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Gençlik Bayramı



On the occasion of Atatürk Memorial day, I wish to add my personal congratulations on the centennial anniversary of the birth of this great man, and my good wishes for a successful Atatürk Centennial Year."
Ronald Reagan
President, United States

We deplore the recent inhuman terrorist attack on the life of Orhan Gündüz, the Honorary Consul General of Turkey to New England. We mourn our loss. We think it is time the peoples of the world should get the facts straight, condemn these murderous acts and preserve peace.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 10 - 14 International Week
HUB, UW
(See details of program in this paper)
- May 19 Turkish Youth Holiday/"ATATÜRK DAY" in Seattle
(See details in this paper)
- May 23 Turkish Hour
KRAB FM 107.7 6:00p.m.
- May 29 Anadolu Folkdancers' Performance/Folklife Fest.
Seattle Center, Snoqualmie Room, 1:45-2:30



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the new Executive Board, I would like to thank the membership of the Turkish-American Cultural Association of Seattle for electing us into office. We shall try to be worthy of your confidence.

At the first meeting of the new executive board, the distribution of duties were made as follows:

Tibet Giray	President
Yasemin San	Vice-President
James Andrews	Secretary
Sinan Karasu	Social Chairperson
Sevin Demirpolat	Treasurer

The board has decided to establish two special-purpose committees: one, to publish SESIMIZ and a second one to revise the constitution of T.A.C.A. Muazzez Eren has accepted to serve as chairperson of SESIMIZ Committee and Oktay Yesil has accepted to be chairperson of the Constitution committee. The Board asked both chairpersons to recommend the names of other prospective members for their committees. Any member of T.A.C.A. interested in either committee is invited to contact the respective chairpersons.

The next important topic of discussion in the first board meeting was the upcoming ATATURK DAY celebration in Seattle on May 19th and International Week at the University of Washington, both of which are discussed in other parts of this issue of SESIMIZ.

It is the desire of this board to run the affairs of T.A.C.A. in a formal and responsible manner with emphasis on proper documentation. The members will be able to know at all times how each cent of their contribution has been utilized.

We are open to and would appreciate the active participation of all members in the affairs of T.A.C.A. Please contact any board member or attend our meetings so that the board can benefit from your ideas and cooperation.

Tibet Giray
May 1982

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* "TURKISH HOUR" is back on the air! *

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* Every two weeks you can listen to Turkish *

* music on KRAB FM at 6:00p.m. The next *

* Turkish Hour is on May 23. DON'T MISS IT! *

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Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

(1881-1938)

Turkish statesman and the founder of the Republic of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal was born in 1881 in Salonika, then the port city of Turkish Macedonia. After finishing the local military school, he entered the military college in Istanbul, graduating with the rank of captain in 1905.

Mustafa Kemal participated in the successful Young Turk revolution of 1908, a movement that sought to establish a constitutional government for the ailing Ottoman Empire. Because of his ambition and his outspoken criticisms, however, he was excluded from the center of power. When the World War I broke out in 1914, he was serving as military attaché in Sofia, Bulgaria. Although opposed to his country's entering the war, he won the only significant Turkish victory in 1915 against the allied forces at the Dardanelles—an event which made him a national hero.

At the end of the World War I, the Ottoman government capitulated to the Allies, and in May 1919, Mustafa Kemal was sent to Eastern Anatolia, charged with disbanding still-mobilized army units. Instead, he began to organize resistance



groups and convened in September 1919 a congress of nationalist delegates at Sivas. Under his leadership, there emerged a provisional government claiming to represent the Turkish people.

After the Turkish War of Independence and the overthrow of the Ottoman Sultanate, Mustafa Kemal negotiated a new peace treaty with the Allies. The Treaty of Lausanne (Switzerland), signed in July 1923, recognized Turkey's full sovereign rights over all its territory. On 29 October 1923, Turkey was proclaimed a republic, with Mustafa Kemal as the first president.

With astounding energy, he then set out on a series of reforms, which would profoundly affect every level of Turkish society. In 1924, he abolished the caliphate (the office of the spiritual head of Islam) and repressed religious activity. In 1926 the Holy Law of Islam was replaced by the Swiss Civil Code, and in 1928 the Latin alphabet was adopted for written Turkish. In 1934 women who had limited rights under Islamic law were given suffrage and became legally emancipated. In the same year, when every Turkish citizen had to adopt a surname, the nation honored Mustafa Kemal by giving him the name Atatürk, meaning "Father of the Turks."

On 10 November 1938 Atatürk died, leaving behind a nation that owed its very existence to him. His remains rest at a mausoleum on a hill overlooking Ankara, the capital of Turkey.



Atatürk's Address To The Young People Of Turkey

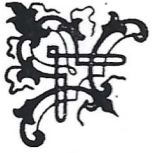
O Turkish Youth! Your primary duty is to preserve and to defend forever Turkish independence and the Republic.

This obligation is the very basis of your existence and future, and it must remain as your most valuable treasure. In the future, you may have enemies, at home and abroad, who will want to deprive you of this treasure. One day, if you find yourself compelled to defend your independence and the Republic, you must assume your obligation without any hesitation, regardless of the prevailing circumstances. Your opportunities may turn out to be extremely limited; and conditions, unfavorable. The enemies conspiring against the independence of your country may have an unprecedented record of victories behind them. By force or by deceit, all the fortresses of the country may be captured, the naval bases occupied, the armies dispersed, and every corner of your fatherland invaded. Even more devastating may be the ignorance and treachery of those in power within the country. These traitors may even align their personal interests with the political ambitions of the enemy. Impoverished and exhausted, the nation may be on the verge of destruction.

O child of Turkey's future! Even under such dire circumstances it is your duty to save Turkish independence and the Republic. You will find the strength you need within your noble blood.

K. Atatürk

This address forms the final part of a long speech that Atatürk delivered to the Grand National Assembly in October 1927. The speech dealt with the World War I era, the Turkish War of Independence (1919-23), and the reforms introduced during the first years of the Republic. The address printed here charges Turkish youth with the responsibility of safeguarding the country's independence, and it is one of the better known documents in the history of modern Turkey.



THE
TURKISH AMERICAN-
COMMUNITY
presents



ATATÜRK DAY *

in Seattle

May 19, 1982

A TRIBUTE TO ATATÜRK 1881-1938

PROGRAM

Two talks by: Oral Sander, Professor of Political Science
Peter Sugar, Professor of History
University of Washington

A Film on ATATÜRK

Folkdance Performance by Anatolian Dancers

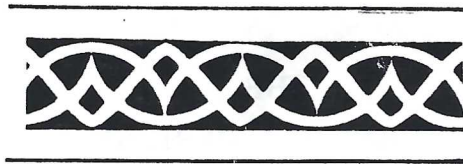
University of Washington

Kane Hall Room 220

7:30 p.m.

* Proclaimed by Mayor Royer

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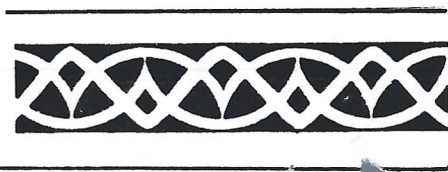
INTERNATIONAL WEEK AT THE UNIVERSITY , MAY 10-14

In the last issue of "Sesimiz", we had given a tentative schedule of events which were going to take place. Here is the definite schedule :

- Monday , May 10 th _____ Bazaar . 11.30 am - 3.30 pm .
HUB , West Ballroom
- Tuesday , May 11 th _____ Bazaar continues , 10.30 am - 4.00 pm
HUB , West Ballroom
- Wednesday , May 12 th _____ Lecture , 8.30 pm . HUB Auditorium
Dr. Oral Sander on 'Turkey and its foreign policy'
- Thursday , May 13 th _____ Cultural night , HUB Auditorium
. Costume show 7.20 pm
. Turkish folk dancing by Anadolu Folk Dancers 8.20 pm.
- Friday , May 14 th _____ Films and the Final Dance
HUB , Room 209 A/B
"Turkey has some surprises for you" 1.00 pm

Do not miss this rich international event .

Turkish Student Association



YURTTAN HABERLER (NEWS FROM TURKEY)

- * Turkish Central Bank (Türk Merkez Bankası) was given the Golden Mercury award in an international meeting held in Karachi, Pakistan. The award, accepted by Osman Şiklan, the President of Merkez Bankası, is given for achievements in the field of economy.
- * TRT, Turkish Television and Radio, will start broadcasting in color in 1984. A 45-minute experimental programming is now in progress.
- * Turkey officially declared that the Turkish Government supports the United Nations Security Council resolution calling for an immediate withdrawal of Argentine troops from the Falkland Island.
- * General Kenan Evren, Head of State, delivered a major speech in Bursa. He stated that he was confident Turkey would stick to the time-table planned after the Sept. 12, 1980 military takeover. The revision of the Constitution by the Citizens' Assembly is progressing as planned.
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- * İstanbul Metrosu yine gündemde. 4. Levent - Yenikapı arasında yapımı düşünülen metro 100 milyar liraya çıkacak.
- * Nil Burak Türkiye'de Müzik-San tarafından yılın sanatçısı seçildi.
- * 39 kişinin katili 75 yaşındaki ünlü şaki "Cezo" çatışmada öldü.
- * Türkiye, onbinde 3.5 oranı ile boşanmaların en az olduğu ülkeler arasında yer almakta. A.B.D. 'de oran onbinde 53.



From the Editor of SESİMİZ:

"SESİMİZ" is a very appropriate name for our newsletter. It reflects the strong sentiments of the newly-elected T.A.C.A. board members who believe that SESİMİZ should indeed be the "voice" of each and every member of our organization. We need individuals interested in working on the publication of SESİMİZ each month. It would be wonderful to have some of the Turkish children in Seattle become interested in contributing actively to the newsletter. Young adults in junior and senior high school could make invaluable contributions.

Please call Muazzez at 525-6525 if you would like to join the Editorial Committee of SESİMİZ. If you are unable to devote time actively at this point but have thoughts on how to improve SESİMİZ, please share your ideas with either Muazzez or members of the executive board. Your ideas will be appreciated and sincere consideration will be given to incorporating them into our plans. We hope to hear from many of you sometime soon.

Muazzez Eren

T.A.C.A. Board Meetings

The newly-elected T.A.C.A. Board of Directors met on April 29, 1982 at the home of Sinan Karasu and again on May 6, 1982 at the home of Tibet Giray. Election results were confirmed with the following assignments of positions:


Tibet Giray	President
Yasemin San	Vice-President
James Andrews	Secretary
Sinan Karasu	Social chairperson
Sevin Demirpolat	Treasurer
Ender Savrun	Turkish Student Association Representative

Both meetings lasted over three hours each due to the number of issues in need of discussion. The majority felt that T.A.C.A. had grown so drastically in membership over the last year that a reorganization is necessary to encourage more active participation from all members.

The following topics were discussed as issues to focus on by the new board:


1. Revision of the T.A.C.A. constitution; Oktay Yeşil was nominated and elected chairperson of a committee to undertake this task. He will invite other members to the committee and report to the board in the next meeting.
2. Sesimiz will become the voice of T.A.C.A. with an editorial board. Muazzez Eren was nominated and elected to be editor and given the task of organizing a committee. She will report to the board in the next meeting.
3. May 19th "Atatürk Day" program: Details in this issue
4. Budget: At the present, T.A.C.A. has approximately 60 members. Ways of encouraging more individuals to pay dues were discussed.
5. International Week at the U. of W. (Details in this issue)

Yasemin San reported on the fund-raising dinner held at Union Bay Community Center on April 24, 1982. Approximately 95 members, their families and guests attended. After expenses, net proceeds from the evening were about \$300.00. There was an additional special contribution of \$100.00 from Edward Basoglu. We thank Mr. Basoglu for his generous donation. The activities and publicity planned for the May 19th ATATURK Day celebration will require a much greater outlay of funds than T.A.C.A.'s current budget can accommodate. We are, therefore, most grateful to Edward Basoglu for his timely donation.



Next meeting of T.A.C.A. Board of Directors is planned for Wednesday May 26th, 8 p.m. at the home of Sevin Demirpolat, Union Bay #271. For directions to the meeting, please call 527-2334.

All interested members are wellcome.



Turkish-American Cultural Association
Membership Form

Last Name: _____

First Name, (Spouse): _____, (_____)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

MEMBERSHIP:

Family \$15.00/Year Student-Family \$7.50/Year

Single \$10.00/Year Student-Single \$5.00/Year

The following person(s) might be interested in a
T.A.C.A membership:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to T.A.C.A. and mail to:

Turkish-American Cultural Association
4031 Stoneway North
Seattle, Washington 98103

Note: T.A.C.A. is a non-profit organization. Your tax deductible contributions are welcome.

If you have not renewed your membership in T.A.C.A. for 1982, please
send it in now with your check.

If you would like to join T.A.C.A. as a new member, your membership and
participation are most wellcome.