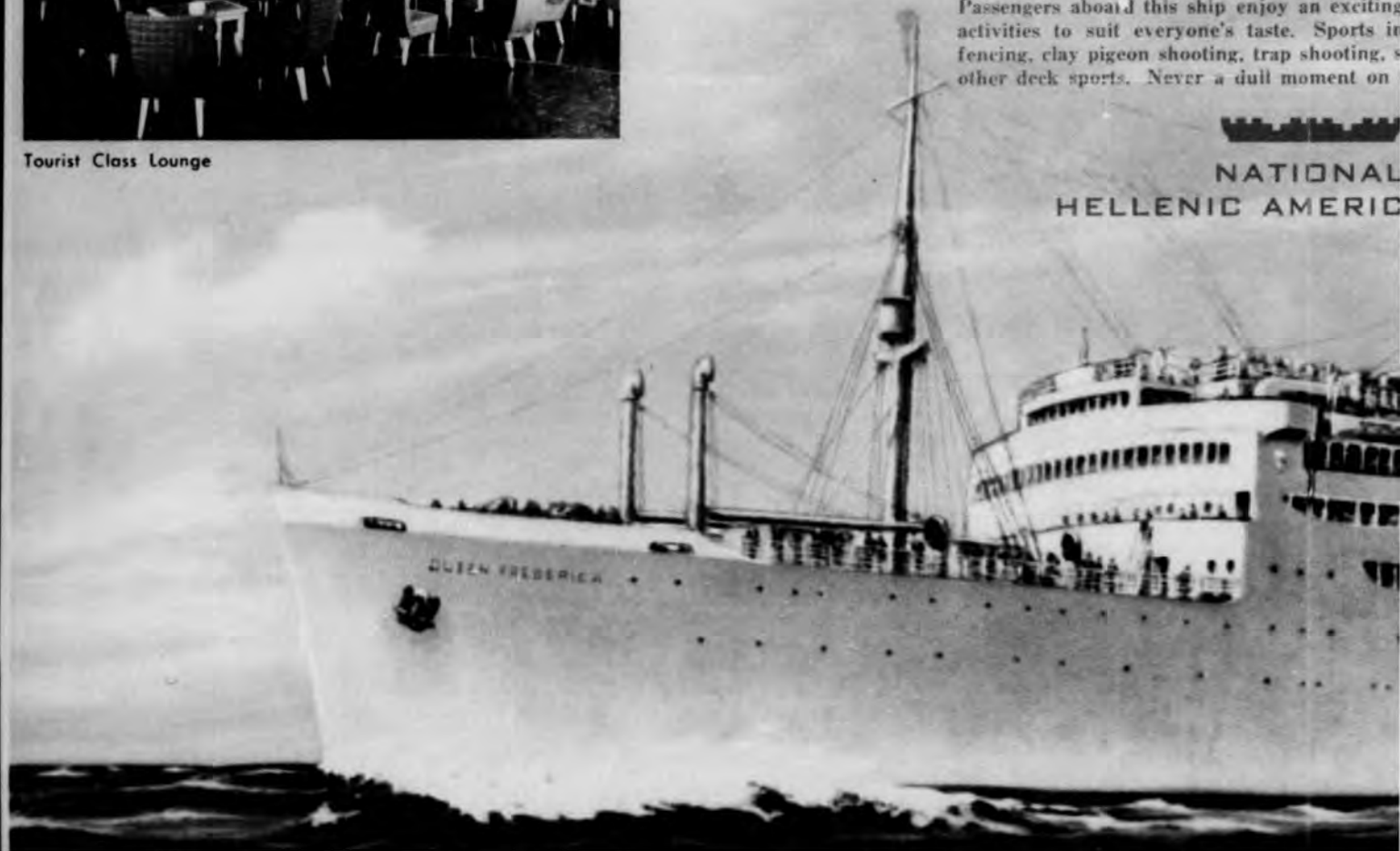
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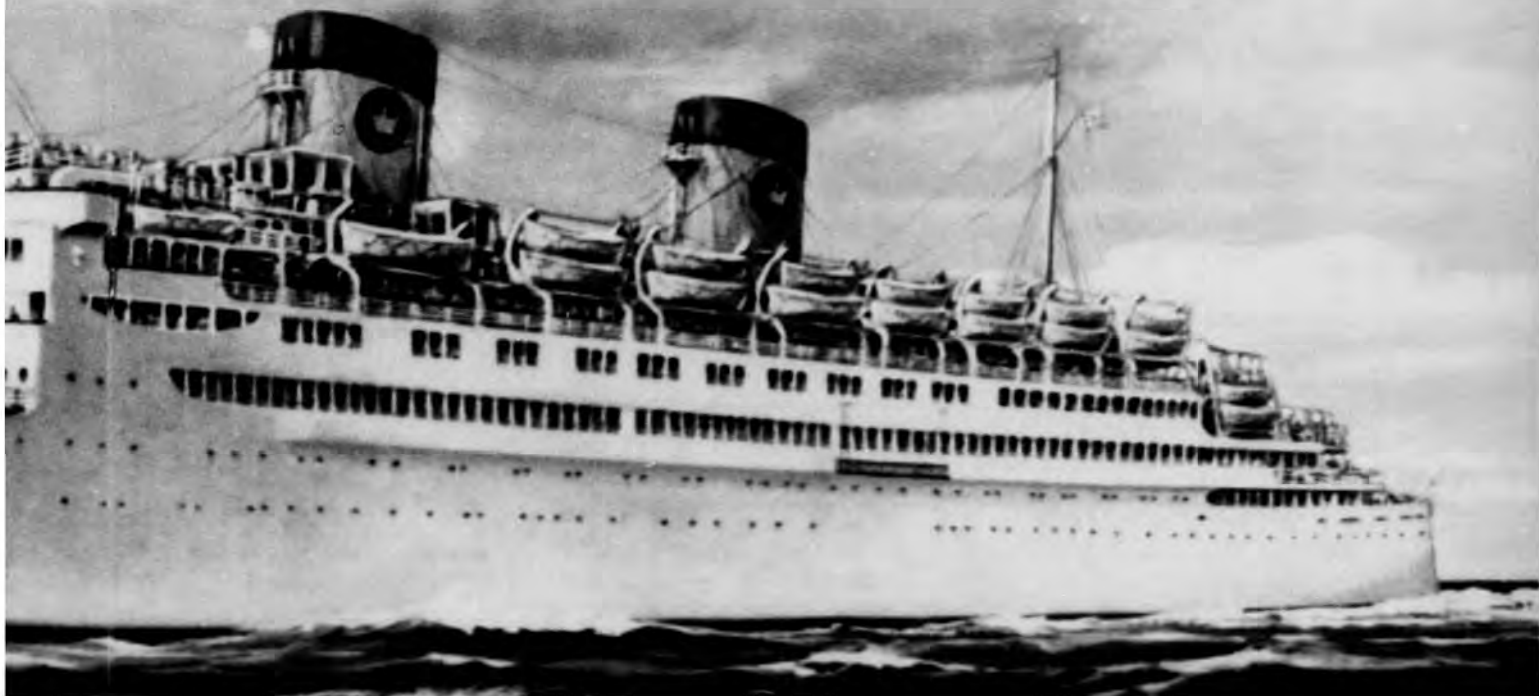
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"GO FORTH AND SERVE"

Says Verinis to Friends at Testimonial Dinner

A testimonial dinner honoring our Supreme President, Constantine P. Verinis was held on Sunday evening, November 10, at the Hotel Taft, in Verinis' home town, New Haven, Conn. More than 400 guests, close friends and Ahepa associates of the Supreme President from all over the country attended the dinner.

Past Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas of New York City was toastmaster of the evening. Among those he introduced to speak at this auspicious occasion was Mayor R. C. Lee of the City of New Haven who, after extending the official greetings of the city spoke of the honor that Bro. Verinis brought to New Haven as the representative of America's Hellenes.

Bro. Gordon Bilides, president of the New Haven Chapter No. 98 was chairman of the dinner assisted by a large committee of local Ahepans, including, Christopher G. Matsagas, C. P. Pappas and Michael Zahariades. Bro. Dukas prefaced his introductions with eloquent remarks about the world-renowned work of the Ahepa and the eminent place our Order occupies within the hearts of our fellow citizens.

The Very Rev. George H. Kerames of St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church spoke of the work of our Supreme President on behalf of the church and of his many years that he served on the Board of Trustees of the Church. He was followed by Bro. Tom Cholakis of Troy, N. Y., Supreme President of the Order of Sons of Pericles who called attention to the work of Bro.



Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco (center) is greeted at the Verinis dinner by (left to right) Christy Hanas, Commissioner of Welfare of Connecticut; Supreme President C. P. Verinis; Mayor Richard C. Lee of New Haven, Conn., and Congressman Albert W. Cretella.

Verinis as Supreme President of the Junior Order.

Commissioner of Welfare of the State of Connecticut, Christy Hanas, brought the greetings of Governor A. Ribicoff and described how he and Verinis organized the first Connecticut Chapter of the Sons of Pericles. The toastmaster then introduced Br. Socrates V. Sekles of Pontiac, Mich., Past Supreme Treasurer who attended the dinner with Mrs. Sekles. Dr. Kimon A. Doukas, one of New York's outstanding Ahepans and Supreme Secretary of the Order then spoke of the leadership that Bro. Verinis brought to the Fraternity, a leadership earned and a sense of duty learned through 30 years of work for the good of the Order.



Christ Matsagas, past President of the New Haven Chapter, presenting a desk set to Supreme President Verinis. Looking on are Chapter President Bilides and past Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas.



At the speakers table (left to right) Supreme Counsellor Gregory G. Lagakos; Commissioner Christy Hanas; Stephen S. Scopas, past Supreme President and Magistrates Court Judge in New York, Ahepa's First Lady, Mrs. Sue Verinis.



George E. Loucas, Supreme Vice-President; Gordon Bilides, President of the New Haven Chapter and Louis J. Dukas, Toastmaster.



Also at the speakers table were: Past Supreme President, Harris J. Booras; the Very Rev. George H. Kerames; Congressman Albert W. Cretella; New Haven Community President Milton Psathas; Ernest E. Dematatis, Secretary, Board of Trustees and Gus Nicholas, also a member of the Board of Trustees.

Other speakers included Congressman Albert W. Cretella of the 3rd Congressional District who referred to the immigration problems confronting minority groups such as the Greeks and of the service that Ahepa has rendered in fostering legislation for the relief of the small quota countries.

Among other speakers were, Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris, of Charlotte, N. C., Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope; Gus Balacos, District Governor of the Sons; and Bro. George E. Loucas, Supreme Vice-President who spoke of the pride of Mrs. Verinis, the Supreme President's mother on seeing her son honored by his multitude of friends. Bro. Loucas further praised the Greek immigrants who have contributed so much to the prosperity of the country.

He was followed by Past Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas, Judge of the Magistrates Court of New York City who expressed his hope that Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco will be a successful candidate for the Senate of the United States from California. Mayor Christopher is a close friend of the Supreme President. Bro. Christopher had just returned from a European tour. He reminded the assembly that our Fraternity was founded to combat bigotry and discrimination and that our job today is as great if not greater than the day Ahepa was first established.

Bro. Verinis, after being presented with a beautiful desk set by Christopher Matsagas, a gift of his many admirers, expressed his gratitude for the whole-hearted cooperation of the Ahepans everywhere and pledged to continue working for the glory of Ahepa, as he has during the past 30 years of active service to the Fraternity.



Chapter President Bilides presenting a solid gold gavel to Ahepa's First Lady, Mrs. Sue Verinis; Mrs. Zoe Cavalaris, Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope; Socrates V. Sekles, of Pontiac, Michigan, past Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Secretary Dr. Kimon A. Doukas.



Among the guests in attendance are left to right: Mrs. Socrates V. Sekles; Mrs. Ethel Vasilion; William A. Vasilion, past Supreme Governor and Thomas Cavalaris.

St. Louis Turns Out For Makarios

Practically the entire Hellenic population of St. Louis, Mo., came out to see and welcome His Beatitude Makarios, Ethnarch of Cyprus, during his recent visit in the metropolis of the Ozark country where only a few months ago another great Hellenic convocation, the Ahepa National Convention, took place in the very same hotel. More than 1,000 Hellenes, Philhellenes and prominent Americans came to pay homage to the great leader of the Cypriots' cause for self-determination.

His Eminence, arrived at the St. Louis airport on November 23, accompanied by Ahepa's Supreme President C. P. Verinis and other prominent Hellenes. The welcoming committee of members of the St. Louis Justice for Cyprus Committee, who are also members of the Order of Ahepa, consisted of such prominent St. Louisians as Dr. Nicholas Matsakis, chairman of the local Cyprus Committee; Dr. John Plesons, Steve Kollias, George Stamelos, Elias Vanton, John Jameson, Dr. T. Ashford, Gus Coukoulis, Ted Booras, John A. Georgopoulos and many others. Co-sponsors with the local Justice for Cyprus Committee for the Ethnarch's visit were the St. Louis and Altou, Ill., Ahepa Chapters.

Immediately following a brief reception at the airport, a luncheon was held at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, attended by almost 100 persons. The same evening a dinner in honor of Archbishop Makarios was given by John Mavrakos, one of St. Louis' most prominent business men. Present at the dinner were the editors and publishers of St. Louis' daily newspapers, the Post-Dispatch and Globe-Democrat and other prominent St. Louisians.

On Sunday morning, November 24, the Archbishop celebrated High Mass at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, following which he addressed the congregation and preached a sermon based on the basic rights of human dignity.

The highlight of the Ethnarch's visit was a banquet held in his honor on the same evening in the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. Gus Coukoulis, past president of the St. Louis Ahepa Chapter and former President of the St. Louis Greek Community was banquet chairman. He was assisted by such prominent persons as Mrs. James Pelson, Mrs. Elva Tompras, Nick Karakas and many others.



Archbishop Makarios arriving at St. Louis airport.



Ted Booras of St. Louis, left, and Supreme President C. P. Verinis with His Beatitude, Makarios III, at St. Louis.

Dr. Theodore Ashford, one of the original members of the St. Louis Justice for Cyprus Committee, was toastmaster. St. Louis had never seen such a turn-out before. Many had to be turned away for lack of space. Among dignitaries present were high church officials representing all the major faiths in the country; the Very Rev. Paul C. Reinert, S. J., president of St. Louis University; C. P. Verinis, Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa; Cedric Foster, lecturer and news commentator; Arthur Holly Compton, Nobel Prize Winner and Professor at Washington University; Dr. George Mylonas, also of Washington University; and numerous others. Senators Ives of New York, Humphrey of Minnesota, Morse of Oregon and many others sent congratulatory telegrams to the Archbishop.

Among the speakers was also our own Supreme President who, after reminding his audience that it was in the very same room three months ago that he was elected to lead this great Fraternity to continue its fight for the self-determination of the Cypriots, he eloquently recalled, that it was partially for the same principles that the Cypriots are today fighting, that the Order of Ahepa was originally founded.

"America," said Verinis, "is looked upon as a beacon of hope by all people who are oppressed, and who are now living in constant turmoil . . . a hope that will spell peace."

"I am sure that you share our pride in the bold leadership Ahepa assumed on the question of Cyprus, a short time ago. Ever mindful of our duty and obligation as American citizens—I would not be exaggerating if I were to say that the Cyprus question has been kept alive in America through the pre-eminent leadership of the Order of Ahepa."

"America" continued the Supreme President, "has championed the right of peoples to determine for themselves their

way of Government . . . their way of life . . . and it is in this hope we all live for a brighter tomorrow, a tomorrow deplete of fear; a tomorrow when men will think and reason out their differences; a tomorrow in which all suspicions will have been dispelled; a tomorrow when man who was created in the "image of God" will live and share with his fellowman, without bias and prejudice . . . and the down-trodden shall be lifted and walk along the path of equality."

Verinis concluded his remarks by paying his respects to the many Church leaders of the Greek Orthodox Church who for centuries have upheld the "Dignity of Man." "We are honored tonight" said the leader of the Ahepans "by the presence of a distinguished member of the clergy. Grecian history records that the clergy of the Greek Orthodox Church have on numerous occasions played honored rolls in upholding the 'Dignity of Man' . . . They have always subscribed to the trait of all Hellenes . . . "To live in freedom". I believe that history will again record and this time in just as humble words, that His Beatitude Makarios, was destined to carry on and to make known to the entire world that Man Was Born Dignified, that man was born to live in freedom, that man is entitled to self-determination."

The final roundup of the Archbishop's visit to St. Louis ended the following day, Nov. 25, when Mayor Raymond Tucker received him on the steps of the City Hall where he presented him with the key to the City, following which he was escorted to his plane for the trip to New York. As a departing gift, Dr. Nicholas Matsakis, chairman of the local Cyprus Committee presented the Archbishop with a silver plaque as a memento of his St. Louis visit.

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to the Secretary General of the Ministry, Mr. Askitopoulos, to the President and the members of the Committee in charge of publication of the Technical books; to the authors of these books; to the technical adviser Mr. Kavounides; the legal adviser, Mr. Tzedakis, and all the good friends of the Foundation for their help and cooperation, so that the Foundation should be in a position today to produce the first results of its mission on behalf of Technical Education in our country".

"Actually the work of the Eugenides Foundation started before the death of its founder, who previously had established the Foundation EE ARISTA which provided scholarships abroad for deserving students of the evening Technical Schools. Already seven such students have been sent abroad three to Geneva, two in the Howaldswerke Shipyards in Amsterdam, and two in the Bremen-Yulkan shipyards in Bremen.

"The Eugenides Foundation is proud that these students have shown exceptional aptitude in their studies, they are diligent and furthermore they have proved to be of good character and excellent morals.

"For the present year the program is already in effect with deserving students selected from classes B and C of our vocational schools to be sent abroad. These scholarships provide all expenses up to graduation including medical care, expenses for learning the foreign language of the land in which the student will be sent for post-graduate work and which usually extends for a three to four year period.

"Granting 5 to 10 scholarships a year, at the end of four years we shall achieve a continuous stream of 30 scholarships of post graduate students abroad to be trained as machinists, electricians, ship mechanics, agricultural mechanics, and so on



Also at the sneakers table at the Verinis Dinner were: Judge Peter Nichols and John Mandros, National Athletic Director.



Nicholas Kahramanides, Governor of District No. 7; Tina Argiriades, Daughters' Governor; Gus Balacos, Sons' Governor and Th. Cholakis, Supreme President of the Sons at Verinis' Dinner.

and so forth. By furnishing Technical Schools with new textbooks, and by giving out scholarships to technically minded students, the Eugenides Foundation will give an immediate boost to Technological Education.

"In the near future both Foundations will devise new ways to help the youth of our country, for which youth the late Eugenides laid aside all his immovable property in Greece and of his out of the country holdings the luxury liners "S. S. Queen Frederica" and "S.S. Homeric". I feel extremely grateful to all of you who have undertaken to help us do the job, for in addition to money one needs the moral and intellectual support of the governmental agencies and of the experts.

"Thank you again, Mr. Minister, and thanks to all of you who will help me in this work, for which I shall dedicate the rest of my life."

Following Mrs. Simou's remarks, all present stood silent for one minute as a tribute to the memory of the late Eugenides.

Prof. Kritikos of the Metsovion Polytechnic Institute referred shortly to the contents of the first textbook sponsored by the Foundation, and described new methods for the teaching of mathematics in secondary schools.

The following are a few of the titles to be published soon for the Technical Library: "Mathematics" (3 volumes) "Physics, Chemistry, Electricity" (3 volumes); "Machines (2 volumes); "Mechanical Engineering, Machine Technology" (3 volumes); "Raw Materials, Elements of Mechanics, Design" (2 volumes); and "Machine and Electrical Mnemonics".

The Foundation will also issue a series of textbooks for the Merchant Marine.



By JOHN MANDROS
National Athletic Director

N. E. AHEPA GOLF TOURNAMENT

On sunbaked fairways and hard lightening fast greens at the tricky Wachuset C. C. in Worcester, the 4th annual N. E. Ahepa golf championship was held last Sept. 15th, with the title going to Gabriel Gavotas of Woburn, who shot a sparkling 82. His nearest rivals were Louis Janis of Woburn with an 88 and George Velonis with an 87. This was Gavotas' 2nd consecutive victory in this event. The trees this year were the lowest ever, with only 18 Ahepans participating.

Prizes went to the 16 finishers
Low net went to C. Tsovas of Peabody.

Scoring was as follows:

Name	Chapter	Gross	Hdep	Net
Gabriel Gavotas	Woburn	82		
Louis Janis	Woburn	86		
Cleanthi Tsovas	Peabody	116	44	72
Dr. Monthe Kofos	Marlboro	93	20	73
A. Lekonsi	Portland Me.	88	15	73
George Velonis	Peabody	87	13	74
John Laskaris	Peabody	90	15	75
Chick Chavis	Worcester	92	17	75
Andrew Boulmetis	Worcester	112	37	75
L. Lano	Portland Me.	95	20	75
Jim Velonis	Peabody	105	29	76
John Bonnos	Woburn	95	19	76
Peter Lumpetes	Cambridge	99	22	77
J. Liberis	Portland	118	41	77
Arthur Janis	Woburn	98	20	78
Jerry Spanos	Woburn	105	27	78
Harry Elias	Lawrence	104	26	78
John Pappas	Worcester	No card		
G. Lano	Worcester	102	Non Ahepan	

In charge of the affair was Dr. Monthe Kofos, of Marlboro, N. E. Zone Athletic Director who stated that next year's tourney will consist also of a luncheon for the players at which time the prizes will be presented. The date and course will be announced next spring.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to my sports feeders, who supply me with articles for my Athletic column. There is one in particular, Brother James Cariofiles, Sports Editor of the Hellenic Chronicle of Boston, Mass., who deserves recognition and thanks for many articles.

With the ending of football, we can look back and see how our boys of Greek-American descent have fared during the 1957 season. Among the many stars that we had the opportunity to cheer for this year, I selected

three boys who I believe were outstanding during the year.

ALEX KARRAS

From a non-letter winner as a sophomore to fine All-America in junior and senior seasons is the original rags-to-riches story of Alex Karras, University of Iowa tackle.

Karras, in 1956 led the Hawkeyes to the Big Ten championship and to a Rose Bowl victory and was named to four major All-America elevens and two second teams. He was also

picked on the first team all-midwest squad.

In 1957, Karras played even better ball and received wide recognition. Among the All-America teams which carried his name were Associated Press, United Press, International News Service, Look Magazine (selected by Football Writers Association), Hearst Newspapers, Sporting News, NBC-TV and All-Players.

Alex also was chosen as winner of the Outland Trophy, awarded by vote of the Football Writers Association

TOURNAMENT DATES—CITIES—CHAIRMEN FOR 1958

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342 Parkside Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dates: April 18, 19, 20

6th Annual National Sons of Pericles Basketball Tournament

Sponsors: District No. 6
Place: New York, N. Y.
Co-Chairmen: Peter Zegras — 520 W. 188th St. — New
York 40, N. Y. Bill Kalaboke — 837 Trinity Ave.
Bronx, N. Y.
Dates: March 7, 8, 9.

4th Annual National Ahepa Bowling Tournament

Sponsors: District No. 3
Place: Aberdeen, Maryland
Chairman: Ted Andriotis — 906 Southwick Drive — Baltimore,
Maryland
Dates: May 3, 4

7th Annual National Ahepa Golf Tournament

Sponsors: District No. 1
Place: Memphis, Tennessee
Chairman: Nick L. Koleas — 3915 Lytle Circle — Memphis,
Tennessee
Dates: June 16, 17

14th Annual National Ahepa Olympiad

Sponsors: National Convention City — Boston, Massachusetts
To be held in August during National Convention.

National Ahepa Tennis Tournament

Sponsors: National Convention City — Boston, Massachusetts
To be held in August during National Convention.



Alex Karras

to the nation's outstanding tackle or guard, thereby becoming the second Iowan in three seasons to earn the honor. The United Press named him "Lineman of the Year."

Karras, a friendly and talkative fellow, is from Gary, Ind. He came to Iowa in 1954 after making all-state teams three years straight in three different positions. He was a guard in 1951, a tackle in 1952, and a full-back in 1953. As a senior he led the conference in scoring with 68 points.

Karras is one of four brothers to play Big Ten football. Brothers Lou and Ted played at Purdue and Indiana, respectively. Paul, the youngest, is at present a squad member on the Iowa team as a reserve guard.

In the summer of 1957, he was picked on a track team to represent the Order of Ahepa in meets in Greece. Karras, although he had worked little in the 16-lb. shot put event, increased his distance from 46 feet to 52 feet during the tour.

Around the Ahepa Domain

By Eli D. Miller

National Public Relations Director

George E. Loucas, of Weirton, W. Virginia, Supreme Vice-President of Ahepa, has been appointed Chairman of the National Sons of Pericles Advisory Board. Supreme President C. P. Verinis also has announced the following Board appointments: Nick C. Demeris, Houston, Texas; John C. Linakis, New York City; Dr. Harry S. Sembekos, Washington, D. C.; William A. Vasilion, Middletown, Connecticut; and John Kaplanis, San Francisco, California.

Louis P. Maniatis, Washington, D.



Bill Kaliden

Bill Kaliden is a 6'0" Junior from Homestead, Pa. He sparked the Pittsburgh University team this year with his fine work at the Quarterback slot. Coach John Michelson expects a great season from him next year. He is a down to earth ball player and is well liked by his team mates.

C., Attorney, has been named Administrative Assistant to Supreme President Verinis. Maniatis is former Supreme Secretary of the Order of Ahepa. He will augment the National Ahepa Headquarters staff at no extra cost to the fraternity, according to Supreme President Verinis.

Supreme Governor Peter Kouchalakos of Miami, Florida, is heading a committee named by Supreme President Verinis which is drafting an Ahepa Officers Manual. In conjunction with this project, Eli D. Miller, of South Bend, Indiana, National Ahepa Public Relations Director, will draft a Chapter Public Relations Manual.

The Ahepa Supreme Lodge has approved the following appointments to the National Ahepa Public Relations Board, to serve under the Chairmanship of Eli D. Miller: Gust Rakus, Seattle, Washington; James Petheriotis, Houston, Texas; Constantine Kangles, Chicago; Nick Suynris, Indianapolis, Indiana; Elias Sutter, Kansas City, Missouri; John Manos, Cleveland, Ohio; Spero Zepatos, Memphis, Tennessee; Gust Gankas, Denver, Colorado; Leo Zotaley, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Peter Agris, Boston, Massachusetts. Peter N. Mantzoros, of Chicago, Editor of the AHEPAN magazine, is serving as an ex-officio member of the Board.



Jim Zanos

Jim Zanos is a 6'0" Junior from Munhall, Pa. He has played End for the University of Pittsburgh. During the season play, he was Bill Kaliden's favorite pass receiver. Coach John Michelson quotes: Jim Zanos is a tremendous competitor and a money player. He is noted to make the big play when it is needed. He is also an outstanding defensive End and a good blocker.

Personal Notes

THE HELLENIC FREE PRESS, a new semi-monthly newspaper made its appearance on December 1 in Chicago. Ahepans, MICHAEL S. KROKIDAS and EL CONSTANTOPOULOS will be its publisher and editor respectively. The offices of the Hellenic Free Press are at 5310 W. North Ave., Chicago. . . . Attorney NICHOLAS LOUMOS, of San Francisco, former Supreme Vice-President was appointed a member of the Public Welfare Commission by Mayor George Christopher also a member of our Order. Bro. Loumos, a native of Lowell, Mass., has been a San Francisco resident for the past 10 years. . . . Through the "Ahepa Fez" official organ of the 14th District we learn that Bro. GEORGE VAVOULIS of St. Paul recently was appointed a national vice-chairman of the American Red Cross. . . . Also from St. Paul, Bro. FRANK ELLIOT is the newly elected president of the local Greek Community. . . . Ditto St. Paul, Bro. B. N. BALLAS, is the newly elected president of the Sons of Pericles, Chapter No. 270. . . . Bro. HARRY KOURIS, was elected president of the Sioux City, Iowa, Greek Orthodox Community. . . .

Citrus District No. 2 Is Beehive Of Activity

WEST PALM BEACH CHURCH CONSECRATED



LeRoy Collins, Governor of Florida, welcomes Supreme President C. P. Verinis to Tarpon Springs prior to the Epiphany Day ceremonies there. Looking on are Michael Gianeskis, right, Mayor of the City, and Supreme Governor P. Kouchalacos, left.



St. Catherine of Alexandria Greek Orthodox Church consecrated at West Palm Beach, Florida, on Sunday, November 24th, was built with funds raised mainly by members of Palm Beach Chapter No. 18 and its Auxiliaries.

The Rev. Stephen J. Anthony will be the pastor of this new church dedicated to the propagation of the Greek Orthodox Faith in this area. According to Rev. Anthony: "St. Catherine's will represent the One Church which was founded approximately two thousand years ago by our Lord when he commissioned the Apostles to go into all the world under the guiding power of the Holy Spirit."

THISBE DAUGHTERS ELECT OFFICERS



Shown at the organizational meeting of newly-elected officers of the Thisbe Chapter No. 148, Daughters of Penelope, are left to right: Seated, Miss Edith Makris, chairman of the Board of Governors; Miss Dorothy Goumas, corresponding secretary; Miss Nellie Coutsnikas, president; Mrs. James L. Sardonis, vice-president; Mrs. Zacharias Mandravelis, treasurer; Mrs. John Scoutas, Board of Governors. Standing: Mrs. Nicholas Salis, priestess; Miss Hionia Pipilas, Board of Governors; Miss Bess Papathan, marshall; Mrs. Charles Chouramanis, Board of Governors; Mrs. Nicholas Pantelas, sentinel; Mrs. Nicholas Gegas, warden. Absent when the picture was taken were Mrs. Alex Rodis, recording secretary, Miss Helen Giatas and Mrs. Arthur Theros of the Board of Governors.

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ST. PETERSBURG DAUGHTERS OFFICERS



(See story on page 25)

Busy Season for Daughters At St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Aeneas Chapter No. 210, of St. Petersburg, Florida held its annual Halloween Party in October, with great success. Chairman for the evening, was Sister Alice Seletos. There was live entertainment presented which a comic "sketch" by Sisters Seltos and Kontoes were the highlight. Laughter and fun reigned throughout the evening.

Last December 17, the Aeneas Chapter gave its traditional Childrens' Christmas Party at the Odd Fellows Hall, in the afternoon, and a semiformal Dance for the grown-ups. Music, Dancing, refreshments and fun were the order of the evening. The Annual Past Presidents' Dinner-Dance of the Chapter, a precedent established here in 1952, was held on January 26, at the Gotto Hall. This affair, is the Chapter's highlight of the winter season's activities. Visitors from all over the country wintering in St. Petersburg, and friends from the surrounding towns, as well as the local folks, make this event an outstanding one for the Aeneas Chapter.

Sister Papageorgiou Presented with Past President's Pin

Mrs. Julia Papageorgiou, who was recently elected Grand Governor of Zone 2, was presented with a past presidents' pin by Mr. Kay Drosakis, president, at the annual Past Presidents' Dinner of Leda Chapter No. 59.

Other past presidents honored were Mrs. Kay Kerice, Mrs. Anna Xiggos, Mrs. Annette Samaras, Mrs. Louise Stavrou, Mrs. Martha Vidalis, Mrs. Kay Demedis, Mrs. Tina Zapetis and Mrs. Theodora Revelas.

Mrs. Drosakis presided at a short business meeting following the dinner when plans were made for the annual Christmas party. Mrs. Vidalis and Miss Mary Ann Zapetis were in charge of arrangements.

Other members attending were: Mrs. Eleanor Vourmas, District Treasurer, Mrs. Koula Petrou, Mrs. Alice Ross, Mrs. Marina Bougis, Mrs. Anna Karis, Mrs. Ethel Spiles, Mrs. Christine Pannos, Mrs. Helen Anthony, Miss Frances Demedis and Miss Zapetis.

Hercules-Spartan Queen Selected in Philadelphia



Miss Barbara Haldas of Wilmington, Del., was chosen the Ahepa Queen of Hercules—Spartan Chapter No. 26 at the 35th Annual Ball held in Philadelphia's new Sheraton Hotel ballroom on September 28.

More than 800 persons witnessed the beautiful coronation which was also attended by a number of nationally prominent Ahepans and their charming wives, including Brothers Kimon A. Doukas, Sup. Secretary; Gregory G. Lagakos, Sup. Counsellor and Louis J. Dukas past Sup. Counsellor. John Manos of Philadelphia was chairman of the Committee for the coronation. Miss Haldas was selected from a group of 15 beautiful Grecian maidens. During the evening, George Morphesis was also presented with the 1957 Golf Trophy of the chapter.

Co-chairmen of the Ball Committee were: John Corialos, Past President and John Kokonos, Vice President, of the Hercules-Spartan Chapter.

Sons President Cholakis Visits Trenton, N. J.

Perdicaris Chapter No. 167, Sons of Pericles of Trenton, N. J., was host to the Second Annual Sons District Dance held at the White Gate.

New Brunswick and Paterson chapters assisted the Trentonites in making the evening a complete financial success. The dance was honored by the presence of the Supreme President of the Sons, Tom Cholakis. Many other Ahepans and Sons dignitaries attended.

The district lodge has held four meetings so far this year. The last meeting was held in Trenton and Sons from Philadelphia were also in attendance. At the next meeting plans will be formulated for the Sons' attendance at

Why Hellenes Should Travel On the S. S. "Queen Frederica"

Charities are institutions to which men and women become attached because it is an honorable trait to be charitable. Helping charities is a way of expressing belief in the right of humans to uphold their dignity, because man is born dignified. It denotes belief in a society seeking progress, enlightenment, relieving of pain, experimentation in fields of medicine, education. The "Eugenides Foundation" is such a charitable organization, dedicated to help Mother Hellas in the problems above stated—first, particularly in the development of technical training among Hellenic Youth and second, in granting school scholarships to orphans for higher education. In these endeavors the name EUGENIDES of the National Home Lines in whose memory the Foundation has been established, will always be remembered.

A certain percentage of the profits of the Queen Frederica's trips to Piraeus from New York are allocated to the support of the Foundation. No greater opportunity could be afforded any Hellene than this to travel with Queen Frederica and thereby contribute to a most worthy cause.

Then, too, the Queen Frederica is the only passenger ship sailing directly from New York to Piraeus, flying the Hellenic flag, again contributing by paying to the Greek Government duty that is not paid by vessels not flying the Hellenic flag.

With an entirely Hellenic atmosphere, with most courteous treatment for all passengers in a most luxurious environment, with the Blue and White proudly displayed, it is indeed a privilege to go to Greece with the Queen Frederica.

the District Convention to be held in Camden, N. J.

The district lodge this year, is fortunate in having a very competent group of young men holding the important offices. Dist. Governor, George N. Prassas, a graduate of Trenton High is now a sophomore at Rider College. George has been in the Sons for 8 years and has done considerable work in furthering its program. He is currently serving his second term as District Governor.

Dist. Lieut. Governor James Costas, a graduate of New Brunswick High is now attending Rutgers University. Jim has been in the Sons for 8 years also, and is serving for the first time on the District Lodge following his presidency of the New Brunswick Sons.

EMPIRE DISTRICT No. 6

Queen of the New York Metropolitan Combined Ahepa Chapters Dance



MISS ELAINE PAPPS

Miss Elaine Papps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Papps of Riverdale, N. Y., was crowned Queen at the 33rd annual combined New York area chapters dance, held recently at the Sheraton-Astor Hotel in New York City.

This photo of the lovely and talented daughter of the past president of Delphi Chapter No. 25, who was personally crowned Queen by our Supreme President C. P. Verinis who attended the New York festivities, was made personally by Hollywood's famous photographer Bruno, who also acted as chairman of the beauty contest.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT No. 9

Thisbe Daughters Elect 1958 Officers

Twelve of the newly-elected officers of the Thisbe Chapter No. 48, Nashua, N. H., of the Daughters of Penelope braved freezing temperatures to attend an organizational meeting of the officers on Sunday evening, January

5th, at the home of Miss Nellie Coutsonikas, President.

Outlined for the current year were the following activities: A novelty party, Sleigh-hay ride, Bridge instruction, Handicraft Night, Combined Ahepa-Daughters Past Presidents' Night, Annual Communion Breakfast for the children of the two Greek Orthodox churches of Nashua, A spaghetti supper, Combined Ahepa-Daughters meetings with prominent speakers, Combined Ahepa-Daughters meetings featuring educational movies and formation of two bowling teams.

The officers decided to continue their pledge to support all community projects of philanthropic and charitable nature.

Discussion was held relative to a visit to Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center for Crippled Children in Greenfield, N. H., and tentative plans were made for this Spring at which time gifts may be distributed to the children.

The incoming officers for the year 1958 are as follows: President: Nellie I. Coutsonikas; Vice-President: Mrs. James L. Sardonis; Corr. Secretary: Miss Dorothy Goumas; Rec. Secretary: Mrs. Alex Rodis; Treasurer: Mrs. Zacharias Mandravelis; Priestess: Mrs. Nicholas Salis; Warden: Mrs. Nicholas Gegas; Marshal: Miss Bess Pappathan; Sentinel: Mrs. Nicholas Pantelas.

Board of Governors: Chairman: Miss Edith Makris; Mrs. Arthur Theros; Mrs. Charles Chouramanis; Mrs. John Scoutas; Miss Hionia Pipilas; Miss Helen Giatas.

OBITUARIES

Angelos Orphanos



Bro. Angelos Orphanos, an outstanding member of the Order in the Blue Grass country, passed to the great beyond on October 9, 1957.

Bro. Orphanos immigrated to America from Tripoli, Greece, in the year 1909.

After spending a few years in Knoxville, Tenn., he moved to Lexington, Ky., and went into business with his brother Peter, both of whom were members of Henry Clay Chapter No. 258 of Lexington. Angeles was initiated on May 27, 1927.

Besides his Ahepa affiliation, the late Bro. Orphanos was active in community affairs and an active member of the

Hoosier District Holds Mid-Winter Conference and Dance

The Hoosier District held its Mid-Winter Conference on November 24 in the Gary Hotel, Gary, Ind. Many prominent Ahepans were in attendance representing various chapters.

In the evening of the same day, the Mid-Winter Conference Dance sponsored by District Lodge No. 12 and Gary's Mentor Chapter No. 81 of the Daughters of Penelope was held in the spacious and well appointed hall of the Gary Greek Community.

Among the prominent Ahepans attending this beautiful event were: James Kostopoulos, Peter Chintis, and Sister Louise Karras of Hammond; Bro. and Sister Peter Michaels of Calumet City, Ill.; Bro. and Sister Leo J. Lamberson; Alex Eliopoulos, John Lincoln and Ted Tsangaris of Gary; District Governor Nick Smyrnis of Indianapolis.

Sister Berlis and daughters of Fort Wayne; Sisters Stella Daravanis, Andrea Allivato; Mary Andros; and Dena Adams of Gary; Sisters Thanos, Panos; Miss Helen Samacoris, Miss Bertha Morfettas; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Michalos all of South Bend; Mrs. T. Bakeotakis and daughters; Mrs. Bembas of Komoko; Mr. and Mrs. John Chulos of Oak Park, Ill. and Mrs. Hazel Collins of Anderson, Ind.

South Bend Chapter No. 100 Reports New Officers

South Bend Chapter No. 100, South Bend, Ind., elected the following officers for the 1958 term: Chris Lamos, President; Chris Christos, Vice-President; George Alexander, Secretary; and Peter Sarantos, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Chris Michalos, Chairman; Tom Stangas, Tom Anton, George Sarantos and John Lambros.

The Chapter has pledged a gift of \$5,000 for the local Greek Orthodox Church. It has also contributed \$254.75 to the Ahepa Boys' Dormitory.

Eli D. Miller, Public Relations Director of the Order is a member of the chapter, as well as Past Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson.

Greek Orthodox Church, Panaghia Pantovassilissa. Besides his brother, he is survived by a nephew, Charlie Stathopoulos of Springfield, Ohio, and two sisters living in Greece.



Brig. Gen. Christos Sampanis (second from left) and Capt. Alexander Krokidis of the Athens Police Department (third from left) are shown atop the Battle Creek (Mich.) Enquirer and News building roof as they get a birds eye-view of the city with Sam Orphan, George Bizzis and James Drikakis, president of Battle Creek Chapter No. 214. Gen. Sampanis, coordinator and NATO liaison officer for the civil defense department of the Greek Ministry of the Interior and Capt. Krokidis, chief of the section for atomic, chemical and biological warfare in the Greek Ministry of Defense went to Battle Creek last August after observing the latest in the United State's series of nuclear bomb tests in Nevada. They had been invited by the United States to observe, as NATO representatives, the bomb tests and civil defense installations. While in Battle Creek they also toured the Kellogg plant, attended church services and attended the christening of the daughter of Bro. and Mrs. Paul Bizzis. Before leaving Michigan they also toured CD control centers in Lansing and Detroit.



Their Majesties King Paul and Queen Frederica of Greece and the entire Royal Family, being escorted on board the "S. S. Queen Frederica" by Captain C. Condoyannis and Mr. Nicos Vernicos-Eugenides (extreme right).

LET'S NOT BE LATE IN '58

ENROLL A NEW MEMBER

BLUE RIBBON DISTRICT No. 13

13th District Convention Committee Makes Early Plans for Successful Conclave

The Executive Committee of the 26th Annual District Convention of the 13th District, held its first official meeting on December 3, in the home of its General Chairman Peter N. Mantzoros.

Present, besides Mantzoros, were: James N. Mantzoros, Secretary; George J. Manolas, Treasurer; George Poulakos, Housing; Louis Cummings, Grand Ball; Peter Kontos, Banquet; Aris N. Mantzoros, Greek Night; Nick Zografos, Registration; Gus Nicolopoulos, President-elect of North western Chapter; and Nicholas M. Economos and George J. Tatooles in charge of the budget.

Also, the Executive Committee of the Daughters of Penelope Cheiron Chapter of Glenview: Mrs. V. Ta-

tooles, chairman; and Mrs. Olga Economos and Mrs. Beatrice M. Economos.

Action taken at this meeting included the tentative acceptance of a budget to guide the committee, and an explanation of the chairman of the duties to be performed by each committee chairman for the success of the convention.

"With the proper publicity to back our aims" said Mantzoros "we look forward to the greatest convention in the history of the famous 13th." The Executive Committee plans to make personal visitations to all the chapters of the 13th district in the coming months.

An innovation of this convention will be the BUNGALOW RETREAT

which will be operated nightly for the lovers of real Hellenic night life in the famous Bungalow House, on the roof of the Sherman Hotel, where the convention will be held on July 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Mantzoros expressed his belief that this convention will be attended by all the great and near-great names of Ahepa from throughout the country.

Get-Acquainted Party by Glenview Daughters Chapter

Cheiron Chapter No. 274, Daughters of Penelope, Glenview, Ill., sponsored a Get-Acquainted Party, at Weller's Super Club, Morton Grove on Sunday eve., December 1.

More than 60 Daughters and Ahepans of this area attended the party in a private room following which Greek and American dancing took place. Mrs. Sam Kavathas of Evanston was chairman. Among the prominent Daughters and Ahepans attending included Mrs. Adeline Geo-Karis Lambros, former Grand President and Paul J. Costulas, Governor of the 13th Ahepa District.

Evanston Chapter Elects Kavathas President

Chicago attorney Samuel Kavathas is the new president of Evanston Chapter No. 204, Evanston, Ill. Other officers who will serve with Bro. Kavathas include: Sam Boznos, vice-president; George Ames, Secretary; Louis Costalis, treasurer; and Peter Ellaw, Athletic Director; Board of Governors: Theodore N. Constant, Chairman; Nick Tarant; George S. Porikos; George Jiaras and Nick Manos.

Nicolopoulos Will Head Northwestern Chapter in 1958

Gust Nicolopoulos well known businessman of Des Plaines, Illinois, is the new President of Northwestern Chapter No. 388. To serve with him for 1958 will be: James N. Mantzoros, Wauconda, Vice President; George Poulakos, Ottawa, Secretary and Louis Cummings of Chicago, Treasurer; Board of Governors include, John G. Chirops, Glenview, chairman; Nick Zografos, Summit-Argo; George J. Manolas, Glenview; Gus Poulos, Wilmette and Louis Anaston Manolis, Elgin.

GRAINFIELD DIST. No. 14

Demosthenes Chapter's New Officers

Demosthenes Chapter No. 66 elected the following officers for 1958 at their regular meeting of December 2: Nick Pettas, President; Tom Pappas, Vice President; Harry Speroulis, Secretary; John G. Collias, Treasurer; Board of Governors, Leo J. Zofaley, Chairman, James Karigan, Theodore Speliopoulos, Christy Lestakis and John Psilogios.

PLAN TO ATTEND
THE AHEPA NATIONAL
BANQUET
SUNDAY, MARCH 16
SHERATON PARK HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DELTA DISTRICT No. 16 REPORTS

News From Aeolus Chapter 116 Daughters of Penelope

Galveston, the tropical isle of beauty, will be host to the 27th annual district convention. Headquarters will be at the fabulous Buckaneer Hotel.

Apostolides Day was celebrated by our chapter recently. It was a gala affair held at our Greek Center. Sister James Garris was chairman, assisted by Sister T. A. Waterman and others. Sister James L. Homer, Sr., Delta District Lieut. Governor, was the speaker of the day and the honored guest.

Our local Ahepa Chapter entertained the Daughters at a barbecue chicken dinner. We also held our annual joint Christmas Dinner with the Ahepans and in lieu of exchanging gifts, we adopted two needy families for Christmas.

And the closing thought for all our sisters is, "Be careful today, of the words you speak, for tomorrow those words you may have to eat."

OIL CENTER DISTRICT No. 15 NEWS

Velsicol Appoints Karabatsos Director of Government Relations



John F. Kirk, Vice-President, Velsicol Chemical Corporation, Chicago, announced recently the appointment of Bro. Kimon T. Karabatsos as Director of Government Relations.

For the past two years, Bro. Karabatsos was director of legislative and special services for the National Agriculture Chemicals Association. He received his college education at the University of Nebraska and the University of California where he majored in political science and journalism.

As Director of Government Relations for Velsicol, Karabatsos will headquarter in Washington, D. C. He is the son of Bro. and Mrs. Tom C. Karabatsos of Fairbury, Neb., and is an active member of the Grand Island, Neb., chapter of the Order.

Beaumont Beauty Is Honor Student At Lamar State College



Miss Joann Yianitsas

Miss Joann Yianitsas, daughter of Bro. and Mrs. Harry Yianitsas of Beaumont, Texas, who was the runner-up for homecoming queen at Lamar State College of Technology is also an honor student and is scheduled to complete her college career in three years instead of the required four, for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education.

Last year, the local Ahepa chapter sponsored Miss Yianitsas in the Beaumont Neches River Festival, in which she was a princess and placed second as one of the beauties of the city of Beaumont. Joan is a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority of Lamar State College and has served as pledge secretary of the Sorority. She is also listed in Who's Who among students in American Colleges and Universities.

Miss Yianitsas is a member of the Rhodanthe Chapter of the Maids of Athens in Houston and a member of the St. George's Greek Orthodox Church choir in Beaumont.

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REINSTATE A MEMBER

THE AHEPAN

SILVER DISTRICT No. 17 NEWS



Congratulating newly elected District Governor of Silver District No. 17, are left to right: James Frangos of Albuquerque, past Supreme Governor; William C. Karnaze of Kansas City, Supreme Governor; District Governor, Sam Galeatos; Supreme President C. P. Vermis; Past Supreme Treasurer, Socrates V. Sekles of Pontiac and (seated) Steve Vrettas, newly elected Treasurer of District No. 17.

The election of Sam Galeatos followed a mandate of the St. Louis National Convention which directed the incoming Administration to hold a special District election to select a new District Lodge.

The election, attended by high officers of the Supreme Lodge as observers, was held on December 8, 1957, in the Ahepa Home of Cheyenne, Wyo. Supreme Governor Karnaze was delegated to represent officially the Supreme Lodge of the Order.



Her Majesty, Queen Frederica of Greece seems very much at home aboard her namesake, the S.S. Queen Frederica, as she chats amiably with Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, Treasurer of the United States, with Princess Sofia listening attentively. This was the second voyage of the Royal Greek Family aboard this liner.



A lucky little girl, born during a voyage of the S. S. Queen Frederica to the United States, was gifted with a life-time courtesy "ticket" which will enable her to travel with the ship anytime she would wish. In honor of the Queen of Greece and the ship which was named after her, the child was called "Frederica".

MORMON DISTRICT No. 19

News from Salt Lake City's Charai Chapter No. 79 Daughters of Penelope

Our Annual fall dinner and get-together which included an evening of entertainment and fun was held at the Y.M.C.A. on Sunday, October 20th, at 5:30, p. m. The decorations followed a Halloween pattern and there were door prizes galore. This was a fund raising affair to purchase our Greek and American Flags to complete our Chapter's paraphernalia.

Mrs. Tom Kannes, chairman of the affair, and Mrs. John Zaferes, President, were assisted by Mrs. Paul G. Saltas, Mrs. James Bowde, Mrs. Alex Tujios, Miss May Goozas, Mrs. Peter Georgiadis, Mrs. Bail Anton, Mrs. Paul Koullis, and Mrs. Chris Politz.

GOLDEN GATE DIST. No. 21

Golden Gate Chapter Elects 1958 Officers

San Francisco's Golden Gate Chapter elected Sam Pappageorge president of the Chapter for 1958. Others who will serve with him include: Angelo Mountanos, vice-president; Salvatore Stella, secretary, re-elected for the 20th consecutive year; James Phillips, treasurer and the Board of Governors composed of George Ladas, Spiros Tentos, Milton Pappas, Gus Zahos and Chris Pallas.

The annual Christmas Party held at the Spreckels-Russell Auditorium on December 18, was a tremendous success as usual with about 125 children attending and receiving gifts. Brothers Andrew Asimos and John Kaplanis were co-chairmen of this beautiful event. Bro. Chris Topolos made a perfect Santa Claus.

District 21 Conference Held at Pittsburgh

The District Conference of Golden Gate District No. 21, was held on November 17, at Pittsburgh, Calif. Contra Costa Chapter No. 259 was the host chapter. Following Church services both Ahepans and Daughters repaired to the adjoining hall where the local Daughters chapter had prepared a wonderful luncheon reception.

Practically every chapter in the district was represented at the Conference which turned out to be a very successful gathering of prominent Ahepans among whom were: Bros. Nicholas Loumos, Stephen Berdalis, George Bezantis, Spiros Stamos, William Panagos, Spiros Tentos, Xenophon Cardiasmenos, Tom Barbis, Costas Alliopoulos, George Johnson, Nick J. Givers and a host of others, including of course Stephen Lettrich, Governor of the district.

While the conference was in session Mrs. Alexandra Lettrich held "open house" for the Daughters.

Dikeou's \$5,000 Gift For Athens School



PANAYES G. DIKEOU

Thanks to Brother Panayes G. Dikeou, former District Governor of Silver District No. 17, and a prominent businessman of Denver, Colo., a "heart-earings machine" will soon be installed in the national Athens University Medical School in Athens.

Dr. Pan Michas, assistant professor at the school, revealed the gift recently before leaving Denver after a two weeks visit there under sponsorship of the U. S. Dept. of Public Health.

Seattle Chapter No. 177 Elects Officers

At its December 11 meeting, the Seattle Chapter No. 177 elected the following officers for 1958: George Cotronis, President; Bill Kaimakos, Vice-President; Gus Kostacos, re-elected Secretary and Mitchell Angel, re-elected Treasurer.

Tom Tolias, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Alex Vitsas, George Zavales, Charley Thomas, and Jerry Costacos.

Wenatchee Chapter No. 263 Re-elects Psaris President

Tom Psaris was re-elected president of Wenatchee Chapter No. 263, for the fourth time. Others who will serve with him in 1958 include: Louis Donniss, Vice-President; Sperm Koulouris, Secretary; and Angel N. Yiatchos, Treasurer.

Members of the Board of Governors include: K. D. Valissarakos, Chairman; Louis Adams, John Pericaris, W. D. Papadopoulos and Gust Stavros.

Mt. Royal Chapter C J 7 Celebrates 27th Anniversary



Among the guests of honor attending 27th anniversary banquet of Mount Royal Chapter C J 7 included: (left to right) Dimitrios Coulourides, Consul General of Greece; Ph. B. Papachristides, president of the Montreal Greek Community; Ahepa prexy C. P. Verinis; Senator Sarto Fournier, mayor of Montreal; Ambassador Raoul Bibica Rossetti; George Prahales-Panos, pres. of the chapter; George Spiliotopoulos, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Montreal's Greek Community; Nicholas Liaskos, toastmaster; Chris Poulos, chapter treasurer; Basil Bisbicos, Past President of Mount Royal Chapter and Rev. Nicholas Salamis, dean of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Montreal.

The 27th Anniversary of the founding of Mount Royal Chapter No. 7 in Montreal, Canada, was celebrated on November 1, 1957, with a fitting banquet and Grand Ball at the Mount Royal-Sheraton Hotel.

Guests of honor included Supreme President C. P. Verinis; Royal Hellenic Ambassador of Greece to Canada, His Excellency Raoul B. Rossetti and Mrs. Rossetti; Montreal's newly elected mayor, Senator Sarto Fournier; George Vlassis, Supreme Vice-President for Canada; Constantine Arachovitis, Governor of Beaver District No. 33; Consul General of Greece at Montreal, Dimitrios Coulourides and Mrs. Coulourides; Phrixos Papachristides, President of the Montreal Greek Community; George Spiliotopoulos, Chairman

of the Board of Trustees of Montreal's Greek Community; Mrs. N. Nakis, President of the Meandros Chapter, Daughters of Penelope and Mr. Nakis; Rev. N. Salamis and Mrs. Salamis and Rev. and Mrs. T. Theophilos.

George Prahales-Panos, president of the chapter was chairman of the banquet committee, with Nicholas Liaskos, vice-president of the chapter, as toastmaster for the evening.

Speakers for the evening included Supreme President Verinis, Ambassador Rossetti, Mayor Fournier, Supreme Vice-President Vlassis and Mr. Papachristides. The event was attended by more than 500 guests and following the banquet, dancing prevailed to two outstanding orchestras. The lucky winner of a door prize, of a trip to the Caribbean, donated by Bro. N. Georg-

Everett, Wash. to Host 1958 District No. 22 Convention

Fotis Koutlas and Gust Rakus are the co-chairmen of the 1958 District Convention of District No. 22. Bro. Rakus whose activities on behalf of the Order have gained him national recognition has served as a Supreme Governor.

The convention will be under the auspices of the Cascade Chapter No. 256 and will be held on June 27, 28 and 29. The Chamber of Commerce has assured the committee that there will be centrally located rooms for all. There are more than ten conventions held yearly in the city of Everett.



President George Prahales-Panos (far right) of the Mt. Royal Chapter C. J. 7, with past presidents of the Chapter Basil Bishios, George Adamakos, Percy Papadiamandis and Peter Kotsonas, from left to right.



From left to right (head table): Supreme President Constantine P. Verinis, Mrs. Raoul B. Rossetti, wife of Ambassador Rossetti, George Parhalis-Panos, president of Mt. Royal Chapter C. J. 7, Mrs. N. Nakis, president of Meandros Chapter Daughters of Penelope, Standing Bro. N. Georgiades, donor of Door Prize A Trip to the Carribean.

ades of the Rex Travel Agency of Montreal, was Bro. George Patatakakis.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE JOIN PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL

By Mrs. Bessye Evergates

Our organization has been honored by its inclusion into membership in President Eisenhower's recently organized, National Traffic Safety Council.

Heads of all fraternal, civic and social groups, as well as individual public-spirited citizens have been called upon by the President, to join in a crusade to arouse the general public to the tremendous waste the misuse of the automobile has brought upon human and monetary resources.

The carelessness of some of our drivers resulting in the thousands upon thousands of yearly accidents, accompanied by thousands of deaths and countless injuries and the destruction of property has been of grave concern to all who have the responsibility to tabulate these facts, including those of our officials charged with the responsibility of accident prevention.

A suggested program of action for Daughters' chapters includes, contacting the proper authorities in your city and pledge your assistance in solving some of the pressing problems confronting them. We further urge a traffic safety program in your neighborhood or community. Also go to your local schools and talk with the Principals about the traffic and of the Safety Program, especially as it affects the school area. Another suggestion offered is for our chapters

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 4, 1957

Dear Peter:

May I at this belated opportunity extend to you my congratulations on your appointment as the Editor of the "AHEPAN". With your experience and love and devotion to our Order we look forward to a great year to share with our friends.

Mrs. JULIA PAPAGEORGIU
Grand Governor, Daughters

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10, 1957

Dear Peter:

First of all let me congratulate you on your appointment as Editor of the "Ahepan", as I am sure that not only you will prove worthy of the confidence and the trust that the Supreme Lodge placed upon you, but that also under your Editorship, the Ahepan once again will become a true F-ternal Magazine.

THOMAS D. JUNES

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 3, 1958

Dear Peter:

Yesterday I received the Ahepan and after going through this magazine I wish to extend to you my heartiest congratulations on a job well done.

I enjoyed the various articles contained therein and particularly the "Editor's Corner."

I hope that you will continue to give your untiring efforts to the future editions of this publication.

With best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you and your family, I remain,

ZACK T. RITSOS
Past Supreme Secretary

to work with PTA groups in carrying out a vigorous children's safety program. If other organizations in your Community have already taken the initiative in instituting such a program please join them in carrying out this important program.

Get your youngsters into the act. Check with your son or daughter to get the student's viewpoint. Accident studies indicate that the age limit for obtaining a driver's license for teenagers is too low. Help raise it to 18 years as it is at present in New York State.

As a Daughter of Penelope, you can enlighten the people of your town regarding the part the Daughters are playing in making America a better place in which to live.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 27, 1957
Dear Friends Margaret and Peter:

We have just received the "Ahepan" and saw with great pleasure that you are both the editors of our magazine. How nice to read about you and from you, after all these years, since we used to see you in Whiting (Ind.) when you came to our cleaning store and when we gathered at the Kostopoulos'.

Let us both, my husband and myself, add to the many friendly congratulatory notes on your editorship and the well selected and well chosen articles in both the "Ahepan" and the "Penelopian".

MICHAEL and HELEN ROSS

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20, 1957

Dear Peter:

Don't think I forgot that I should write and congratulate you as editor of the "AHEPAN". I am a little late but better late than never.

I know the Supreme President made an excellent choice. There is no one that has the experience and devotion to our Order that you have, and we are proud to have you as our editor.

This year we have started publishing a newspaper and I have been writing editorials.

Peter, I was happy and I was proud to be with you and the Verinis group.

JOHN W. MERCURY
Governor, District No. 14

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 27, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

My very best wishes for a Happy New Year.

My congratulations for a fine job as editor of the "Ahepan" Magazine.

THOMAS N. CHRISTIE
House of Representatives
State Of Minnesota

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27, 1957

Dear Brother Mantzoros:

I usually do not complain but in the recent issue of the Magazine on page 11, I am listed as assistant Executive Secretary Revis.

As you know, or should know, I declined this position with the Ahepa almost two months ago.

Of course, I had applied for the position of executive secretary of the Ahepa and that is all, so please do not further confuse the issue.

I will be very grateful if a retraction can be made in your next issue so that I will not be made to be what I'm not.

GEORGE COKINOS
Executive Secretary, Sons