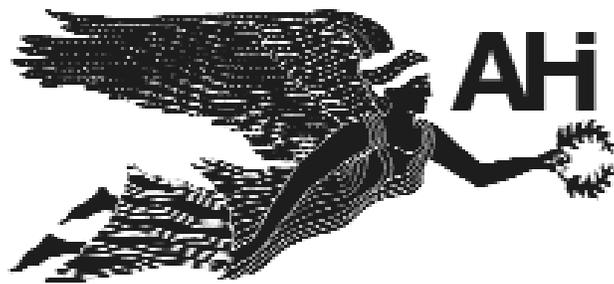


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INTRODUCTION

The American Hellenic Institute and its affiliate organizations are pleased to present the **2002 Annual Report**. The AHI had a very active year in 2002. We vigorously pursued our public policy agenda and expanded our programs to strengthen relations between the U.S., Greece and Cyprus and within the Greek American community.

By establishing clear policy guidelines as set forth in our *2002 Greek American Policy Statements*, the AHI worked with Congress and the Executive Branch on all matters of concern to the Greek American community. We also supported other major initiatives seeking to bring a solution to the tragic Cyprus problem and strongly encouraged Cyprus' accession into the European Union (EU).

At Hellenic House we continued and significantly increased the number of noon public policy forums we hosted, inviting key Executive Branch and Congressional officials, and other experts to offer their

remarks on U.S. relations with Greece and Cyprus. In 2002, we also engaged the media through widely distributed press releases and a vigorous letter writing campaign. Many of our letters were published in the editorial pages of America's leading newspapers, while AHI representatives were interviewed for a number of radio and television programs in the U.S. and abroad.

This past year, AHI leadership visited Greece and Cyprus to reinvigorate contacts, to engage in substantive discussions with government, business, academic and media leaders, and to continue the dialogue for advanced cooperation on issues of mutual concern.

AHI also hosted its first annual conference on "The Future of Hellenism in the United States." This conference came at a pivotal time for the Greek American community as it reflects on ways to preserve the Hellenic culture and identity. An expert line-up of speakers shed light on the successes, challenges and crises currently confronting Greek America.

The major events of 2002 were Cyprus' accession to the EU on December 13 and the major break in the case against the Greek domestic terrorist group November 17 in July. AHI extends its congratulations to the government officials and to the people of both Greece and Cyprus for their respective triumphs in achieving these historic breakthroughs.

As executive director, I would like to thank our members, officers and staff for their dedication in making 2002 a solid year. Alongside AHI's own activities in Washington, I never forget that our greatest strength is in our members. In 2003, we plan to increase the quantity and scope of programs that we offer to our members. We also look to you to communicate your suggestions and your news to us so that we can continue to fulfill the needs of our most valuable asset—our members.

—Nicholas Larigakis, Executive Director

Public Policy 2002

THE 2002 GREEK AMERICAN POLICY STATEMENTS

On August 1, 2002, AHI released the *2002 Greek American Policy Statements*. The *Policy Statements* set forth the positions on issues of concern to Greek Americans based on what is in the best interests of the U.S. Also highlighted are the significant changes taking place in the political, security and economic landscape in southeast Europe and the eastern Mediterranean region, stressing the strategic importance of Greece and Cyprus as regional partners of the United States. The *Policy Statements* call on the U.S. government to remain active in seeking a Cyprus settlement, to push for a resolution of the Aegean Sea boundary dispute between Greece and Turkey, and to stop applying a double standard to Turkey regarding the rule of law and human rights.

This year's statements were prepared by AHI and reviewed and endorsed by key Greek American membership organizations, including the Order of AHEPA, the Hellenic American National



Council (HANC), the Hellenic American Women's Council (HAWC), the Cyprus Federation of America, the Panepirotic Federation of America, the Pan-Macedonian Association, and the Pan-Cretan Association of America. In each case, the policies set forth were based on the question of what is in the best interests of the US.

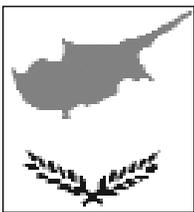
GREECE—TURKEY RELATIONS

AHI actively followed developments between Greece and Turkey with great interest throughout the year. AHI has consistently argued that a normalization of relations between the two countries should take place on the basis of international law and reversal of aggression. Stable relations will foster strong U.S. interests in regional peace and prosperity.

AHI notes that the fundamental causes of the problems between Greece and Turkey remain unchanged. These are:

- Turkey's unilateral claims against sovereign Greek territory in the Aegean in violation of international law and its refusal to refer its unilateral claims to binding international arbitration;
- Turkey's aggression against Cyprus and its continuing illegal occupation of 37.3 percent of Cyprus; and
- Turkey's continuing violations of Greece's air space.

At its Copenhagen Summit on December 12-13, 2002, EU leaders agreed to meet in December 2004 to determine whether Turkey has met the criteria required to begin the negotiations process for accession. With the goal of engendering long-term peace and stability in the region, Greece has been an active and vocal supporter of Turkey's EU candidacy. AHI congratulates Greece for its positive role in this process. The time has now come for Turkey to fulfill its undertakings.



THE CYPRUS PROBLEM

Keeping the Cyprus problem in the forefront of the policy debate is one of AHI's

primary objectives. Many promising developments occurred in 2002, including resumption of direct talks between Republic of Cyprus President Glafcos Clerides and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash. Also refocusing attention on the urgent need to resolve the dispute was U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan's proposal for reunification, submitted in November 2002. AHI closely monitored these developments throughout the year, issuing statements on December 3 and December 9, and hosted a number of noon forums to provide a public arena for analysis and discussion of the issue (see "Policy Forums" section). Finally, AHI also

promoted legislation under consideration in the U.S. Congress through statements, action alerts and by lobbying Members of Congress and their staff (see "AHIPAC Legislative Initiatives" section).

Following are excerpts from the statements released by AHI in 2002 regarding the Cyprus question:

December 3

The first of two statements released by AHI in response to Kofi Annan's settlement proposal, this document notes that the parties involved in the negotiations should inquire further into a number of weaknesses in the suggested reunification plan. AHI's statement warns that the proposed plan:

- is undemocratic;
- is unworkable;
- violates key U.N. resolutions;
- undermines the Foundations Agreement;
- subverts property rights;
- requires the U.S. to follow a double standard; and
- fails to demilitarize Cyprus.

The statement also asserts that, "The U.S. should be the champion of democratic norms throughout the world.... Especially now, when our war on international terrorism makes it tempting to subordinate timeless principles to immediate needs, we should be wary of the new Cyprus proposal which elevates expediency over the rule of law."

December 9

In a follow-up statement that details additional pitfalls of the Kofi Annan plan for Cyprus, AHI notes among other points that:

- the proposal does not provide for the return to Turkey of the illegal settlers in the occupied area;
- the transitional period should be reduced from 3 years to 6 months;
- the provision for a three year co-presidency is divisive and unnecessary;
- the two proposed maps outlining Cypriot territory following the plan's implementation reward the aggressor, Turkey, and are unfair to the victims, the Greek Cypriots.

AHI also suggests that the time allowed for the return of refugees to their homes should be shortened, and that areas to be returned to Greek Cypriots should be placed immediately under U.N. control. A number of recommendations regarding the composition of the government were also made.

December 10

AHI sent an action alert urging members and friends to contact policymakers in the Executive Branch and in the Congress to express their disapproval of the Kofi Annan proposal for Cyprus on the basis that it is undemocratic and unworkable, as described by AHI's December 3 and 9 statements. The action alert also asked the grassroots community to urge modifications that would result in a fairer settlement.

CYPRUS EU ACCESSION



On **December 13, 2002**, the Republic of Cyprus was officially accepted at the head of the newest class of EU member countries. Throughout the year, AHI encouraged progress towards this historic achievement through a number of different initiatives on the issue, including hosting four Cyprus-related noon forums (see "Policy Forums" section), by lobbying on Capitol Hill, by supporting legislation in U.S. Congress through grassroots efforts, and by responding to articles appearing in the U.S. media.

On **June 6**, AHI released an action alert urging support of H.Con.Res.164, introduced by Congressman Michael Bilirakis (FL, 9th Dist.), which expresses the support of the U.S. for Cyprus' EU accession with or without a political settlement.

On **June 24**, AHI released an action alert urging support of S.Con.Res.122, the Senate counterpart to H.Con.Res.164. Introduced by Senator Olympia Snow of Maine, the resolution demonstrates the U.S.'s unequivocal support of Cyprus' accession to the EU with or without a political settlement, and asserts that Turkish intransigence will not be allowed to hijack Cyprus' rightful place in the EU.

On **November 21**, AHI issued a statement that applauded the U.S. Senate for its unanimous approval of S.Con.Res.122.

On **December 13**, AHI released a statement congratulating the EU for its historic decision to accept Cyprus and the nine other candidate countries being considered for accession. The AHI especially congratulated "the people of Cyprus, their elected representatives and all those who have worked diligently over the past decades to make accession to the EU a reality."

GREEK ANTI-TERRORISM MEASURES

One of the major developments of the year was the break-up of the Greek domestic terrorist group November 17 by authorities in Greece. Following a botched bombing plot by accused November 17 member Savvas Xiros, this initial break in the investigation led to the arrest of 18 other suspected members of the group to date.

In the international war on terrorism, Greece continued to support the U.S.'s efforts. H.Con.Res.479, initiated and promoted by Congressman Joseph Crowley (NY, 7th Dist.) in the U.S. House of Representatives, was passed unanimously on October 16. The resolution commends the government of Greece for its contributions to the war against terrorism and for taking actions to disrupt November 17.

On October 18, AHI released a statement thanking Congressman Crowley and the Congress for its important action in recognizing Greece's contributions to the war on terrorism through H.Con.Res.479. AHI also hosted several noon forums that highlighted developments in the rapidly evolving case against November 17 (see "Policy Forums" section).

ASIA MINOR TRAGEDIES REMEMBERED



Dr. Marjorie Housepian Dobkin.

2002 was an important year for commemorating the atrocities committed against the Greek population of Asia Minor with the advent of the 80th anniversary of the destruction of Smyrna.

On **June 13**, AHI released a statement that applauded New York State Governor George E. Pataki for his proclamation designating May 19, 2002 as "Pontian Greek Genocide Remembrance Day."

A **September 9** noon forum commemorated the 80th anniversary of the destruction of Smyrna. Featured was scholar Marjorie Housepian Dobkin, who authored *Smyrna 1922: The Destruction of a City* (Faber & Faber, London, 1972). Dr. Dobkin's book pro-

vided the first in-depth investigative account of the horrific events of September 1922 and the subsequent cover-up by Turkey and by the Western Allies.

AHI again applauded Governor Pataki in an action alert released **October 11** for his October 6 proclamation commemorating the "80th Anniversary of the Asia Minor Catastrophe," which was presented to the Holocaust Memorial Observance Committee of Asia Minor. In the alert, AHI urged members and friends to support and thank Governor Pataki for setting the historical record straight through a letter writing campaign.

MACEDONIAN INITIATIVES

On August 15, 2002 AHI thanked Governor George H. Ryan of Illinois and the 59 members of the Illinois State Senate for adopting Senate Resolution 446, which proclaims that "the ancient Macedonians are Hellenes and that the inhabitants of the northern province of Greece, Macedonia, are their Hellenic Descendants." The resolution also states that "the history of Ancient Macedonia has been Hellenic for 3,000 years and continues to be today." Resolution 446, which was sponsored by Illinois' 31st District Senator Adeline Geokaris, has also been strongly supported by the Pan-Macedonian Association of the U.S.

LETTERS

The AHI sent numerous letters to President Bush, Administration officials, Members of Congress and other officials in 2002. Letters included:



- **January 31**—Letter to Jim Seever, Cyprus Desk Officer at the U.S. Department of State, to confirm the status of a new U.S. Embassy liaison office opened in the occupied zone of Cyprus. The letter clarified that the office did not signify any change in policy or upgrade in status towards the occupied zone on the part of the U.S.

- **February 15**—Joint letter to Jewish American organizations to express disagreement with their December 18 joint letter to President Bush urging additional economic assistance for Turkey. AHI co-signed the letter with

the American Kurdish Information Network (AKIN), the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA), Hellenic American National Council (HANC), and the Hellenic American Women's Council (HAWC).

- **February 20**—Joint letter to President Bush sent by ANCA, AKIN, HANC, HAWC and AHI to respond to a December 18, 2001 joint letter to the president from several Jewish American organizations. The December 18 letter misrepresented Turkey's relationship with the U.S. and with its own citizens, and failed to mention Turkey's ongoing human rights abuses.

- **March 7**—Letter to Senator Joseph Biden, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to protest Defense Security Cooperation Agency's possible foreign military sale to Turkey of two Oliver Hazard Perry class frigates with associated equipment and services.

- **April 30**—Letter to President Bush protesting Israel's failure to recognize the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, Irineos, as a violation of religious freedom. AHI also asked President Bush to pressure the Israeli government to recognize the Patriarch and to protest any law that requires state approval of a religious leader.

- **June 18**—Letter to Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Congressman Christopher H. Smith, chairman and co-chairman, respectively, of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, regarding a June 20 hearing on human rights in Greece. AHI's letter noted pending reforms in Greece regarding human trafficking and the country's status as a pivotal ally in Southeast Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean.

- **June 19**—Letter to Florida Governor Jeb Bush protesting a potential \$400,000 state grant towards a \$1 million endowment fund to establish the Kenan Evren Eminent Scholar Chair in Turkish Studies at Florida Atlantic University.

- **June 19**—Letter to Florida Atlantic University President Anthony James Catanese urging him to reconsider

establishing a Turkish studies chair in General Evren's name.

- **August 8**—Letters to U.S. Senators and U.S. Congressmen sent introducing and accompanied by copies of the *2002 Greek American Policy Statements*.
- **August 15**—Letters thanking Illinois Governor George H. Ryan and the 59 members of the Illinois State Senate for adopting Senate Resolution 446 which recognizes Macedonia as Hellenic.
- **September 4**—Joint letter and exhibits to President Bush by leading Greek, Armenian and Kurdish American organizations refuting incorrect statements made by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz that praised Turkey's record as a U.S. ally and as a democratic nation. The letter also exposed a conflict of interest at the Department of Defense because two high-ranking officials—Richard Perle and Douglas Feith—formerly served as registered foreign agents for Turkey.
- **September 6**—Letters to Department of Defense Inspector General Joseph E. Schmitz and General Counsel William J. Hanes requesting an inquiry into the conflict of interest posed by Messrs. Perle and Feith, as outlined in AHI's September 4 joint letter to President Bush.
- **September 25**—Letter to Congressman William M. Thomas (CA, 21st Dist.), Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee, protesting H.R.5002 on the basis of Turkey's current violations of international law and human rights. The proposed legislation would amend the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985 to reward Israel and Turkey by designating them as qualifying industrial zones, granting duty-free treatment to articles imported to the U.S. from those countries.
- **October 30**—Follow-up letter to Richard L. Osburn, Interim President of Florida Atlantic University, to request additional information regarding the status of the Kenan Evren Eminent Scholar Chair in Turkish Studies.

- **November 22**—Letters of congratulations sent to newly elected and reelected U.S. Senators and Representatives following 2002 mid-term elections.

- **December 12**—Joint letter to President Bush recommending need for critical review of U.S. policy towards Turkey, co-signed by the Order of AHEPA, AKIN, ANCA, HANC, HAWC and AHI.

AHIPAC LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Sale of Frigates to Turkey Opposed

On January 31, 2002, AHI registered its opposition to a potential foreign military sale of two Oliver Hazard Perry class frigates and associated equipment and services by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency's (DSCA) to Turkey. According to a statement issued by AHI, the potential sale was "contrary to the best interests of the U.S. and to the interests and values that the U.S. should be advancing in the region."

Recognition of Patriarch Irineos Requested

On May 2, 2002, AHIPAC issued an action alert urging members of the community to voice their concern to Congressional and State Department officials regarding Israel's non-recognition of Jerusalem's Greek Orthodox Patriarch Irineos. In this unrecognized state, the Patriarch was prevented from exercising his considerable duties, including Presidency of the religious courts, which look after family law and other issues.

Submitting Testimony to House

On May 1, 2002, AHI's Executive Director Nick Larigakis submitted testimony to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, calling on the U.S. to: (1) remain actively engaged in the Cyprus problem, and to continue the \$15 million humanitarian aid to Cyprus; (2) to declare that the boundary in the Aegean Sea between Greece and Turkey is settled and, if Turkey disagrees, to take the matter to the International Court of Justice at the Hague; and (3) to stop applying a double standard to Turkey on the rule of law, human rights, international and national state terrorism by Turkey in Cyprus and against its twenty percent Kurdish minority.

Testimony was submitted on behalf of AHIPAC, the Cyprus Federation of America,

HANC, HAWC, the Pan Cretan Association of America, the Panepirotic Federation of America, the Pan Laconian Federation of U.S.A. and Canada, the Pan Karpathian Educational Progressive Association, and the Pan Macedonian Association of America.

AHIPAC Urges Support of H.Con.Res.164 and S.Con.Res.122

On June 6, 2002, AHIPAC released an action alert urging support of H.Con.Res.164. This legislation expresses the U.S.'s support of Cyprus' accession to the EU with or without a political settlement. Then on June 24, 2002, AHIPAC released an action alert to promote passage of S.Con.Res.122, the Senate resolution identical to H.Con.Res.164.

Governor Pataki Thanked

On October 11, 2002, AHIPAC issued an action alert urging members and friends to send a letter of support to New York State Governor George Pataki for his proclamation commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Asia Minor Catastrophe, issued on October 6, 2002.

Action Alert Recommends Revisions of Annan Proposal

On December 10, 2002, AHI's action alert urged members and friends to contact policy makers in the Executive and Legislative branches of the U.S. government to express disapproval of the Cyprus settlement proposal submitted by U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. Grassroots activists were also asked to suggest modifications outlined by AHI that would make the proposal democratic and workable.

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POLICY FORUMS



Theodoros Pangalos, Member of Greek Parliament.

Lecture Features Theodoros Pangalos

On **March 20, 2002**, AHI hosted a lecture and reception at Hellenic House featuring Theodoros Pangalos, a prominent member of Hellenic Parliament under the PASOK party and former foreign minister of Greece. The AHI event drew an audience of more than 50 people and provided the opportunity for guests to hear a first-hand account of current foreign affairs issues, developments in Greece, and Mr. Pangalos' perspectives on U.S. foreign policy.

Role of Greece in the Balkans Assessed

On **April 10, 2002**, AHI hosted Professor Andre Gerolymatos at a noon forum where he provided an historic and current overview of Balkan stability and Greece's pivotal role in the region. Professor Gerolymatos is Associate Professor in the Department of History at Simon Fraser University (Vancouver, B.C.) and Chairman of Hellenic Studies at the Hellenic Canadian Congress of British Columbia. C-SPAN2 broadcast the noon forum on its "History on Book TV" program on May 11 and May 12.



Professor Andre Gerolymatos.

Ambassador Weston Discusses Cyprus Progress

On **April 11, 2002**, AHI hosted Ambassador Thomas G. Weston, U.S. Special Coordinator for Cyprus. He provided a candid overview of progress on U.N. sponsored direct talks underway between Cypriot President Glafcos Clerides and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash. He also detailed upcoming benchmarks in the negotiations process and gave an update on the status of Cyprus' accession to the EU.



Amb. Thomas Weston.

Congressman Pallone on Cyprus EU Accession

On **June 27, 2002**, Congressman Frank Pallone's (NJ, 6th Dist.) noon forum presentation, titled "The Importance of Congressional Support for Cyprus Accession to the European Union," focused on the status of legislation working towards this goal in the U.S. House of



Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.

Representatives (H.Con.Res.164) and in the U.S. Senate (S.Con.Res.122). With critical dates for Cyprus accession to the EU on the horizon, the Congressman emphasized the importance of U.S. support for these initiatives.

Alecos Michaelides Highlights Developments in Cyprus

On **July 12, 2002**, former Foreign Minister of Cyprus Alecos Michaelides discussed the most recent developments in Cyprus, focusing on the country's EU accession prospects and the status and implication of U.N.-sponsored direct talks. Mr. Michaelides also highlighted the plight of the Turkish Cypriot population and its diminishing numbers on the island as a result of the conditions imposed by Turkish occupation forces.



Alecos Michaelides, former Foreign Minister of Cyprus.

Ambassador Miller Discusses N17, Other Developments in Greece



Ambassador Thomas J. Miller (center) pictured with (l-r) Nick Larigakis, Gene Rossides, Ambassador Robert Keeley (fmr. U.S. Ambassador to Greece), and James Marketos.

On **July 23, 2002**, U.S. Ambassador to Greece Thomas J. Miller discussed recent developments in Greece on various fronts, with an emphasis on the rapidly evolving case against Greek terrorist group November 17. Also

highlighted at the noon forum was progress on Olympics preparations and security, Cyprus-Greece-Turkey relations, U.S. investment in Greece, and the tremendous economic improvements in Greece in-line with EU standards.

Noon Forum Commemorates Smyrna Tragedy

AHI hosted a noon forum on **September 9, 2002** featuring author and scholar Marjorie Housepian Dobkin. Using excerpts from her book *Smyrna 1922: The Destruction of a City* (Faber & Faber, London 1972), she elaborated on the horrific events on the 80th



Dr. Ted Galen Carpenter.

anniversary of the devastation of Smyrna and the killing of over 100,000 Greeks and Armenians. Dr. Dobkin's book on the subject provided the first in-depth investigative account of the tragic events of September 1922.

Ted Carpenter Affirms Cyprus EU Accession Is in U.S. Interests

On **November 6, 2002**, Dr. Ted Galen Carpenter, Vice President for Defense and Foreign Policy Studies at the Cato

Institute, offered a candid presentation on the issue of Cyprus' accession to the EU. Outlining a number of concrete recommendations to U.S. policymakers, Dr. Carpenter concluded that it is in America's best interest to change its policy "rather emphatically" in order to engender significant change in the current situation on the island. The starting blocks for such a change include that the U.S. "cease any interference in the process of Cyprus' admission to the European Union," and instead "be very candid with Turkey on what needs to be done in the coming years."

MEETINGS

AHI Leadership Meets with H.E. Archbishop Demetrios

On **April 23, 2002**, Chairman James Marketos, New York Chapter President Andonios Neroulias, Executive Director Nick Larigakis and founder Gene Rossides met with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in New York. The



AHI leadership meets with H.E. Archbishop Demetrios. (l-r) Col. Andonios Neroulias, Gene Rossides, H.E. Archbishop Demetrios, James Marketos, Nick Larigakis.

group congratulated Archbishop Demetrios on his successful tenure and work promoting the mission of the Greek Orthodox Church in the U.S. Areas of potential cooperation and mutual interest to the Archdiocese and AHI were also discussed.

Ioannis Magriotis Meets with AHI Leadership

Deputy Foreign Minister of Greece Ioannis Magriotis, accompanied by Greek Ambassador Alexander Philon, visited Hellenic House on **March 26, 2002** to meet with AHI leadership. AHI participants included founder Gene Rossides, Advisory Committee Member Kostas Alexakis, Delaware Chapter President Dr. James Faller, Executive Director Nick Larigakis, Legal Counsel Nick Karambelas, and the staff.



(l-r) Nick Karambelas, Dpty. Foreign Minister Ioannis Magriotis, Nick Larigakis, Gene Rossides, Amb. Alexander Philon.

Thessaloniki Delegation Visits Hellenic House

On **April 8-9, 2002**, AHI hosted a delegation from Thessaloniki comprised of leaders from various chambers of commerce, trade unions, and the mayor's office for a series of meetings with key local and national government officials. Meetings were held with Senator Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, Congressman Michael Bilirakis (FL, 9th Dist.), and Michael Hodges, Deputy Assistant for Economic Development representing Washington Mayor Anthony A. Williams.



Thessaloniki delegation meets with Rep. Bilirakis (seated, 2nd from left). Also pictured: (standing, r-l) Nick Larigakis, Christy Stefadourous and Mrs. Evelyn Bilirakis.

President of Hellenic Parliament Visits Hellenic House

On **May 13, 2002**, AHI hosted the President of the Hellenic Parliament Apostolos Kaklamanis, the Ambassador of Greece Alexander Philon, and an accompanying Greek delegation for a meeting at Hellenic House. The Greek officials met with AHI leadership



Apostolos Kaklamanis discusses key issues with AHI leadership. (l-r) James Marketos, Mr. Kaklamanis and Gene Rossides.

and staff for a two-hour discussion of current U.S.-Greece relations and areas of future cooperation between the Greek American community and Greece.

AHI Meets With Cyprus House of Representatives Delegation

On **June 11, 2002**, AHI founder Gene Rossides and staff met with a delegation from the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Cyprus House of Representatives for a one-hour meeting at Hellenic House. The delegation was led by Mr. Nicos Anastasiades, chairman of the committee. Committee colleagues joining Mr. Anastasiades included Messrs. Markos Kyprianou, Takis Hadjigeorghiou and George Varnava. Accompanying the delegation was Cypriot Ambassador to the U.S. Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis.



AHI leadership meets with new U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus Michael Klosson. (l-r) Art Dimopoulos, Nick Karambelas, Andreas Pericli, Jim Pedas, Amb. Klosson, James Marketos, Ted Pedas, Theodora Hancock, Gene Rossides.

New U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus Visits Hellenic House

On **August 20, 2002**, U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus Michael Klosson visited Hellenic House for a one-hour meeting with AHI leadership and staff. The ambassador was accompanied by James Seevers, Cyprus Desk Officer at the U.S. Department of State. AHI attendees had the opportunity to voice their perspectives regarding U.S. relations with Cyprus, with an emphasis on the need for the U.S. to press Turkey and the Turkish military for a settlement of the 28-year occupation of the island.

Ambassador of Greece Meets with AHI Leadership

On **December 10, 2002**, Greece's Ambassador to the U.S. George Savvaides visited Hellenic House for a meeting and luncheon with AHI leadership and staff. The ambassador was accompanied by Adamadia Klotsa, Consul at the Embassy of Greece. Meeting participants focused on Cyprus' accession to the EU.



(l-r) Gene Rossides, Stephen G. Yeonas, George Christacos, Amb. George Savvaides, Adamadia Klotsa, James Marketos, Nick Larigakis, Nick Karambelas.

AHI EVENTS

In 2002, AHI hosted a number of high-level events, open the public, to pay tribute to the history and achievements of the Greek American community, and to commemorate important developments in the ongoing and positive relationship that the U.S. has with Greece and Cyprus.

27th Annual Awards Dinner

A distinguished Congressman, an author specializing in Hellenic culture and traditions, an accomplished and respected publisher, a world-renowned singer, and a visionary of the e-commerce revolution were the dynamic individuals honored on March 2 at **AHI's 27th**



LEFT: Antonis Diamataris (l) receiving his award from Dr. Nickolaos Stavrou; MIDDLE: Cong. Frank Pallone (l) receiving his award from Savas Tsivicos; RIGHT: Christos Cotsakos (l) receiving his award from Mitchell Caplan.



LEFT: Marilyn Rouvelas receiving her award from Prof. Charles Moskos; MIDDLE: Nadia Weinberg receiving her award from Tom Ellis; RIGHT: Sen. Paul Sarbanes (l) congratulates Antonis Diamataris.



Honorees pictured with several of the evening's speakers. (l-r) Nick Larigakis, Antonis Diamataris, Nadia Weinberg, Cong. Frank Pallone, Marilyn Rouvelas, Christos Cotsakos, Thalia Assuras (M.C.), James Marketos.

Anniversary Hellenic Heritage and National Public Service Awards Dinner. These five individuals from a diverse range of professions were recognized for their talents and contributions to the Greek American community.

The recipient of the **Hellenic Heritage National Public Service Award** for his outstanding career in government spanning two decades was Congressman **Frank Pallone, Jr.** (NJ, 6th Dist.). The **Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award** was presented to: **Marilyn Rouvelas** for her work documenting the traditions of the Greek American community; **Antonis H. Diamataris** for his pioneering career as publisher of the Greek-language newspaper *The National Herald*; **Nadia Weinberg** for her career as a world-class vocal soloist, promoting Greece and its musical culture; and **Christos M. Cotsakos**, Chairman and CEO for E*TRADE Group, for his entrepreneurial achievements and philanthropic service.

The gala affair, which was attended by more than 350 family members, friends and supporters of AHI from across the country, took place at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Washington, DC. Special guests included:

Ambassador of Cyprus to the U.S. Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis; Senator and Mrs. Paul S. Sarbanes; Mr. Vassilios Costis, representing Greek Ambassador to the U.S. Alexander Philon; and Maryland Senator and soon-to-be U.S. Congressman Chris Van Hollen.

AHI's Executive Director Nick Larigakis opened the program by welcoming guests and announcing the entrance of the Marines of Headquarters Battalion for the presentation of the colors. The American and Greek national anthems were performed by opera singer Christina Andreou, accompanied on piano by Richard Danley. The invocation and benediction were delivered by Reverend Michael Eaccarino of Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Falls Church, VA.

Following dinner, which was accompanied by music from the band Zephyros, AHI founder Gene Rossides previewed the organization's prospective activities for 2002. AHI Chairman James Marketos then opened the awards ceremony with an overview of AHI's accomplishments in 2001, followed by AHIPAC Chairman Nicholas Chimicles who introduced Master of Ceremonies Thalia Assuras, national correspondent for "CBS Early News."

As recipient of the Hellenic Heritage National Public Service Award, Congressman Pallone stressed the importance he placed on advocating issues regarding Greece and Cyprus and stressed that he would continue to work towards a resolution of the Cyprus problem.

All recipients of the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award reflected on the tremendous influence that the Hellenic culture had played in shaping their personal and professional lives. Mrs. Rouvelas reflected on the universality and timelessness of Hellenic values, and Mr. Diamataris discussed the important role played by the Greek American newspaper as a cohesive force for expressing Hellenic ideals and bonding the community. Ms. Weinberg noted that her Hellenic background has served as a source of inspiration in her artistic career while Mr. Cotsakos concluded the event on an inspirational note. He stated poignantly that, "Much like the generation before us gave us the ability with those wings to fly, it is now our responsibility to give the next generation their wings so that we can have in this great American and Hellenic culture duty, honor, country, family and community."

Nadia Weinberg Concert



Nadia Weinberg performing at the AHI-sponsored concert.

As first in a series of gala events accenting the AHI's Hellenic Heritage and National Public Service Awards Weekend, AHI sponsored a concert featuring highly acclaimed vocal soloist Nadia Weinberg and the Symphony Orchestra of Athens. The concert, which was the first in a tour of North American cities, took place at the National Geographic Society's Grosvenor Auditorium on **March 1** with welcome remarks delivered by Senator Paul S.

Sarbanes of Maryland. For the sixth year in a row, the City of Athens sent the soloists from its symphony orchestra along with Ms. Weinberg on this tour of cities that also included Dallas, Houston, Fresno, Jackson, Boston and Toronto.

Dinner Honors Ambassador Miller

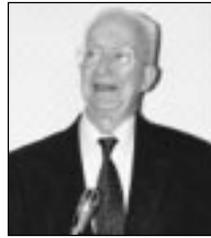
On **January 18**, AHI hosted a dinner in honor of U.S. Ambassador to Greece Thomas J. Miller. The event drew approximately 100



Amb. Thomas Miller.

attendees and provided an opportunity for guests to hear a first-hand account of current issues and developments in Greece during the early stages of the ambassador's newest diplomatic post.

Truman Doctrine Anniversary Luncheon



Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster delivers remarks commemorating the Truman Doctrine of Aid to Greece.

The 55th Anniversary of the Truman Doctrine of Aid to Greece was celebrated on **March 12** with a luncheon event. The event featured General Andrew J. Goodpaster, USA (Ret.), former Supreme Commander of NATO who served in Greece during the Doctrine's implementation period. Of note, General Goodpaster emphasized that this time period during which he served signified a turning point in American history and in the history of America's relationship with Greece and with Europe.

Farewell Dinner for Ambassador Philon



Amb. Alexander Philon (center) with (l-r) Gene Rossides, Aphrodite Rossides, Eleni Philon and James Marketos.

On **May 6**, AHI bid a warm farewell to departing Greek Ambassador to the U.S. Alexander Philon at a dinner hosted in Washington. The ambassador was presented with the AHI Hellenic Heritage and National Public Service Award in recognition of his diligent and successful endeavors promoting a strong and collaborative relationship between Greece and the U.S. during his tenure. AHI also presented the ambassador's wife, Eleni Philon, with a gift of appreciation for her work in support of Hellenic issues in the U.S.

Annual Christmas Open House

On **December 13**, AHI hosted its annual Christmas Open House. The event provided a special opportunity for guests to celebrate the accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU, which occurred earlier that day at the EU's Copenhagen Summit. During the event, Ambassador of Cyprus Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis expressed her gratitude to AHI for its longstanding commitment to the issues involving Cyprus, but also noted that the continued involvement of AHI and the community at-large was essential in bringing about the reunification of Cyprus and an end to Turkish occupation.



Ambassador Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis (on right) is pictured with St. Katherine's Greek School carolling group and youth carolling director Cathy Goranitis (left).

CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF HELLENISM IN THE U.S.

The American Hellenic Institute Foundation's (AHIF) first annual conference on "The Future of Hellenism in the United States" addressed a number of important themes, challenges and crises facing the Greek American community today. The conference, which took place October 18-19, 2002 at the Capital Hilton in



Christopher Janus (3rd from l) is congratulated by (l-r): Ambassador of Greece to the U.S. George Savvaides, AHI founder Gene Rossides, Dr. Constantine Papadakis, Prof. Charles Moskos, and AHI Chairman James Marketos.

Washington, featured more than 20 expert speakers and hosted a full audience from all over the country.

The conference opened on October 18 with a special dinner at which the AHI Hellenic Heritage and Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to author and publisher Christopher G. Janus by AHIF President Gene Rossides. The keynote address was delivered by eminent military and Greek American sociologist Professor Charles Moskos of Northwestern University. The dinner proceedings set the foundation for the seven targeted conference sessions and concluding remarks that took place the following day.



George Chryssis (at podium), Hellenic Voice publisher, on the role of the Greek American media. (seated, l-r): Antonis Diamataris of The National Herald, and Dr. Dean C. Lomis (moderator).

Saturday's conference sessions addressed the following themes:

- The future of Greek American organizations
- The role of the Greek American media
- Greek language education in the U.S.
- The role of the Greek Orthodox Church
- The role of the Greek American lobby
- Promoting Hellenism and Hellenic culture in the U.S.
- The role of Greek American professionals in the workplace

Delivering the luncheon keynote address was Professor of Hellenism Dr. David Weinberg.



Dr. David Weinberg speaks on "Defining Hellenism" at the conference luncheon.

Among the highest priorities mentioned by speakers was the need to find more effective methods with which to involve younger generations in learning about and preserving their Hellenic identity. Also stressed was the need for more cohesive and coordinated leadership. Related to

this, greater involvement by Greek Americans in their communities—in political, educational, charitable, religious and other capacities—is needed to maintain and perpetuate Hellenism in the U.S.

The conference was capped off with concluding remarks presented by Dr. Constantine Papadakis, President of Drexel University in Philadelphia.



Dr. Constantine Papadakis offers concluding remarks.



Prof. Charles Moskos delivers conference keynote address.



Dr. James Dimitriou, Supreme President of AHEPA, discusses the future of Greek American organizations.

AHI VISITS TO GREECE, CYPRUS

May 19-31, 2002



AHI delegation meets with President of Greece Constantinos Stephanopoulos (l-r): Andreas Pericli, Elias Malevitis, Kostas Alexakis, Gene Rossides, Pres. Stephanopoulos, Nick Larigakis.



Central Bank of Cyprus representatives meet with AHI delegation. At center, Governor of the Bank Christodoulos Christodoulou, and at right Spyros Stavrou, International Division Head.



Messrs. Rossides and Larigakis testify before the Hellenic Parliament's Committee for Greeks Abroad.

AHI leaders visited Greece and Cyprus in the spring of 2002, making stops in Nicosia, Thessaloniki and Athens. The delegation, comprised of AHI founder Gene Rossides, Executive Director Nick Larigakis, Advisory Committee member Kostas Alexakis, and member Andreas Pericli, Ph.D., held substantive talks with government officials, diplomats, academics and businessmen in all three cities.

In Cyprus, meetings were held with: Christodoulos Christodoulou, Governor of the Central Bank of Cyprus; Ioannis Kasoulides, Foreign Minister of Cyprus; the U.S. Embassy Country Team; Nicos Anastasiades, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Cyprus House of Representatives; Tassos Papadopoulos, Chairman of Cyprus' House Committee on European Affairs; Christos Panagopoulos, Ambassador of Greece to Cyprus; Michael Zampelas,



Foreign Minister of Greece George Papandreou (3rd from r) with AHI delegation.



Posting the AHI sign outside of the new Athens Chapter office.

Mayor of Nicosia; George Vassiliou, Chief Negotiator for Cyprus Accession to the EU; Nicos Rolandis, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism; and Takis Klerides, Minister of Finance for Cyprus.

Meetings in Thessaloniki were held with the Mayor of Thessaloniki Vasilios Papageorgopoulos, and with the U.S. Consul General to Thessaloniki John Koenig.

The delegation rounded out its visit to Greece and Cyprus in Athens, conducting meetings with: President of the Hellenic Republic Constantinos Stephanopoulos; U.S. Ambassador to Greece Thomas J. Miller; Greek Foreign Minister George Papandreou; Dimitris Avramopoulos, Mayor of Athens; Yannis Papantoniou, Minister of National Defense; Christos Pahtas, Deputy Minister of National Economy; Deputy Foreign Minister Ioannis Magriotis; Dionyssis S. Gangas, General Manager of the International Relations Division for the Athens 2004 Organizing Committee (ATHOC);



Greek Minister of National Defense Yannis Papantoniou meets with AHI delegation and his staff members.



Gene Rossides (on r) delivers a lecture at Panteion University in Athens. Also pictured: Prof. Dimitri Conostas.

Alexandros Lamnidis, Executive Director for the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce; and Theodoros Karatzas, Governor of the National Bank of Greece.

Other activities of the AHI delegation in Athens included a lecture at Panteion University's Institute of International Relations, featuring Mr. Rossides; testimony delivered before the Hellenic Parliament's Committee for Greeks Abroad by Messrs. Rossides and Larigakis; an evening reception held in honor of Mr. Rossides at the residence of Ambassador Miller; and a dinner hosted by the AHI Athens Chapter in honor of outgoing chapter president Costas Ioannou.

**November 27-
December 6, 2002**

At the end of 2002, AHI Executive Director Nick Larigakis traveled to Athens for meetings with Greek government officials and business leaders. Joined by AHI Legal Counsel Nick Karambelas for a majority of the meetings, the two-person delegation discussed the organization's goals and objectives and focused on engendering new areas of mutual cooperation and development between leaders in Greece and the Greek American community.

From Greece's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, meetings were held with: **Dionyssis Kalamvrezos** of the Division on Greek American Relations; Ambassador **Elias Clis**, Director of the A4 Department for



Amb. Thomas Miller (3rd from l) hosts AHI delegation at the U.S. Embassy.



AHI panel discusses the role of lobbying at an AHI Athens Chapter reception. (l-r) Nick Larigakis, Elias Malevitis (moderator), Nick Karambelas.



AHI representatives with MP Grigoris Niotis following Athens Chapter presentation. (l-r) Elias Malevitis, Mr. Niotis, Nick Larigakis, Nick Karambelas.

Turkish Affairs; **Anna Korka**, Counselor at the Ministry's A2 Department for Cyprus; and with the Secretary General for Greeks

Abroad of the Foreign Ministry **Dimitris Dolis**. Mr. Larigakis met separately with Greek Deputy Foreign Minister **Ioannis Magriotis** and with **Grigoris Niotis**, former Deputy Foreign Minister, current Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee for Greeks Abroad.

Messrs. Larigakis and Karambelas also met with

U.S. Ambassador to Greece **Thomas J. Miller** to discuss the details of the Kofi Annan proposal for Cyprus, and with representatives of ATHOC, including: General Manager for the International Relations Division **Dionyssis S. Gangas** and Manager for Greeks Abroad **Demetra Egan**.

With the goal of improving transatlantic policy and business ties, Messrs. Larigakis and Karambelas met with: **Chris Spirou** of the Hellenic American Union (HAU); **Kyriakos Mitsotakis**, Managing Director of NBG Venture Capital S.A.; Dr. **Stratos Papadimitriou**, Chairman of the Board at ELKE Hellenic Center for Investment; and with **Andreas Vgenopoulos**, CEO of Marfin Bank. Mr. Larigakis also had the opportunity to meet with local businessmen during a dinner hosted by AHI member **Aris Drivas** on one of his private yachts.

Other trip highlights for the two-person AHI delegation included a one-hour live interview with **Elias Stamatopoulos** of HIGH television station, and a 1/2-hour interview with **Katerina Thanasoula**, host of the ERA 5 radio show "Hellenes Around the World."

Two presentations featuring AHI were also held during the course of the trip. On December 3, moderator Elias Malevitis and panelists Nick Karambelas and Nick Larigakis addressed a 100 person audience on the issue of "The Making of U.S. Foreign Policy: The Role of Lobbying." The second presentation took place at Deree College of the American College of Greece, where Mr. Larigakis discussed lobbying in the U.S. with students from a U.S. government class.

CONGRESSIONAL SALUTE TO GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY



The Saint Katherine's dance troop pictured with (from l-r) Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Rep. Michael Bilirakis (R-FL), Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), and Amb. Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis.

On March 19, 2002, AHI hosted its annual "Congressional Salute to Greek Independence Day" on Capitol Hill. The event, which was attended by more than 250 people, was held in cooperation with the Congressional Hellenic Caucus's co-sponsors, Congressman Michael Bilirakis (FL, 9th Dist.) and Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (NY, 14th Dist.).

Ambassador of Greece Alexander Philon and Ambassador of Cyprus Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis stressed the ideals of freedom, justice and the rule of law symbolized by the holiday and the need for achieving these same democratic ideals in Cyprus.

Members of Congress delivering brief remarks at the reception included: Cong. Bilirakis, Cong. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Cong. Rush Holt (D-NJ), Cong. James Langevin (D-RI), Cong. Connie Morella (R-MD), Cong. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Cong. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Cong. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), and Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD). Also attending the reception briefly were Cong. Carolyn Maloney, Cong. Donald Payne (D-NJ), and Member of Hellenic Parliament Theodoros Pangalos.

AHI MEDIA RELATIONS

In 2002, AHI issued 62 press releases, which received wide distribution by e-mail, fax and mail to the U.S., Greek American, Greek and Cypriot press, the Administration, Congress, and AHI members. In addition, AHI regularly wrote letters to the editors of major national newspapers commenting on articles appearing in their publications, and AHI representatives appeared as interview guests for a variety of national and international radio and television broadcasts.

A sample of the media coverage received by AHI included a broadcast of a noon forum featuring Professor Andre Gerolymatos on C-SPAN2's "History on Book TV" program, interviews of Nick Larigakis for several ERT radio broadcasts in Greece, and interviews of Gene Rossides for VOA's Greek Service and for MEGA TV in Greece.

Letters to the editor were sent to a number of publications including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *In the National Interest* (published), *European Affairs* (published in 2003), *The Washington Times* (published), and others.

Also a highlight of AHI's media efforts was a letter sent to the producer of CBS's "60 Minutes" program in response to an unfairly

biased report on Greece and the terrorist group November 17 that aired on January 6, 2002. As a result of AHI's outreach effort, a follow up conversation initiated by the program's veteran producer Don Hewitt took place to further discuss the matter.

Media outreach efforts and subsequent coverage of AHI increased awareness of the Greek American policy agenda as expressed in AHI's *2002 Greek American Policy Statements*. Of note, much of AHI's media efforts in 2002 emphasized the imperative for a just resolution to the long-standing division of Cyprus and an end to Turkish occupation.

AHI BUSINESS NETWORK

AHI hosted a number of business networking events around the country in 2002. These events are designed to promote business associations among AHI members, their guests and other interested participants.

February 13, 2002



Michael Pappas.

In close cooperation with the AHI Greater Metropolitan New York Chapter (AHI-NY), AHI hosted a networking reception at the Harvard Club in New York City. The event featured Michael Pappas, Regional Administrator for the Small Business Administration (SBA) and former U.S. Congressman for New Jersey as guest speaker. He discussed the efforts of the SBA in the aftermath of September 11 as the organization worked to revive business and assist small business owners in the region.

February 21, 2002

AHI held a business networking luncheon at Washington's Capital Hilton Hotel, featuring guest speaker and AHI member Demetri Koutrouvelis. Mr. Koutrouvelis, an Associate Director at Julien J. Studley, Inc., discussed the outlook for the commercial real estate industry throughout the nation, with an emphasis on the DC metropolitan region.



Demetri Koutrouvelis.

May 16, 2002

AHI hosted an informal networking reception at Ozio's restaurant in Washington, DC in close cooperation with proprietor and AHI member George Christacos.

Other Local AHI Chapter News

AHI Northern Virginia Chapter

Under the leadership of chapter president Chris Zirps, the AHI Northern Virginia Chapter met numerous times throughout the year and met their goal of increasing membership in AHI. Attendees from the DC metropolitan area benefited from informative and educational presentations delivered by prominent members of the community, including the Cyprus Embassy's Deputy Chief of Mission Achilleas Antoniadis, the

Greek Embassy's Press Counselor Achilles Paparsenos, and other expert speakers.

AHI New York Chapter

Throughout 2002, AHI-NY consistently hosted monthly business networking events at local Greek restaurants in New York City. Under the leadership of AHI-NY chapter president Col. Andonis Neroulis (Ret.), the events have met with a great degree of success as they fill the need for a consistently occurring, high-quality business-networking venue for Hellenes and philhellenes in the area.

FUNDRAISING

In addition to the AHI's Annual Dinner event, staff and members work throughout the year to generate funding for the ongoing efforts of the organization. This year, Philadelphia-area AHI members and friends hosted a fundraising reception on **May 18, 2002** with this goal in mind.

The event took place at the home of AHIPAC Chairman and long-time member Nicholas Chimicles, Esq. and his wife Kathleen in



At the Philadelphia fundraiser for AHI. (l-r) Cong. Joseph Hoeffel (PA, 13th Dist.), Francesca Hoeffel, Nicholas Chimicles, Esq., Kathleen Chimicles and former Greek Ambassador to the U.S. Alexander Philon.

Devon, Pennsylvania. The evening's special guest speaker was Greece's Ambassador to the U.S. Alexander Philon, who discussed the state of U.S.-Greece relations. Also attending the event was U.S. Representative Joseph M. Hoeffel (PA, 13th Dist.) along with his wife Francesca, and AHI Executive Director Nick Larigakis.

AHIF PUBLICATIONS



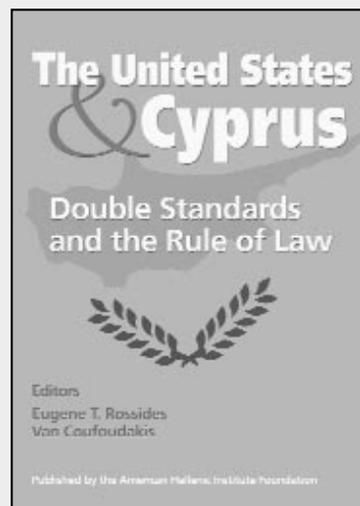
Blood & Tears: Greece 1940-1949

Blood & Tears: Greece 1940-1949, by George C. Papavizas, was released by AHIF in October 2002. The book is a powerful autobiography set in the turbulent decade of 1940s Greece. Through the eyes of the author, then an

impressionable and intelligent young man coming of age in a time of war, foreign occupation, resistance, and a subsequent civil war, the book documents the tragedy and trauma suffered by an entire nation.

The United States & Cyprus: Double Standards and the Rule of Law

In December 2002, AHIF published the long awaited but timely, comprehensive publication on *The United States and Cyprus: Double Standards and the Rule of Law*. The publication, with over 50 speeches given at five conferences sponsored by the AHI from 1988 to 1999, as well as submitted articles, contains the most comprehensive set of papers on the Cyprus problem published to date. Included are important statements from U.S. officials, Members of Congress, academics and others. The Ambassador of Cyprus to the U.S. **Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis** welcomed the publication of the book, stating: "With Cyprus very much in the news these days, the new AHIF book provides important historical perspective to the current developments from different points of view."



All of AHI's publications can be purchased through the AHI Web site at:

www.aheworld.org/publications.html

or by contacting AHI headquarters at (202) 785-8430.

AHI History: 1974-2001

The American Hellenic Institute Inc. (AHI), was founded on August 1 1974, following Turkey's invasion of Cyprus with the illegal use of American-supplied arms in violation of U.S. laws and agreements. The AHI initiated the rule of law issue in the Congress in the interests of the U.S., thus changing the face of American politics.

When Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and no one in Congress would act to enforce U.S. laws following Turkey's invasion of Cyprus on July 20, 1974, AHI called some of its friends in Congress. AHI wrote to them on August 28, 1974, setting forth Turkey's violations of the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) and the Foreign Military Sales Act (FMSA) in its invasion of Cyprus with the illegal use of American supplied arms and equipment.

Our friends in Congress adopted our arguments and sent a letter to Secretary Kissinger on August 29, 1974. Thus, the rule of law issue was born. It should have been born the very day Turkey invaded Cyprus—July 20, 1974—and if it had been, there would have been no second aggression on August 14, 1974. Kissinger violated the FAA, the FMSA and his constitutional oath of office to faithfully carry out the laws of the land when he refused to declare Turkey “immediately ineligible” for further U.S. aid and sales as required by law.

After a dozen major votes in the Congress between September and December 1974, in which the entire Greek American community was active in support of the rule of law, Congress passed an arms embargo against Turkey. AHI coordinated the effort in the communi-



Ribbon-Cutting: Mr. George Spyropoulos, a long time supporter and friend of AHI officially opens the doors to Hellenic House on October 25, 1994, under the watchful eye of Greece's then Ambassador to the U.S., Loucas Tsilas.

ty, kept a vote count on a daily basis and provided the information to key supporters in the House and Senate. It was an historic success that should never be

“...one of the most effective lobbies in Washington today is that of Greek Americans...most effective has been the American Hellenic Institute Public Affairs Committee.”

*—Time Magazine
June, 1975*

forgotten. It proved what could and can be done when we are in the right and united on policy. Fundamental to the success was the fact that we stood for the rule of law in international affairs as in the best interests of the U.S.

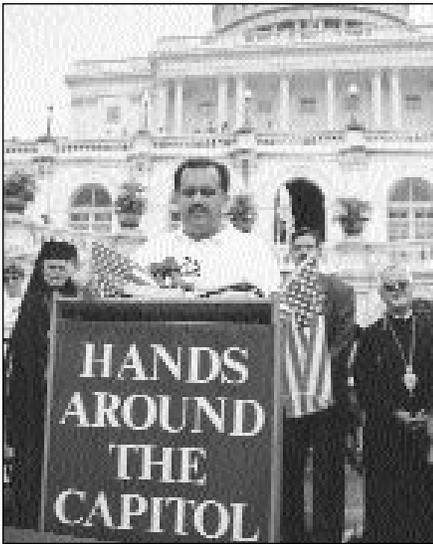
Also in December 1974, AHI initiated the proposal for \$25,000,000 in humanitarian aid for Cyprus, which was adopted by our friends in Congress. As a result of that

initiative, supported annually by AHI, Cyprus has received over \$400,000,000 which has aided the island's remarkable economic recovery.

In the years since 1974, AHI has kept the spirit of the rule of law alive. The AHI and its affiliate organizations have championed the rule of law and American values in foreign policy as in the best interests of the U.S. This is especially true in Southeast Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean, a region critically important to American national interests.

AHI is a 501(c)(6) non-profit tax-exempt, independent public policy trade association, it provides an organization and program for strengthening relations between the U.S. and Greece, the U.S. and Cyprus and within the American Hellenic community.

The American Hellenic Institute Public Affairs Committee, Inc., (AHIPAC), was established in early 1975 with a



Nick Larigakis speaking at the Hands Around the Capitol Rally marking the 25th anniversary of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus.

charter similar to AHI's. While both AHI and AHIPAC are authorized to lobby, AHIPAC was formed to concentrate on lobbying. AHIPAC is the only Greek American organization registered with the U.S. Congress under the Lobbying Act.



AHI's first congressional trip to Greece, August 1993: Reps. Newt Gingrich, Gerald Solomon, Carolyn Maloney and Mike Bilirakis at the Prime Minister's office.

The AHI Business Network, a division of AHI, was initiated in 1989 creating a national and international focus for the Greek American business and professional community, and putting it to work helping other Greek Americans. Its purpose is to share business information and contacts. Its concept is people helping people by sharing experience, knowledge and ideas.

The American Hellenic Institute Foundation, Inc. (AHIF), established in 1975, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit tax-exempt educational and research organization and is the first "think tank"



Highly-acclaimed Greek Cypriot film director Michael Cacoyannis (*Zorba the Greek*) receives Lifetime Achievement Award from AHI: (L-r) Gene Rossides, Nick Chimicles, Michael Cacoyannis (receiving award), James Lagos, George Veras, Andonios Neroulis.



Nick Larigakis presenting oral testimony before the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations on behalf of Nick Chimicles.

devoted exclusively to the study of the issues confronting the Greek American community.

In 1995, the Foundation For Hellenic Studies was established in Washington, DC under the auspices of AHIF and under the direction of Professor Van Coufoudakis, who also currently serves as Rector at Intercollege in Cyprus, and Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus at Indiana University-Purdue University (Fort Wayne, IN). Its main objective is to provide support to qualified individuals, institutions, programs and projects advancing the study of Greece and Cyprus in the U.S.

AHI has grown into one of the key Greek American membership organizations. Below you will find descriptions of some of the programs and publications the AHI and its affiliates have developed over the years to strengthen relations between the U.S., Greece and Cyprus and within the Greek American community.

TESTIMONY AND LETTERS TO THE CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

AHIPAC has testified annually on behalf of AHIPAC, the Hellenic American National Council, the Hellenic American Women's Council, the Cyprus Federation of America, Inc., the Pan-Laonian Federation of U.S.A. and Canada, the Pan Cretan Association of American and the Pan-Karpathian Educational Progressive Association before House and Senate committees on foreign aid pro-

posals. The testimony and letters to Congress and the Executive Branch highlight support of the rule of law regarding the Aegean, Cyprus, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Greek minority in Albania and opposition to the recognition of the Skopje regime under the name of "Macedonia."

LEGISLATION

AHIPAC has periodically initiated legislation on the key issues of Cyprus, the



Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-CA) giving the luncheon address at the AHIPAC San Diego Legislative Policy Conference.

Aegean, U.S. relations with Turkey, FYROM, the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Albania. The AHI successfully ended grant aid to Turkey and helped to pass: (1) **HR 4545**, Visa Waiver for Greek citizens passed into law on March 25, 1999, (2) **S 1607**, a bill applying a code of conduct to U.S. arms supplies to non-democratic countries including Turkey, and (3) **Section 2804** of the 1999 Appropriations Law, calling on Turkey to respect the Ecumenical Patriarchate and reopen the Halki Theological School.

POLICY STATEMENTS

The AHI initiated the annual Greek American Policy Statements on issues concerning U.S. relations with Greece and Cyprus authored by AHI and reviewed, edited and approved in the past by the Order of AHEPA, the Hellenic American National Council, the Hellenic American Women's Council, the Cyprus Federation of America, the Panepirotic Federation of America, and other organizations. Distributed to the members of the House and Senate, the Greek American Policy Statements present a unified Greek American position on the issues of concern to the community.

ELECTIONS QUESTIONNAIRE AND SCORECARD

AHIPAC periodically issues a *Candidate Questionnaire* on issues of concern to Greek Americans and to ask them to answer policy questions; and *House and*



Gene Rossides, Chairman of the American Hellenic Institute Foundation with Senator Gordon Smith, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on European Affairs.

Senate Score Cards for Greek American Issues which provides the voting records of the House and Senate members on issues regarding U.S., Greece and Cyprus relations. In 1998 and 2000 the AHIPAC Candidate Questionnaire was distributed to all candidates in the House and Senate.

CONFERENCES

Over the years, AHI and AHIPAC have organized over 33 conferences on Legislative Policy and How to Lobby the Congress on U. S. foreign policy regarding Greece and Cyprus. In November 1999, the AHI held its inaugural conferences in Nicosia and Athens. The conference was entitled "U.S. Relations with Greece and Cyprus: The American Foreign Policy Process and the Role of Greek Americans." The participants learned about the issues and how the foreign policy legislative process operates in the U.S. To analyze the state of the Greek American community, AHI



AHI Athens Conference Speakers: (l-r) Eugene T. Rossides, Jonathan Clarke, Costas Ioannou, AHI Athens chapter president, Amb. Nick Burns, Prof. Van Coufoudakis, Nick Larigakis, and James Marketos.

launched in 2002 its first annual conference on "The Future of Hellenism in the United States," featuring an expert lineup of speakers from the community.

AHI CHAPTERS

AHI has embarked on a program to develop its chapters across the country to better facilitate the several grassroots activities of the AHI and its affiliate organizations, the AHIPAC, the AHIF and the AHI Business Network, including meetings with and letters to elected officials, contacts with the media and academic community, and organizing newsworthy events.

FOUNDATION FOR HELLENIC STUDIES

The Foundation For Hellenic Studies' main objective is to provide support to qualified individuals, institutions, programs and projects advancing the study of Greece and Cyprus in the United States. From October 1995 to June 1997 the FHS has dispersed approximately \$161,000 in grants to over 50 individual individuals and programs.

These grants have helped to support the following projects:

- A joint post-doctoral fellowship in Hellenic Studies with Princeton University;
- Support for the restoration of Cypriot antiquities owned by the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, Florida;
- Support of Modern Greek Studies programs in various U.S. universities;
- Support for the acquisition of library materials on Greece and Cyprus by university schools and other libraries;
- Subventions for the publication of books and academic journals with a Greek focus;
- Lectures on Greece and Cyprus;
- Support of conferences with Greek themes;
- Curriculum development grants;
- Support of legislative seminars presented by AHI;
- Ph.D. dissertation grants, for dissertations on topics involving Greece and Cyprus;

- Projects promoting Greece and Cyprus on the Internet;
- Small research grants for researchers studying Greece and Cyprus; and
- Travel by Greek visiting scholars for lectures in the U.S.

CONGRESSIONAL CONTACT LEADERSHIP TEAM (CCLT)

AHIPAC has organized a CCLT program which to date has at least one grassroots contact in over 400 of the 435 congressional districts and with 98 of the 100 U.S. senators. The goal is to develop at least five contacts with each of the members of the House and Senate.

The CCLT has played a leading role in the success of the bills in Congress. AHIPAC members across the country have participated in letter writing and phone campaigns to their respective members of the House and Senate. AHIPAC has made a special effort to involve the numerous Greek American communities, who responded with petitions and letters to their elected officials in a strong show of support. AHIPAC has kept the community informed on actions in Washington and provided information and guidance on reaching their members of Congress.



(l-r) Kyriakos Tsakopoulos, Harry Pappas, Lexis Liviakis, Mrs. Alfieris at a 1998 AHI Business Network event.

AHI BUSINESS NETWORK

Since 1989, the **AHI Business Network** has hosted numerous luncheons, receptions and meetings throughout the U.S., Greece, Australia and Canada. The AHI Business Network has successfully brought Greek American businessmen and professionals together to exchange ideas, share business information and extend contacts.

TRADE CONFERENCES

AHI organized the first U.S.-Greece-Cyprus Trade Conference in 1975 and has held a total of 16 such conferences, including nine seminars between 1998 and 2000 entitled “Cyprus: An



Speakers of the Cyprus Business Seminars.

International Business, Shipping and Financial Center.” A key part of AHI’s program is to strengthen business ties between the U.S. and Greece and the U.S. and Cyprus. The annual AHI Membership Directory of members around the world indexed by profession and geographic location has been used as an everyday tool to generate greater interaction among our members and to stimulate participation in business networking.

LECTURE SERIES



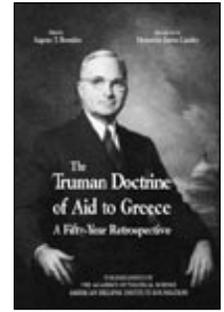
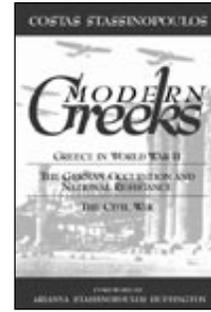
Ambassador Nicholas Burns.

The American Hellenic Institute has hosted a series of noon policy forums at Hellenic House for discussion of international issues relating to Southeast Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. The

AHI has also hosted a number of Capitol Hill Briefings to reach out to Hill staff and policymakers regarding U.S. relations with Greece, Cyprus and Turkey.

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

AHIF has developed an active publication program. In 1998 AHIF published the well-received *Truman Doctrine of*



Aid to Greece: A Fifty-Year Retrospective jointly with the prestigious Academy of Political Science (APS). Since 1974, fourteen books and

pamphlets on U.S. foreign policy and trade issues with Greece, Cyprus and Turkey were published. Publications include the *Handbook on United States Relations with Greece and Cyprus*, the *American Hellenic Who's Who*, *Doing Business in Greece*, the *Modern Greeks* by Costas Stassinopoulos, *Greece's Pivotal Role in World War II and Its Importance to the U.S. Today*, published in November 2001, and AHIF’s most recent publication—*Blood & Tears: Greece 1940-1949*, by George C. Papavizas. These publications, available to the public, were distributed to the U.S. Congress, the Executive Branch, university libraries, domestic and Greek media, and to our members.

HOSTING VISITING DIGNITARIES

AHI has hosted a number of receptions, luncheons, dinners and briefings for visiting dignitaries from throughout the United States, Greece and Cyprus in

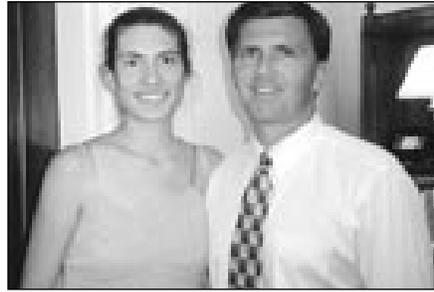


(l-r) Nick Karambelas, Dpty. Foreign Minister of Greece Ioannis Magriotis, Nick Larigakis, Gene Rossides, Amb. Alexander Philon.

order to promote dialogue and cooperation between these countries.

COOPERATION WITH GREEK AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

AHI/AHIPAC work in close cooperation with the Order of the AHEPA, the Hellenic American National Council (HANC), Hellenic American Women's Council (HAWC) and the area societies. In 1994, Ted G. Spyropoulos, President



Christina Rocha with her Congressman, Robert Ehrlich, Jr. (R-MD)



AHI interns meet with the Ambassador of Cyprus. (l-r) Max Havanis, Amb. Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, Adam Dice, Kristina Velys.



Gene Rossides (third from left) and Ted Spyropoulos (center) discuss matters with leaders of the Greek American community.

of HANC, announced that it designated AHIPAC to coordinate lobbying efforts in Washington, DC with the Congress and the Executive Branch on national issues concerning the U.S., Greece and Cyprus.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

AHI offers several internship positions during the year. Interns have the opportunity to work in Washington and to experience first hand the excitement and practical understanding for how foreign policy is developed in this country. It is an experience that they cherish and appreciate. The interns participate in a variety of activities such as monitoring legislation and congressional hearings, acting as liaisons with Congressional offices, and conducting research on issues for Con-

gressional testimony, for our *Handbook on U.S. Relations with Greece and Cyprus*, and for other critical areas.

HELLENIC HOUSE

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. George Spyropoulos (Caracas, Venezuela), the Hellenic House, located in an historic building at 1220 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC just a few blocks away from the White House, became the new permanent headquarters of the AHI, the AHIPAC, the AHIF and the AHI Business Network on October 1, 1994.

At the time of the donation of the building Mr. Spyropoulos stated:

"As we all know, the Institute has grown over the years and has acquired more importance. That's why I considered that it was time it had its own roof



as a demonstration of permanency.... However, I do have to say that this roof is fragile and needs your cooperation in order to make it stronger."

The importance of Hellenic House to our operations has more than exceeded our expectations.

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