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** COMING TO YOU FROM THE ASSYRIAN CULTURAL CENTER, BERKELEY **

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MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 12 - 7:00 P.M...

To remind the members that the General Membership Meeting will be held on the above date in the Foundation's Assyrian Cultural Center, 1920 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley (one block off University Ave.). The attached address sheet will serve as an added reminder. Bring your spouse and/or a friend. Refreshments will be served. Note: You could park in the corner lot next door.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS....

Please direct all your correspondence to the new address below:

ASSYRIAN FOUNDATION OF AMERICA 1920 SAN PABLO AVENUE BERKELEY, CA 94702

ASSYRIAN COMMUNITY CENTER RADIO BROADCAST...

Tune in and listen to good sounds of the voice of Assyria coming to you from San Francisco every Monday at 8:30 p.m. on KBRG 105 FM with George Yoseph and Mariana Shabbas as the announcers.

NEW RESIDENTS IN THE EAST BAY....

Helen Baaba, wife of Emmanuel Baaba, and their 3 year old daughter, Nahrain. The Baaba's are presently residing in El Sobrante. Welcome to USA!!

NEW RESIDENTS IN THE WEST BAY....

Elsey Warda, recent bride of Voltaire Warda. Elsey is from Tehran, Iran. Welcome to USA!! Voltaire is a Foundation member, presently residing in Millbrae, CA.

RECENT ARRIVALS & VISITORS

Welcome to San Francisco Bay Area:

Shimshon Warda, Director of Ashur Athletic Club, Tehran, Iran. We had a very pleasant talk with Shimshon at our Center.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENT GRADUATES....

- a) Laith Neesan (son of Sami & Lily Neesa of Richmond) graduated from Salesian High School. Plans to attend Diablo Valley Junior College.
- b) Anne Christine Elias (daughter of Joel & Jo Anne Elias of Berkeley) graduated from El Cerrito High School, She will attend Mills College in Oakland.
- c) Semiramis Arbella Shabbas (daughter of Julius & Violet Shabbas of Berkeley graduated from San Jose State Universi with Bachelor in Arts in Health Scienc Plans to pursue her studies in Public Health.

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FEASTS & COMMOMORATIONS....

Holy Apostolic & Catholic Church of the East, Mar Narsai Parish, 3939 Lawton Street, San Francisco, the Ven. Nenos S. Michael, Archdeacon officiating:

Sunday, July 17

- Feast of Noserdell, 8:30 a.m. offering Qurbana Kadeesha

Sunday, August 7

 Feast of Transfiguration, 8:30 a.m. offering Qurbana Kadeesha.

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES....

a) Daughters of Mar Narsai Parish, Church of the East, are giving a Church Benefit Dinner (Kabab, rice and vegetables) at the Parish Hall, 3939 Lawton Street, San Francisco on Sunday, June 5. Time: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- b) Assyrian Community Center is giving
 Dinner & Concert Piano Recital by
 Mr. William Daniel (Conductor Musician Composer) on Saturday,
 June 18 at 8:00 p.m. at the Hollday Inn,
 1300 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco.
 Donation: \$12.50/person.
- c) Foundation Picnic
 The Assyrian Foundation has scheduled
 its annual picnic for Sunday, August 21
 at Robert Crown Memorial Park in Alameda.
 Be sure to mark this date on your
 calendar!
 Note: Last year we held our picnic at
 this park. Everyone had a good time.
 In subsequent issues more details will

AWAY FROM HOME IS

be given.

Aprim Yonan of Hercules, CA, a member of the Foundation, who is on a business and pleasure trip to Baghdad, Iraq.

DO YOU KNOW THAT....

- Assyria was the first country to have a Navy. In the 700's B.C., King Sennacherib organized the first fleet to carry armed men.
- An aspect of Assyrian art which has considerable appeal to modern taste is carving in ivory. Carved Ivory, often overlaid with gold.

THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED....

The May General Membership Meeting, briefl we would like to relate to you the main points discussed:

- 1. Renovation: The president, Joel Elias briefed the members on matters pertain to renovation of our Center. A committee consisting of six members (Joel Elias, Julius Shabbas, Youel Baa Daniel Shabbas, Sargon Shabbas, Baba Adam) volunteered to investigate, plan the rest of the work that needs to be done in the Center.
- The members expressed approval of the plan to buy two replicas of Assyrian reliefs, approximate sizes 5 ft. x 2-1 ft. and 4 ft. x 3 ft. These will be mounted on two walls in the hall of ou Center.
- The membership approved the purchase of a copy of the film "Assyrian Heritage in World Museums," produced by Victor Alexander.

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WEDDING BELLS RANG FOR....

Elsey & Voltaire Warda. The couple was recently married. They plan to reside in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE....

We will report on the Ebla discoveries in the Northern part of Syria. This was the subject of a lecture given by one of the Archeologists of the expedition at the University of California, Berkeley.

WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR....

Appreciation to Mr. Paulus Khofri of Tehran, Iran on the excellent talk he gave in' Assyrian at the Foundation Center on May 15 on the subject "Elements that Beautify Society." His talk was extremely interesting and was appreciated by all. In the next issue we will publish the highlights of his presentation.

MENBERSHIP MEETING TIME....

We would appreciate any suggestions you may have concerning TIME we should hold our meetings on Sundays. We will discuss this matter at our June 12 meeting.

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CHAIRMAN'S BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who attend meetings regularly and on time, and who remind or invite others to come.

Blessed are those who speak up at meeting to bring out the points and to contrib their own experience.

Blessed are the brief, because they win the good will of others.

Blessed are those whose participation is good-humored, for they brighten up the meeting and prevent disruption, despite any differences of opinion.

Blessed are those with perspective, who acknowledge to themselves, if not to those present, that conditions of others may be different, and hence their points of view.

Blessed are those who can face opposition without taking offense or feeling a personal criticism where none was intended.

Blessed are those who volunteer willingly for their gain in influence and position with each added service.

Blessed are those who, having accepted responsibility, discharge it promptly and give a good accounting of their performance.

Blessed are those who voice appreciation in front of their fellow members, so that those who have earned approval may enjoy it in good season and feel rewarded.

From: "The Manhatter"
New York City Chapter, NSA

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ASSYRIANS IN TRANSITION
PRE-CHRISTIAN TO POST-CHRISTIAN ERA
PROTECTORS OF CIVILIZATION TO A PEACEFUL CHRISTIAN NATION

AS RELATED BY WILLIAM DANIEL IN HIS BOOK "ASSYRIAMS OF TODAY--THEIR PROBLEM AND A SOLUTION"

ASSYRIA MINOR AND ITS CONVERSION TO CHRISTIANITY

Unfortunately we have very little data depicting the events that occurred in Assyrian history during the period between the fall of Ninveh and the beginning of Christian era. We have some little information about the Minor Assyrian Kingdom ruled by the Abgar (Awgar) dynasty, and one or two others. This covers a period of about 4-1/2 centuries, which almost fills the gap of the six or six and a half relatively eventless centuries. One regrets the absence of trustworthy information regarding the happenings during the one hundred and ninety or two hundred silent years. It is very probable that the reason for the historic silence is that, the Abgar's Kingdom was preparing itself for another stand; or also it could be that, this period is relatively silent in comparison with the great undertakings and accomplishments of its powerful predecessor.

A retrospective mental scrutiny focussed on Assyria Minor, reveals to the discerning student's mind's eye the picture of a nation, urged by the greatness of spirit of their forefathers endeavoring to make one more important cultural and political stand in the history of mankind; thus creating a smaller Assyria that tenaciously struggles for survival and self-expression against great odds; for they were now surrounded by fast growing powers all around them.

Eusebius the Jewish-Roman historian of the first century A.D. is quoted as having told, in his narratives, of the message sent to our Lord Jesus by the King Abgar Okama, inviting him to his kingdom where he might deliver his teachings to more ready and welcoming listeners. He refers to Jesus' miraculous deeds adding, "I hear people there do not accept your message, I invite you to my kingdom where there is enough room for both of us." Eusebius also tells of Jesus replying that, his mission was not completed yet, but that soon he would send his disciples to King Abgar. Thus the saints Thomas, of the twelve disciples; and Addai, of the seventy; after Ascension, travelled to King Abgar's land, healed the ailing ruler and Christianity became the faith of the land.

From that period on, the Assyrian history becomes a chain of religious events. The small kingdom, softened by the Christian faith's principles, is easily devoured by the fast growing Roman Emplie. Thus once for all Assyria, as a military power, sees its end.

PILLARS OF THE MANSION OF CHRISTENDOM

Voluminous records testify that Assyrians of the Abgar's Kingdom, and ever thereafter, not only became fervent Christians; neither that their Christian importance ended with being the backbone of this new faith in the Middle East; but that they constituted the all important element for the survival and growth of this doctrine. They, in the face of impossible obstacles, carried the Gospel's message throughout the length and breadth of Asia; even to Africa. Every atom of their zeal, an inherent quality, was lanced in this new campaign of peace. The Gospel became their souls' nourishment; the reason for living in favor of which all earthly possessions and carnal desires were sacrificed; for what does a man need if he has found the Kingdom of God. They meekly turned the other cheek; they shared their belongings with their neighbors; equipped with knapsack furnished with the meagerest victuals, on foot, they bore the message to Persia, India, China, Mongolia, Japan even to Africa. They became the main pillars of the Mansions of Christendom.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The next issue of NINEVEH WEST will incorporate the second and final portion of this presentation:

"Peak of Sacrifice"
"The Eternal Peace"
"From High Priest to Patriarch"

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY....

Jenan Shabbas - June 1

Dumarina Shabbas - June II

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS....

- A few members have not yet attended to their membership dues and initiation fees. We request that this matter be taken care of. Thank you.
- We again appeal to those who pledged to the Building Fund to attend to this obligation. Again, thanks.

March 21, 1977
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ATTENTION MEMBERS....

If you have any news items to add to NINEVEH WEST, please call us, or write them down, and next time we get together give them to us. It is not easy to hunt for news items.



