

ՀՈՎՈՒԱՊԵՏԱԿԱՆ ԱՅՅ

ԱՄԵՆԱՅՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ ԿԱԹՈՂԻԿՈՍ Ն.Ս.Օ.Ս.Ս. ԳԱՐԵԳԻՆ Բ. ԲԱՅՄԱՆ ԱՂՈԹՔԸ ԱՐՏԱՍԱՍՆԵՑ ԱՄԵՐԻԿԱՅԻ ՆԵՐԿԱՅԱՅՈՒՅՆԵՐՈՒ ՏԱՆ ԺՈՂՈՎԻՆ

Զորեքչաբթի Հոկտեմբեր 10, 2007, առաւտօնեան ժամը 9:00-ին՝ Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետը այցելեց Capitol Hill, ուր պիտի գումարուէլ Ամերիկայի Ներկայացուցիչներու Տան ժողովը։ Ներկայացուցիչներու Տան Խօսնակ Տիկ Նէսսի Փելոսի հրաւիրեց Նորին Սրբութիւնը՝ որպէս զի ժողովի բացման աղօթքը ըսէ։ Վեհափառ Տէրը հետեւեալ աղօթքը արտասանեց։

«Ով Տէր, գոհութիւն կը մասուցանենք Քեզի որ այսօր շնորհքը պարզեցիր մեզի աղօթելու այս ազգի ղեկավարներուն համար, որոնք կը տքնին ազատութեան եւ արդարութեան ընդհանրական դատին ի նպաստ։ Աձեցուր անոնց իմաստութիւնը եւ վճռակածութիւնը։ Անոնց դործունէութիւնները կը ներշնչեն եւ կը գոհացնեն արդարութեան ձգուումը, որ կայ բոլորին սրտին մէջ։ Հայր մեր որ յերկինս, առաջ-

թեան, որուն հետեւանքները կը զգացուին ամբողջ աշխարհի մէջ ցեղասպանութեան նոր սալոնութիւններով։ Հոգիի խաղաղութիւն շնորհէ մարդկութեան դէմ գործուած ոճիրներու բոլոր զոհերուն եւ խաղաղութիւն եւ արդարութիւն շնորհէ անոնց ժառանգորդներուն։ Կամեցուր կեանք, ազատութիւն եւ երջանկութիւն ուսնակոխ ընողները։

Ով Տէր, օրհնէ այս երկիրը եւ անոր ժողովուրդը, խաղաղութիւն եւ ապահովութիւն պարզեւէ Ամերիկայի ուստրերուն եւ դուստրերուն՝ որոնք իրենց ազգին կը ծառացնեն արտերկրի մէջ։ Թող Միացեալ Նահանգները շարունակէ իր առաքելութիւնը՝ որպէս լոյսի մէծ փառու։ Ամէն»։

(Ամերիկայի Ներկայացուցիչներու Տան բացման արարողութիւնն ու Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողի-



Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետը Ճէֆֆըրսընի Յուշահամալիրի մուտքին միջեկեղեցական և միջկրօնական ղեկավարներու հետ ձեւլը։

Նորին Սրբութեան աղօթքէն ետք՝ Ներկայացուցիչներու Տան երկցը Տանիէլ Գուղիմն՝ Անոր ներկայացուց վկայագիր մը՝ ի լիշատակ իր մատուցած աղօթքին՝ քրոնկրէսականներու ժողովէն առաջ։

Աղօթքի մատուցումէն ետք՝ Խօսնակ Նէսսի Փելոսի Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսին, Առաջնորդ Սրբազն Հօր ու Թեմական Պատուիրակ Գերշ. Տ. Վիգէն Արք. Այգագեանին ցոյց տուած ժողովարահի զանազան բաժիններ եւ զանոնք առաջնորդեց իր գրասեննեակը, ուր Նորին Սրբութիւնը խօսեցաւ Եկեղեցու կարեւորութեան, Հայաստանի Հանրապետութեան եւ Միացեալ Նահագաց մասին։

Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետը շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց Տիկին Փէլոսիին եւ անոր միջոցաւ Ներկայացուցիչներու Տան բոլոր անդամներուն՝ իրենց ցուցաբերած զօրակցութեան համար, եւ որպէս լիշատակ անոր նուիրեց փոքր խաչքար մը։ Հիւանագիտական ընդունելութիւն Հայկական Դեսպանատան մէջ կէսօրուան ժամը 12:00-ին՝ հիւրընկալութեամբ Հայաստանի Հանրապետութեան Միացեալ Նահագաց արտակարգ եւ լիազօր Դեսպանատան մասնիւղի անդամները եւ գոլէճական ուսանողներ։ Արարողութեան աւար- ծար. թէ 8



Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետը Հայկական Ցեղասպանութեան քանակարանին մէջ

Նորդ հանդիսացիր բոլոր ազգերուն, ներառեալ Հայաստանի Հանրապետութեան – մեր Հայրենիքին եւ մեր Հաւատքի կեղրոնին – Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնին։

Պատմութեան տիսուր դէպքերու ծանրութեան ներքեւ՝ մէնք կը յշենք զոհերը Հայոց Ցեղասպանութիւնը ճանչցող բանա-

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Turkey Threatens Tougher Sanctions Against Armenia Armenian Genocide Bill's Fate Uncertain

WASHINGTON, DC -- The future of a U.S. House resolution calling the 1915 massacre of Armenians by Ottoman Turks genocide appeared in doubt on Wednesday after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said whether it would come to the floor for a vote "remains to be seen."

Support for the resolution has eroded sharply since it was passed by the House Foreign Affairs Committee last week. Turkey warned it would damage relations with the United States and President George W. Bush condemned it.

"Whether it will come up or not, what the action will be, remains to be seen," Pelosi, a California Democrat, told reporters on Wednesday. She previously had vowed it would get a vote of the full chamber sometime this year.

Pelosi said on Wednesday she had always supported the nonbinding, largely symbolic resolution, but she would be working with other advocates to see what they wanted to do now.

Lawmakers from both political parties have been withdrawing their names from the resolution in recent days in the face of criticism from Turkey and Bush. Some key Democrats as well as Republicans oppose it.

The White House on Monday strongly discouraged Congress from approving, or even considering the resolution.

"This is an important time for US-Turkish relations, and we would strongly

encourage the speaker not to bring this to a vote, and should it come to a vote, we will strongly encourage members not to support it," spokesman Tony Fratto said.

Looking to defuse tensions with Turkey, Bush on Wednesday urged the Congress to drop the resolution. "One thing Congress should not be doing is sorting out the historical record of the Ottoman Empire," Bush said at a press conference, branding the measure "counterproductive."

"Congress has more important work to do than antagonizing a democratic ally in the Muslim world, especially one that's providing vital support for our military every day," in places like Iraq, he said.

Key Democrats in the House of Representatives on Tuesday joined Republicans to warn that the resolution could harm U.S. strategic interests. Democrats, including Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania, a longtime member of Pelosi's inner circle, urged her not to bring the proposal to the floor and Republicans called the resolution another "irresponsible" foray into foreign policy.

Turkey Threatens Sanctions Against Armenia

Turkey should not punish the U.S. administration over a resolution in the U.S. Congress that calls the World War I-

era killings of Armenians a genocide, but instead should impose sanctions against Armenia for supporting the measure, a top Turkish official said Tuesday.

"Bush and his team should not be punished," Egemen Bagis, a foreign policy adviser to Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said on CNN-Turk television. "The reaction should be against Pelosi and her team." Bagis noted that U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Robert Gates had lobbied against the measure.

In a televised speech on Tuesday, Erdogan compared the resolution to a "summary execution." "Nobody has the right to judge Turkey like this," Erdogan said. "Those who dare confront an important country like Turkey will pay the price." Erdogan warned that the prospect of improving ties with Armenia would also suffer if the resolution was backed by the full House of Representatives. "Those who expect openings from Turkey will be left alone with their problems," he said. "They will have to pay the cost of their hostility towards an important country like Turkey."

Bagis said Turkey should impose sanctions against Armenia because it supported the resolution. "Turkey must impose sanctions against Armenia," Bagis said. "Turkey has already done a list of what and when it will do, and the prime minister has already given necessary orders."

Authorities Fire Judge For Acquitting Two Businessmen

YEREVAN -- An embattled Armenian judge was sacked by Robert Kocharian on Tuesday, a move which he described as a retaliation for his recent acquittal of two businessmen at loggerheads with the government.

Kocharian signed a decree relieving Pargev Ohanian, a judge of a district court in Yerevan, of his duties at the recommendation of the Council of Justice, a presidentially appointed body overseeing Armenia's judicial system.

The council made the recommendation on Friday after considering disciplinary proceedings launched against Ohanian by the Judicial Department, another government-controlled body monitoring the work of Armenian courts. The department claimed that his handling of two dozen criminal and civil cases was accompanied by serious violations of Armenian law.

The punitive action is being widely linked with Ohanian's July 16 decision to acquit and free the owner and a top executive of the Royal Armenia coffee packaging company who had been arrested on controversial fraud charges two years ago. The arrests came after they publicly alleged high-level corruption within the Armenian customs. In a rare example of an Armenian court defying the government

Karabakh Mediators Plan Another Regional Tour

International mediators will again visit Armenia and Azerbaijan next week despite fresh signs that the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict will not be resolved before presidential elections due to be held in both countries next year, it emerged on Wednesday.

The Armenian Foreign Ministry said Foreign Minister Vartan Oskanian discussed details of the trip, scheduled for October 24-27, with the French and Russian co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group in Paris.

A ministry statement said they also spoke about "substantive issues" which the two co-chairs and their U.S. counterpart, Matthew Bryza, will raise with the Armenian and Azerbaijani presidents. No details were reported.

It was not clear if the mediators still hope to get the parties to reach a framework peace accord on Karabakh in the coming weeks.

"My assessment of the current state of negotiating process is that we are unlikely to reach an agreement on the principles [of Karabakh peace] before the presidential elections," Kocharian said during a visit to Brussels. Kocharian, who is completing his final and second term in office, noted at the same that the two sides agree on many of those principles and can cut a peace deal after the 2008 polls.

Levon Ter-Petrosian To Participate In A Rally Commemorating Eighth Anniversary Of The 1999 Armed Attack On The Armenian Parliament

YEREVAN -- Former President Levon Ter-Petrosian will hold next week his first public rally in Yerevan in more than a decade to make a more detailed assessment of the situation in Armenia and gauge popular support for his return to active politics.

The rally, scheduled for October 26, will be a further indication that he is leaning towards participating in next year's presidential election. It will come one day before the eighth anniversary of the 1999 armed attack on the Armenian parliament that left then Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian, parliament speaker Karen Demirchian and six other officials dead.

Ter-Petrosian allies said on Tuesday this is the reason why the rally will also feature two other opposition speakers: Sarkisian's brother Aram and Demirchian's son Karen Demirchian.

"We will discuss the political situation, propose solutions and outline the tasks that need to be accomplished soon," Aram Sarkisian told RFE/RL. Sarkisian said the gathering will be 'very important' for Ter-Petrosian's increasingly likely presidential bid, predicting that it will attract a huge crowd. "He who controls the street is the

master of the country," he said.

"We will address the political situation in the country and challenges facing the country," Demirchian said, for his part.

Sarkisian and Demirchian said the 1999 parliament killings will be another major theme of the rally. Both men suspect President Robert Kocharian and Prime Minister Serzh Sarkisian of masterminding the killings.

Sarkisian and his radical opposition Hanrapetutyun (Republic) party is among the most ardent backers of Ter-Petrosian's political comeback. Like other Ter-Petrosian loyalists, they believe that the ex-president is the only politician capable of defeating the election favorite, Serzh Sarkisian. Demirchian and his People's Party of Armenia are also increasingly sympathetic to Ter-Petrosian but have so far refrained from endorsing him for the presidency.

Ter-Petrosian is understood to be planning to elaborate on his September 21 speech in Yerevan that marked the end of his nearly decade-

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and prosecutors, Ohanian dismissed the charges brought against them as baseless.

Ohanian believes that this is the reason why he lost his job. Commenting on Kocharian's decree, he said the violations allegedly committed by him were too 'negligible' to warrant his sacking. "That gives me reason to claim that I am being persecuted for my [July] verdict," he told RFE/RL.

Ohanian also claimed that the alleged persecution will not necessarily be confined to his dismissal. "Everything can be expected," he said.

Bipartisan Armenian Genocide Resolution will Ensure United States Remains A Moral Leader Around the World

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Reps. Adam Schiff (D-CA) and George Radanovich (R-CA), lead sponsors of the Armenian Genocide Resolution; Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) and Joe Knollenberg (R-MI), co-chairmen of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues; and Brad Sherman (D-CA) and Ed Royce (R-CA), senior members of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs highlighted the importance of recognizing the murder of a million and a half Armenians between 1915-1923 as genocide.

The six lawmakers, all Members of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, issued the following statement today:

"Today, Congress rightly honored the Dalai Lama with the Congressional Gold Medal at a ceremony in the Capitol, despite the ardent objections of the Chinese government.

"In this demonstration of moral virtue, Congress today stood up for what is right and would not be intimi-

dated by threats from another nation. In awarding the Dalai Lama the highest civilian honor Congress can bestow, Congress showed its commitment to promoting peace around the world. We will not let another country impede our efforts to speak out against inhumanity.

"As we take this principled moral stand in defiance of the Chinese government, we must similarly be willing to speak out on the Armenian Genocide. If we as a nation are to be a moral leader around the world we must have the courage to recognize genocide whenever and wherever it occurs."

The Armenian Genocide has been recognized by more than 20 nations including Canada, Italy, Sweden, France, Argentina and Russia. This resolution is consistent with the record of the U.S. House of Representatives in speaking out against genocides – past and present. The House has passed resolutions on the Holocaust and the genocides in Cambodia, Darfur, Ukraine and Bosnia.

His Holiness Karekin II Gives Opening Prayer in United States House of Representatives

WASHINGTON, DC -- His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians gave the opening prayer in the United States House of Representatives on October 10, 2007. The House of Representatives was brought to order by the Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, personally presiding over the session. Speaker Pelosi opened the morning's session, greeted His Holiness Karekin II and introduced him before he delivered his prayer:

"Lord, we thank you for bestowing us with the Grace to pray today for the leaders of this nation who labor in the universal cause of liberty and justice. Increase their wisdom and resolution. Their actions grant inspiration and fulfillment to the desire for justice that lives in every heart. Our Father in Heaven, render guidance to all nations, including the Republic of Armenia - our homeland and center of our faith - the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

"With the solemn burden of history, we remember the victims of the Genocide of the Armenians, the consequences of which are still felt by the entire world in new manifestations of genocide. Grant rest to the souls of all victims of crimes against humanity and bestow peace and justice on their descendants. Give pause to those who trample life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"Lord, bless this land and people. Grant peace and safety to America's sons and daughters who serve their nation abroad. May the United States continue her mission as a great beacon of hope. Amen."

His Holiness Karekin II's prayer was broadcasted live on C-SPAN, the official and only television network

authorized to broadcast the proceedings of the United States House of Representatives.

Following the prayer, the House Chaplain Daniel P. Coughlin, the first Roman Catholic Chaplain of the House of Representatives since the position was created in 1774, presented His Holiness Karekin II with a certificate memorializing his deliverance of a prayer before a session of Congress.

Following the House prayer, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) escorted His Holiness Karekin II, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian and Diocesan Legate Archbishop Vicken Aykazian on a short tour of the Speaker's lobby and corridors of the House. Receiving the delegation in the Office of the Speaker in the US Capitol Building. His Holiness raised several issues of concern in their high-level, private meeting.

His Holiness Karekin II thanked Speaker Pelosi, and all Members of Congress, Republican and Democrat alike for their efforts on passing the Armenian Genocide Resolution. "We are well aware of the courage you and your colleagues have shown in your commitment to justice" said the Catholicos. "We ask this not for ourselves alone, but for the sake of all human beings as Genocides still plague us, even nine decades after ours took more than 1.5 million lives. We know of your commitment to human rights and thank you and the United States of America for your efforts."

At the close of the meeting His Holiness presented Speaker Nancy Pelosi with a traditional Armenian Cross (*Khatchkar*). The Speaker told His Holiness that she looks forward to displaying it with pride and joy in her office.

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Kurds: Armenians Win, We Pay the Price

By Falah Mustafa Bakir

Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan is asking his country's parliament this week to unanimously approve a "mobilization" against the Kurdistan Worker's Party (PKK), an action that he and other Turkish leaders have signaled could include a Turkish military attack on the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Such an attack would represent the gravest challenge to Iraq since our liberation from Saddam Hussein in 2003 and would jeopardize, perhaps fatally, the success of the American mission in Iraq.

The Kurdistan Region is Iraq's safest and most secure. But we may soon pay a heavy price for the actions of the PKK in Turkey, and for a House Foreign Affairs Committee vote about Armenia in the U.S. – neither of which have anything to do with the Kurds of Iraq or the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG).

The KRG seeks no conflict with Turkey. Quite the opposite: the KRG considers friendly relations with Turkey its top priority. We consider the Turkish people as close friends and neighbors with whom we have much in common. Turkish trade and investment has been instrumental to our region's economic growth. We are interested in pursuing stronger ties through direct dialogue with Ankara on any and all issues of common interest. Any problems or disagreements should be solved through diplomacy and dialogue, not threats of military force. We condemn the killing of innocent people and we do not believe that violence ever solves problems. The KRG has supported U.S. mediation efforts with Iraq and Turkey about the PKK, and has encouraged efforts toward a comprehensive political solution to the problem of the PKK, which cannot be solved solely through military means.

The KRG does not and will not support the de-stabilization of Turkey or any of our neighbors. We respect and practice the principle of noninterference in the affairs of others, and expect the same in return. In that context, the Iranian intimidation and shelling of villages and towns along our eastern border must also stop. As with Turkey, we seek no confrontation with Iran. Since 1991, we have

Levon Ter-Petrosian To Participate In A Rally

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long silence. He denounced the current Armenia leadership as 'corrupt and criminal' and accused it of turning Armenia into a 'third world country' and dragging out the resolution of Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. It is expected that during the planned rally Ter-Petrosian will touch upon controversial episodes of his eight-year rule and specify what he thinks needs to be done to meet challenges facing Armenia.

Meanwhile, Ter-Petrosian continued on Tuesday his consultations with a broad range of political forces with a visit to the headquarters of the opposition Orinats Yerkir Party and a meeting with its top leader, former parliament speaker Artur Baghdasarian.

proven to Turkey, Iran and all of Iraq's neighbors that the Kurds are a stabilizing factor in Iraq and the Middle East.

The stakes could not be higher for Iraq, and for the peace and prosperity of the Kurdistan Region, which has proven itself the model and gateway for a new Iraq. The Kurds are America's most loyal and trusted allies in pursuit of an independent, democratic and federal Iraq. The current crisis on our borders comes at an especially inopportune and sensitive time with regard to on-going efforts in Iraq toward national reconciliation. This is very much a work in progress, but there is progress.

There is an emerging consensus among Iraqi politicians about federalism, which is Iraq's constitutionally mandated form of government. KRG President Masoud Barzani has called for a conference in Erbil among Iraq's political leaders to discuss how to implement a federal system of governance in our country. The diversity of Iraqi society is a source of strength, not division. Federalism has worked around the world – in the United States, the United Arab Emirates, and in many other countries. It should be seen as the solution, rather than the problem, for the deep governance challenges in Iraq. Federalism is not "partition," as some have misrepresented it. We appreciate those in the U.S. Senate who understand and have recognized the reality of a federal Iraq through an amendment to the U.S. Defense Authorization bill.

Some neighboring countries see the shadow of independence falling across all that we do in the Kurdistan Region. When the Iraqi constitution was drafted four years ago, the Kurdistan Region's leadership made a firm decision to remain part of Iraq. Despite the national tragedy that has befallen much of the rest of Iraq, we remain committed to that course of action today. We believe today that our future is best secured by becoming an active participant in a federal, democratic and secular Iraq.

Falah Mustafa Bakir is the Head of the Department of Foreign Relations, with Ministerial rank, in the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq.

Heghine Bisharian, the number two figure in Orinats Yerkir also present at the meeting, told RFE/RL that it focused on the upcoming presidential ballot and ways of ensuring its freedom and fairness.

Later in the day, Ter-Petrosian visited the Yerevan bureau of RFE/RL's Armenian service and held a lively off-the-record discussion with its reporters on issues facing the country and his past and present role in its political life. He reiterated that he has still not made a final decision on his participation in the approaching vote. 'I am very happy with this meeting,' Ter-Petrosian said on record.

'It was a very nice and pleasant conversation with nice people. I'm sure this is not our last meeting.'

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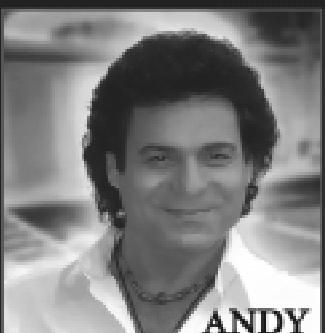
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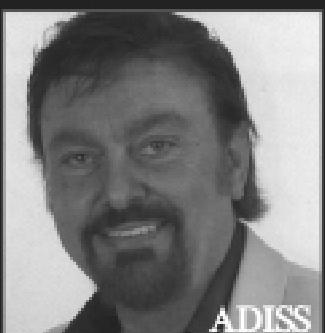
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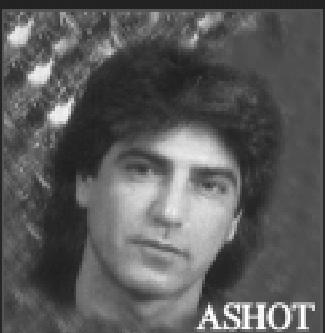
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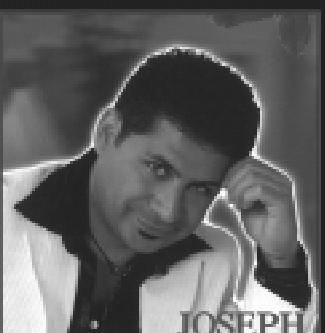
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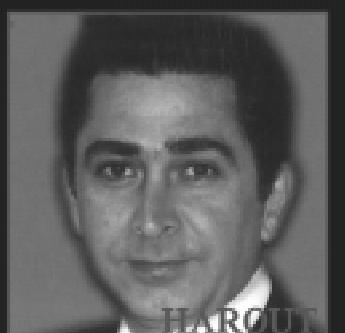
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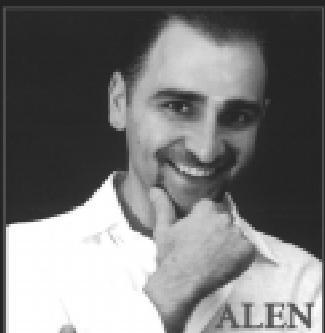
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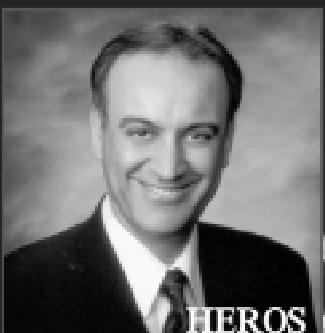
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