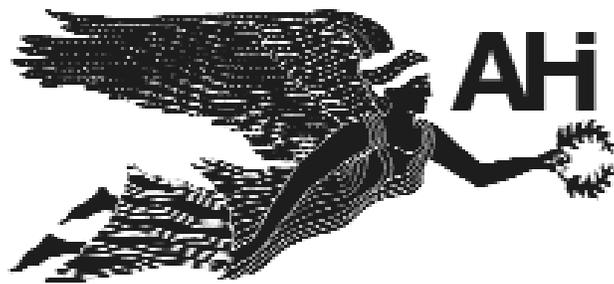


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INTRODUCTION

The American Hellenic Institute (AHI) and its affiliate organizations are pleased to present to you our **Annual Report 2003**. This year's report documents yet another active year on the many fronts in which our organization involves itself. 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. We also increased the range of programs and activities available under the Business Network.

But most importantly, the generous contributions and fundraising efforts of AHI members and friends have helped us to achieve a very significant goal: **The year 2003 marked the year in which the Hellenic House mortgage was paid off.** Reaching this target frees up financial resources which can now be used more directly to assist in AHI's various efforts to support its policy agenda and the many programs and events sponsored throughout the year. We thank all of our contributors and supporters for their tremendous contributions which have made this goal a reality.

On the policy front, AHI worked with Congress and the Executive Branch on matters of concern to the Greek American community. An intense letter writing campaign urged the Bush Administration to carefully consider its positions on: (1) military aid to Turkey in exchange for Turkey's support in the Iraq war; and (2) the insertion of Turkish troops in Iraq, among other significant issues. We also supported major initiatives regarding the tragic Cyprus problem, Cyprus's new position as a full-fledged member of the European Union (EU), and Greece's sovereign maritime boundaries in the Aegean Sea.

Our July 2003 Capitol Hill conference, "U.S. Relations with Turkey: The New

Realities in the Post-Iraq War Era," brought to the fore many of these issues. Conference speakers urged U.S. legislators and congressional staff to critically examine U.S. policy in this new context which has demonstrated Turkey's unreliability as an ally.

Turning to the subject of Hellenic cultural identity, AHI hosted its second annual conference on "The Future of Hellenism in the United States." An expert line-up of speakers shed light on the successes, challenges and crises currently confronting Greek America, and offered solutions on questions of how to promote our Hellenic culture and simultaneously contribute positively to our community.

At Hellenic House, we continued our series of public policy forums, inviting Executive Branch officials, Congressional representatives, and policy experts to offer their remarks on U.S. relations with Greece and Cyprus. In 2003, 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 important television and radio programs and newspapers in both the U.S. and abroad.

This past year, AHI leadership again 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. On the first delegation trip of the year, several members of the group made a historic trip across the Green Line into Cyprus's northern occupied territory, witnessing first-hand the tremendous injustices which 29 years of Turkish military occupation and an intransigent regime has caused.

As executive director, I would like to thank our members, officers and staff for their dedication in making 2003 a solid year. Alongside AHI's own activities in Washington, I never forget that our greatest strength is in our members. In 2004, we plan to increase the quantity and scope of programs that we offer to our members. The coming year promises to be a historic one for Hellenes throughout the world, as it marks the long-awaited homecoming of the Olympic Games to their ancient birthplace and the land to which we as Greek Americans trace our own roots. AHI eagerly anticipates this important and symbolic event, which will take place August 13-29, 2004, and we plan to undertake a number of initiatives to promote Greece positively and project Olympic good will both at home in the U.S. and abroad. As always, we 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*

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Public Policy 2003

CYPRUS EU ACCESSION



On April 16, President of the Republic of Cyprus Tassos Papadopoulos and Foreign Minister George Iacovou signed the Treaty of Accession to the European Union at a historic ceremony in Athens, along with the nine other EU member countries. AHI closely monitored and supported the Republic's progress towards accession with or without a political settlement in the months preceding this event. AHI's May 15 letter to President Bush, for example, calls for a Cyprus settlement based on democratic norms, citing Cyprus's April 16 accession and Turkey's unreliability as an ally as important factors to be taken into consideration.

THE GREEK EU PRESIDENCY

The first half of 2003 marked Greece's Presidency of the European Union (EU). During this six month period, Greece faced a number of important challenges including: European integration and the signing of the Accession Treaty by ten new member states, the drafting of the European Constitution, transatlantic relations, and the war in Iraq. AHI opened 2003 with a joint breakfast event with the European-American Business Council (EABC) on January 29, during which Greece's Ambassador to the U.S. George Savvaides outlined the priorities of Greece's new role in the rotating EU Presidency.



ATHENS 2004 OLYMPICS



Dr. Stratos Safioleas, Athens 2004 Media Relations Manager, speaking at the AHI Athens reception.

To promote the upcoming Olympic Games in Athens, AHI has undertaken a number of different promotional initiatives. Most prominently, AHI announced a unique sponsorship opportunity on November 14, 2003 which was arranged through the cooperation AHI member Jamie Jameson of Jameson Broadcasting and NBC/Westwood One Radio Network. The opportunity, titled "Olympic Flashback," is a 17-program radio series on the

ancient Olympic Games hosted by premier sportscaster Bob Costas that provides high-impact exposure twice daily during The NBC/Westwood One Radio Network's live coverage of the Games from Greece.

Also related to the Olympic Games, AHI featured two speakers who discussed their respective roles and perspectives on the upcoming event. At a November 1 AHI reception at the



Philadelphia area home of AHIPAC Chairman Nicholas Chimicles, NBC "Today Show" producer and AHI member Dorie Klissas spoke on the topic of "Inside the 2004 Athens Olympics with NBC." And on December 1, the AHI Athens Chapter hosted a reception featuring Dr. Stratos Safioleas, Athens 2004 International Media Relations Manager, who discussed "The International Press and the Athens 2004 Olympic Games."

AHI will continue its efforts at raising the visibility of the Athens Olympics throughout the time period running up to the Games.

THE CYPRUS PROBLEM



GREEN LINE CROSSING: A sign marked "FORBIDDEN ZONE" and a barbed wire fence bars entry to a Greek Orthodox Church in the occupied zone.

Keeping the Cyprus problem in the forefront of the policy debate is one of AHI's primary objectives. 2003 marked another series of important developments, including large protests in the northern occupied territory, with Turkish Cypriots taking to the streets to voice their support of a Cyprus settlement and accession of the island as a united whole to the EU. Despite continued efforts towards reunification prior to the Republic of Cyprus's signing of the EU accession treaty on April 16, Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash's intransigency again dashed

hopes for reunification. Another major development which occurred in April was the opening of checkpoints along the Green Line, which allowed Greek and Turkish Cypriots to cross into parts of the island formerly forbidden to one another.

AHI closely monitored these developments throughout the year. A series of policy forums hosted by AHI, including two appearances by U.S. Special Coordinator for Cyprus Ambas-

sador Thomas Weston, provided a public arena for analysis and discussion of the issue (see “Policy Forums” section). 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).

And on April 21, an AHI statement congratulated Representative Doug Bereuter (R-NE) for introducing House Resolution 165 on April 10, which calls for a “renewed effort to find a peaceful, just and lasting settlement to the Cyprus problem” within the parameters set by the U.N. The resolution was resoundingly approved by the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 422-0. Letters to Administration officials and public statements issued by AHI on May 15, July 17, August 14, November 7, November 26 and December 4 advocated specific measures to be taken by the U.S. in order to reach a viable settlement.

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.

While there were positive developments in the continued rapprochement between Greece and Turkey, 2003 was still marred by continued Turkish incursions into Greek air space. However, working to protect Greece’s territorial sovereignty, Representative Robert E. Andrews (D-NJ) introduced House Concurrent Resolution

87 on March 11. This resolution affirms that the borders between Greece and Turkey in the Aegean Sea have been established by international law and the islands and islets on the Greek side are the sovereign territory of Greece. H.Con.Res.87 incorporates language initiated by AHI and first introduced to Congress on November 7, 1997.

MACEDONIAN INITIATIVES

On June 5, AHI sent a letter to Texas’ 6th District Senator Mario Gallegos to thank him for introducing Senate Resolution 658, which proclaims that “the ancient Macedonians are Hellenes and that the inhabitants of the northern province of Greece, Macedonia, are their Hellenic Descendants.” And on July 10, AHI General Counsel Gene Rossides sent a letter to Secretary of State Colin L. Powell to oppose the U.S. bilateral agreement with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), dated July 1, 2003. In this agreement, FYROM was allowed to sign under the name “Macedonia.” The letter requested Secretary Powell to “reconsider the matter and seek a new agreement with the proper recognized name of FYROM.” The agreement provides U.S. citizens in FYROM with immunity from prosecution by the International Criminal Court (ICC) under Article 98.

Overall, AHI made all the necessary contacts in order to raise the issue and worked closely with the Office of Congressman Rob Andrews (NJ, 1st Dist.) towards this goal. We were pleased to see that in the FY 2004 House Appropriations Bill, there is a reference to the Article 98 Treaty. The bill contains the following language: “The managers note that in its efforts to obtain Article 98 agreements, the State Department inadvertently allowed the signature of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as simply ‘Macedonia.’ In the future the Department should adhere to current policy using the format name for this Balkan nation.”

U.S., TURKEY AND THE IRAQ WAR

Throughout 2003, AHI strongly voiced its position regarding Turkey’s unreliability as an ally of the U.S., as demonstrated

throughout the course of the Iraq war. Primarily brought into question were: (1) U.S. aid to Turkey in exchange for its assistance; and (2) proposed involvement of Turkish troops in Iraq. AHI stood firmly against both of these policies, noting that aid to Turkey amounted to “extortion in the name of alliance.” Furthermore, the insertion of Turkish troops into an already volatile region with a history of violent Turko-Kurdish relations was a recipe for disaster. A vigorous letter writing campaign and a series of statements issued to the Administration and Congressional officials, to the press and policy communities outlined reasons why U.S. policy towards Turkey should be immediately revised.

A number of action alerts were also issued throughout the year, prompting AHI members and friends to voice their concerns to their representatives in government. A February 28 action alert urged a letter writing campaign asking government representatives to oppose any economic aid to Turkey in exchange for its military cooperation in the event of war against Iraq. An April 2 action alert followed along those same lines, but specifically referred to opposing \$1 billion to Turkey as outlined in President Bush’s \$75 billion emergency spending package to fund the war in Iraq and reward key allies.

LETTERS AND STATEMENTS

AHI sent letters to President Bush, Administration officials, Members of Congress and other officials throughout 2003.



AHI also issued a number of public statements responding to current events and policy decisions which affected areas of concern to the organization’s members. Letters and statements included:

- **February 26**—Joint letter to President Bush by leading Greek and Armenian American organizations protesting Administration’s offer of \$26 billion to Turkey in exchange for Turkey’s military cooperation in Iraq.
- **March 3**—Statement by AHI General Counsel Gene Rossides responding to Turkish Parliament’s vote that rejected U.S. use of Turkish military

bases for an attack on Iraq. Mr. Rosides noted that Turkey's cooperation was unnecessary in the event of a war with Iraq.

- **March 5**—Statement by Gene Rosides highlighting U.S. official statements which support the position that Turkey is unnecessary in the case of war with Iraq.
- **March 7**—Statement by Gene Rosides responding to the decision of the U.S. to move ahead with plans to invade Iraq without Turkey's help in the event of war with Iraq. This decision demonstrated that Turkey was an unnecessary ally in the U.S.'s war efforts.
- **March 13**—Statement by Gene Rosides noted that it is not in the best interests of the U.S. to continue to press Turkey for a second vote in the Parliament to permit U.S. troop basing rights. Also strongly criticized as "extortion in the name of alliance" was Turkey's demand for payment in exchange for basing rights.
- **March 21**—AHI's statement regarding the war in Iraq expressed the organization's support for the men and women of the U.S. armed forces stationed in the Middle East.
- **March 28**—AHI released a statement citing the March 27 resignation of Richard N. Perle from his position as chairman of the Defense Policy Board of the Pentagon as "an important step in eliminating a number of conflicts of interest posed by his presence on that board." Among the reasons cited were Mr. Perle's past work as a registered foreign consultant for Turkey from 1989-1994.
- **April 23**—Statement released which noted that the war in Iraq has demonstrated Turkey's unreliability as a U.S. ally, and called for a change in flawed U.S. policy towards Turkey.
- **April 29**—Letter to President Bush criticizing Turkey as an unreliable ally, as demonstrated by its actions in the Iraq war. The letter also advocated for a long-overdue change to flawed U.S. policy toward the country, and for the U.S. to recognize that Turkey is the cause of tensions and problems in its region.
- **May 15**—Letter to President Bush called for a Cyprus settlement based

on democratic norms, citing Cyprus's EU accession and Turkey's unreliability as an ally as key factors to be considered in determining U.S. policy in this matter.

- **June 5**—Letter to Texas's 6th District Senator Mario Gallegos to thank him for introducing a Senate resolution which proclaims that "the ancient Macedonians are Hellenes and that the inhabitants of the northern province of Greece, Macedonia, are their Hellenic descendants."
- **July 10**—Letter to Secretary of State Colin L. Powell opposed a bilateral agreement of July 1 with Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM). FYROM was allowed to sign the agreement under the name "Macedonia."
- **July 17**—Letter to Secretary of State Colin L. Powell requested an investigation to determine the responsibility of Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash and the commander of Turkey's 1974 invasion forces in Cyprus for the murder of five Americans.
- **August 14**—Letter to Secretary of State Colin L. Powell commemorated the 29th anniversary of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus and urged the U.S. to take action to achieve a just and viable solution on Cyprus based on democratic norms and the rule of law.
- **September 5**—A statement released on the occasion of the 48th anniversary of Turkey's destruction of the 110,000 person strong Greek Orthodox Christian community of Istanbul called for compensation to victims of the tragedy and their heirs.
- **September 9**—Statement commemorated the 81st anniversary of the destruction of Smyrna by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and remembered the memories of over 100,000 Greeks and Armenians killed by Turkish troops. AHI called for compensation for the victims of the massacre and their heirs.
- **September 24**—Letter to Chairman of the House International Relations Subcommittee Doug Bereuter and members of the subcommittee, urging them to ask specific questions that would counterbalance the pro-

Turkish positions of the panelists at an October 1 Congressional hearing on "Turkey's Future Direction and U.S.-Turkey Relations."

- **October 10**—Statement issued listed twelve reasons for AHI's opposition to the use of Turkish troops in Iraq as not in the best interests of the U.S., noting that the use of Turkish troops will disrupt efforts at creating stability in the country.
- **October 21**—Joint letter to President Bush signed by leading Greek, Armenian and Kurdish American organizations cites twelve reasons why it is not in the best interests of the U.S. to support Turkish armed forces in Iraq.
- **October 24**—In follow-up to a joint letter of October 21, a letter to President Bush cited *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman's opposition to Turkish troops in Iraq as contrary to U.S. interests.
- **October 25**—A press release statement commemorated the 63rd Anniversary of OXI Day, which marks Greece's refusal on October 28, 1940 to surrender to Mussolini's Italian fascist government. Greece's heroic resistance played a pivotal role in the ultimate victory of the Allied Forces in World War II.
- **November 7**—AHI statement applauded the European Commission Report on Turkey that highlights the settlement of the Cyprus issue as a major political criterion for Turkey's accession to the European Union.
- **November 14**—AHI statement applauds the non-deployment of Turkish troops to Iraq.
- **November 26**—In a press release statement, AHI Executive Director Nick Larigakis applauded Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's op-ed in the *Washington Times*, whose primary message was that the time is now ripe for Cyprus reunification.
- **December 4**—an AHI letter to Secretary of State Colin Powell rejected the State Department's decision not to investigate Rauf Denktash regarding the murder of five Americans during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. The letter called on Secretary Powell to reverse that position.

AHIPAC LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Submitting Testimony to House

On April 2, AHI General Counsel Gene Rossides presented testimony on behalf of AHI and the Hellenic American National Council (HANC) before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Financing and Related Programs. The testimony opposed the \$1 billion in aid to Turkey in the Bush Administration's \$75 billion emergency spending package to fund the war in Iraq.

And on April 30, AHI and HANC submitted public testimony for consideration by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. The testimony supports AHI and HANC's position on the Fiscal Year 2004 Appropriations Bill. AHI's testimony addressed the following three items as in the best interest of the United States: (1) an amount of \$15 million in humanitarian aid for Cyprus was urged; (2) the amount of \$600,000 in IMET funds for Greece was supported; and (3) the \$255 million in military and economic aid to the military-controlled government of Turkey in this bill was opposed.

Aegean Legislation Introduced

On March 11, Representative Robert E. Andrews (D-NJ) introduced House Concurrent Resolution 87 (H.Con. Res.87), "expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Turkey's claims of sovereignty over islands and islets in the Aegean Sea." The Resolution establishes that the borders between Greece and Turkey in the Aegean Sea have been established once and for all and that islands and islets on the Greek side, including the islets of Imia, are the sovereign territory of Greece. Original co-sponsors of H.Con.Res.87 are Rep. Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) and Rep. James P. McGovern (D-MA).

H.Con.Res.87 incorporates language initiated by AHI and first introduced on November 7, 1997 by Rep. Michael Pappas (R-NJ) in the 105th Congress. It also incorporates language from Amendment 19 to H.R. 2415, introduced by Rep. Andrews and passed by the House of Representatives by a unanimous vote on July 21, 1999.

AHI Applauds Support of House Resolution 165

On April 10, the U.S. House of Representatives resoundingly passed House Resolution 165 by a vote of 422-0. The resolution, introduced by Representative Doug Bereuter (R-NE) called for "a renewed effort to find a peaceful, just and lasting settlement to the Cyprus problem" within the parameters set by the United Nations (U.N.). The resolution also expressed disappointment that U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan's efforts to bring his comprehensive settlement plan to a referendum by the people of Cyprus were rejected by Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash. In a press release statement, AHI congratulated Rep. Bereuter for introducing this initiative and also applauded the U.S. House of Representatives for its continued commitment to achieving a just and lasting resolution of the Cyprus problem along U.N. guidelines.

Rep. Pallone Congratulated for Turkey, Cyprus Stance

A March 3 AHI press release applauded U.S. Representative Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) for his strong opposition to poten-

tial U.S. concessions to Turkish demands for tens of billions of dollars in exchange for use of Turkey as a base for U.S. troops in the war against Iraq. Rep. Pallone's February 24 letter to U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell urged the Administration to rethink current policy toward Turkey, noting Turkey's 29-year illegal military occupation of Cyprus. A February 14 letter to President Bush, signed by 78 Members of Congress, including Rep. Pallone, also asked the Administration to play a leading role in finding a just solution to the Cyprus problem.

Action Alerts Oppose Aid to Turkey

On July 14, AHI members and friends were urged to oppose the \$255 million in military and economic aid to Turkey in the Fiscal Year 2004 Appropriations Bill. This amount was proposed to the Congress on February 3, before Turkey refused to assist the U.S. regarding Iraq.

AHI also sent three action alerts on May 6, July 6 and July 17, 2003, which updated AHI members and friends on AHI's latest actions regarding the Foreign Appropriations Bill. AHI interns actively lobbied the members of both the House and Senate Foreign Appropriations Committees, visiting more than fifty offices, to push forward AHI's positions on this issue.

Action Alert Urges Balanced View

On September 24, AHI sent an action alert to inform its members about a hearing on October 1. The hearing, convened by the House International Relations Subcommittee on Europe, focused on the subject of "Turkey's Future Direction and U.S.-Turkey Relations." Alarmed by the pro-Turkish composition of the panel, AHI called on its members to contact the chairman and members of the subcommittee to present a balanced view, raising issues such as Turkey's unreliability in the Iraq war, the Cyprus issue, the Armenian Genocide, and the Kurdish issue. These issues were raised during the course of the hearing.

General News 2003



(l-r) Jim Marketos and Ambassador Thomas Miller.

POLICY FORUMS

Greece Touted as "World Player"

On January 9, U.S. Ambassador to Greece Thomas J. Miller joined AHI members and friends at Hellenic House for a forum discussion.

He updated the audience on current developments in Greece and on the status of U.S.-Greece relations. The ambassador commented on progress in the November 17 case, Greek cooperation in the war on terrorism, headway made on a Cyprus settlement, and the 2004 Olympics.

Progress Report on Cyprus

AHI welcomed U.S. Special Coordinator for Cyprus Ambassador Thomas G. Weston for a noon forum on January 30 to discuss the status of the Cyprus issue in a post-EU accession context. Ambassador Weston outlined the key successes coming out of the EU's Copenhagen Summit in December 2002, and noted important steps taken since that time in the negotiations process based on the settlement proposal submitted by U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. The Ambassador also fielded questions on a variety of issues related to the status of negotiations and prospects for a settlement.

Evaluating the Annan Proposal

On February 13, Dr. Ted Galen Carpenter, Vice President for Defense and Foreign Policy Studies at the Cato Institute, was the featured presenter at AHI's noon forum. Dr. Carpenter's presentation was titled "Does the Annan Proposal for Cyprus Meet the EU's Democratic Norms and U.S. Interests?"

Amb. Weston Reiterates U.S. Commitment to Cyprus

U.S. Special Coordinator for Cyprus, Ambassador Thomas G. Weston, discussed the historic developments occurring in Cyprus during a noon forum at AHI on May 8. The ambassador provided the audience with an update on the negotiations process since his last noon forum appearance in January, and also discussed prospects for a settlement. Specifically highlighted were implications of the opening of several crossing points along the Green Line since April 23, allowing travel between the Republic of Cyprus and the occupied zone in the north.



Amb. Thomas Weston.

Pontian Genocide Commemorated



(l-r) Nick Larigakis, Theodora Hancock, Panos Stavrianidis, Basil Mossaidis.

On May 12, AHI hosted a noon forum in commemoration of the Pontian Genocide featuring Panos Stavrianidis, President of the Pan-Pontian Federation of the U.S. and Canada. His presentation provided a brief historical overview of the events surrounding the Pontian Genocide and noted reasons why recognition of this atrocity is critical to stability in the southeastern Mediterranean region.



(l-r): Gene Rossides, Foreign Minister George Iacovou, James Lagos, Amb. Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis.

MEETINGS

George Iacovou

The Foreign Minister of Cyprus George Iacovou, accompanied by Cyprus Ambassador to the U.S. Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, visited Hellenic House on June 13. The Cypriot officials met with members of the AHI leadership and staff for a one hour meeting to discuss elements of the foreign minister's visit to the U.S.

Thomas J. Miller

On October 6, U.S. Ambassador to Greece Thomas J. Miller visited AHI for a two hour, off-the-record conversation with AHI leadership. Ambassador Miller highlighted issues of mutual interest regarding U.S.-Greece relations, such as the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, Greek-Turkish relations, Cyprus, the Greek EU Presidency, the Iraq war, and the Greek National Baseball team. He also commented on the situation of the Greek economy, the upcoming elections, and immigration issues.

AHI EVENTS

In 2003, 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.

28th Anniversary Awards Dinner



The honorees: (l-r) Dr. Charles Moskos, Commissioner Demetrios A. Boutris, Dr. Christine M. Warnke, James N. Gianopoulos, Amb. Clay Constantinou. Also pictured (continuing, l-r): Jack Valenti and AHI Chairman James Marketos.

On March 15, AHI paid tribute to a distinguished set of Greek Americans at its 28th Anniversary Hellenic Heritage Achieve-

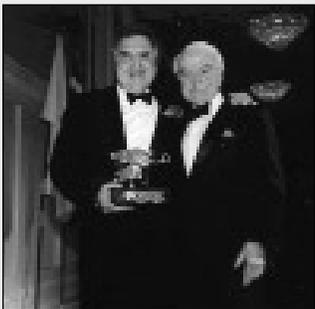
ment and National Public Service Awards Dinner, held at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. Linked by their important career achievements and by their contributions to the Greek American community and to the community at large, the honorees in 2003 included: **Christine M. Warnke, Ph.D.**, humanitarian and community activist; **Charles Moskos**, Professor of Sociology at Northwestern University, and preeminent military and Greek American sociologist; **Demetrios A. Boutris**, California Corporations Commissioner and Special Counsel to the Governor of California; **Ambassador Clay Constantinou (Ret.)**, Dean of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University; and **James N. Gianopulos**, Chairman of Fox Filmed Entertainment and former President of Twentieth Century Fox International. The Master of Ceremonies for the



Charles Moskos is presented his award by Marilyn Rouvelas.



Amb. Clay Constantinou (l) being given his award by Gene Rossides.



AHI honoree James N. Gianopulos (on l) and Jack Valenti.



Upon receiving her award, Christine M. Warnke (center) is congratulated by Virginia Hayes-Williams (on l) and Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson, IV (on r).



AHI honoree Commissioner Demetrios A. Boutris (center) is pictured with Kyriakos Tsakopoulos (l) and the evening's Master of Ceremonies John C. Metaxas (r).

Moskos, Commissioner Boutris and Mr. Gianopulos. Receiving the National Public Service Award were Dr. Warnke and Ambassador Constantinou. Also a major highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award to Mr. Gianopulos by distinguished Motion Picture Association Chairman and CEO **Jack Valenti**. Mr. Valenti paid tribute to the long and rich history of the Greek culture, and praised Mr.

Gianopulos as "one of the great young stars of the Greek American culture today." The honorees were introduced by friends and associates with distinguished records in their own professional fields. AHI's Annual Dinner is an important fundraiser for the organization and it provides the occasion to formally celebrate some of the brightest stars from the Greek American community.

EABC-AHI Breakfast Focuses on Greek EU Presidency

The European-American Business Council (EABC), with AHI as its co-sponsor, hosted a breakfast event on January 29 at the Westin Embassy Row Hotel featuring Greek Ambassador to the U.S. George Savvaides. Ambassador Savvaides discussed the priorities of Greece's Presidency of the European Union (EU) as the country's term in the rotating seat was just commencing.

Farewell Dinner for Ambassador of Cyprus



(l-r): James Marketos, Amb. Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, Gene Rossides and Nick Larigakis

On July 23, AHI bid a warm farewell to departing Cyprus Ambassador to the U.S. Dr. Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis at a dinner held in her honor at the Capitol Hilton Hotel. Ambassador Marcoullis was presented with the AHI Hellenic Heritage and National Public Service Award in recognition of her diligent and successful endeavors to promote a strong and collaborative relationship between Cyprus and the U.S. throughout her tenure in Washington. The keynote speech was delivered by Greek Ambassador to the U.S. George Savvaides, who praised Ambassador Marcoullis' exceptional efforts and her important role in Cyprus's successful accession to the EU, marked by the April 16 Accession Treaty signing ceremony in Athens.

AHI Executive Director Appears as Guest Speaker

On October 26, AHI Executive Director Nick Larigakis appeared as guest speaker for the University of Michigan Modern Greek Studies Program. The lecture was held at St. Nicholas Community Center in Troy, Michigan, with more than 100 people in attendance. The title of Mr. Larigakis' speech was: "Hellenism in America: Why Should We Care?" During his stay in Michigan, Mr. Larigakis was hosted by long time AHI member, Dr. Ted Pantos. C.P. Cavafy Professor of Modern Greek Studies Vassilis Lambropoulos organized the trip, which included a luncheon on October 26, attended by 16 students of the Modern Greek Studies Program in Detroit's famous Greek Town. On Monday, October 27, AHI friends Professor David Weinberg and Effi Weinberg hosted a small reception in honor of Mr. Lar-

igakis at their beautiful home at Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Prior to arriving in Detroit, Mr. Larigakis also visited Chicago, where AHI Advisory Board member and major benefactor, Ted Spyropoulos, organized a fundraising dinner.

AHI Athens Chapter Hosted at U.S. Ambassador's Residence

On November 19, the U.S. Ambassador to Greece Thomas Miller hosted a reception for the AHI Athens Chapter at his residence in Athens, Greece. Over 250 prominent individuals from the political, diplomatic and business sectors in Athens attended the reception, during which time the ambassador spoke on the important contribution of AHI and its efforts to strengthen relations between Greece and the United States.

CAPITOL HILL CONFERENCE ON U.S.-TURKEY RELATIONS



(l-r): Nicholas Chimicles, Nikolas Gvosdev, Kani Xulam and Christopher Hitchens.

On July 8, more than 100 people attended AHI's Capitol Hill conference on "U.S. Relations with Turkey: The New Realities in the Post-Iraq War Era." The conference hosted members of the U.S. Congress and prominent individuals hailing from the foreign policy and journalism fields. The conference keynote speaker was Christopher Hitchens, world renowned columnist, speaker and best-selling author. Morning session speakers included Dr. John Eibner, Director of Human Rights at Christian Solidarity International; Aram Hamparian, Executive Director of the Armenian National Committee; and Kani Xulam, Director of the American Kurdish Information Network. Dr. Ted Galen Carpenter, Vice President of Defense and Foreign Policy Studies at the Cato Institute, was featured as the conference luncheon speaker. The afternoon session was highlighted with speeches from Rep. Robert E. Andrews (D-NJ); Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA); Nikolas Gvosdev, Editor of the online journal *In the National Interest*; Nicholas G. Karambelas, Partner at Sfikas & Karambelas; and AHI General Counsel Gene Rossides. Each of the speakers highlighted the critical turning point that U.S.-Turkey relations have reached as a result of the Iraq war. They urged the United States to take into consideration Turkey's refusal to help the U.S. in the Iraq war, and to change current policy toward Turkey.

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



Dr. John Brademas, President Emeritus of New York University, speaking at the Luncheon.

The American Hellenic Institute Foundation's (AHIF) second annual conference on "The Future of Hellenism in America" addressed a number of important themes, challenges and crises facing the Greek American community today. The conference, which took place October 18 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, featured prominent speakers from academia, journalism and the private sector who identified key challenges facing the Greek American community today. The conference presenters also called for more active engagement of Greek Americans in the community.

The speakers included: Dr. Dan Georgakas, Director of the Greek American Studies Project at the Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies at Queens College; John Metaxas, Esq., Producer at CNBC; Aristotelis A. Chronis, Esq., Business Development Director of Special Counsel, Inc. and co-founder of DC Greeks.com; Gene Rossides, President of the American Hellenic Institute Foundation; and Emmanuel "Manny" Rouvelas, Esq., Chairman of Preston Gates Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds LLP. The panel was chaired by James Marketos, Esq., Chairman of the American Hellenic Institute. The conference concluded with a luncheon address by Dr. John Brademas, President Emeritus at New York University.



(l-r): John Metaxas, James Marketos, Dr. Dan Georgakas, Aristotelis Chronis Esq., and Manny Rouvelas Esq.

AHI VISITS TO GREECE, CYPRUS

May 18-31, 2002

AHI leadership participated in its annual trip to Greece and Cyprus, holding substantive talks with government officials, businessmen and academics in both countries. During the Cyprus portion of the trip, the delegation was comprised of AHI founder and General Counsel Gene Rossides, AHI Advisory Committee members Kostas Alexakis, Van Coufoudakis and Nick Karambelas, AHI members Gus Andy, Takey Crist, Andreas Pericli, and AHI Executive Director Nick Larigakis. In Athens, the group included Messrs. Rossides, Alexakis, Andy and Larigakis, who were joined by AHI Athens Chapter President Ilias



IN GREECE: The AHI team meets with President of Greece Constandinos Stephanopoulos. (l-r) Dean Lomis, Gus Andy, Nick Larigakis, Christine Warnke, President Stephanopoulos, Gene Rossides, Kostas Alexakis, Panorea Nikolopoulou, Elias Malevitis.

Malevitis, former AHIPAC Chairman Dean Lomis, and AHI members Nora Nikolopoulou and Christine Warnke.

In Cyprus, key meetings were held with a number of high-level government officials, including President of the Republic of Cyprus Tassos Papadopoulos. Also of note, several members of the delegation made a historic trip across the Green Line into Cyprus's northern occupied territory. A dinner was hosted in honor of the delegation by a representative of the Central Bank of Cyprus, and Mr. Rossides and Dr. Coufoudakis participated in a roundtable discussion on Cyprus in a post-EU enlargement and post-Iraq war context at Intercollege, among other agenda items.



IN GREECE: Deputy Foreign Minister Ioannis Magriotis meets with the AHI delegation.



IN GREECE: The AHI delegation pictured with Nea Dimokratia party leader Constantinos Karamanlis.



IN GREECE: The AHI delegation met with His Eminence Archbishop of Athens and all Greece Christodoulos.



IN CYPRUS: The AHI delegation visited major AHI benefactor George Paraskevides.



The AHI team meets with Mayor of Athens Dora Bakoyianni. (l-r) Kostas Alexakis, Dean Lomis, Gene Rossides, Dora Bakoyianni.



IN CYPRUS: Nick Larigakis (on left) and Gene Rossides discuss current trends in Cyprus with President of the Republic of Cyprus Tassos Papadopoulos (on right).

The delegation continued its trip in Athens, where meetings were held with prominent government and industry officials, including most notably with the President of the Hellenic Republic Constandinos Stephanopoulos, with His Eminence Archbishop of Athens and All Greece Christodoulos, and with the Hellenic Parliament's Bipartisan Committee for Greeks Abroad to discuss U.S.-Greece relations and other related issues. A well-attended reception celebrating the delegation's visit, sponsored by the AHI Athens Chapter, concluded a productive, high-level visit.

November 29-December 6, 2002



(l-r): Mr. George Stathopoulos, Athens Attorney; the Honorable Grigoris Niotis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament; Ms. Demetra Egan, Manager of Recruitment and Retention of Volunteers for the 2004 Athens Olympics; and AHI Executive Director Nick Larigakis.

AHI Executive Director Nick Larigakis, accompanied by AHI Advisory Board member and legal counsel Nick Karambelas, completed his annual winter trip to Greece. Mr. Larigakis again met with many Greek government officials and business leaders, 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.

On the occasion of Mr. Larigakis' trip to Greece, the AHI Athens Chapter hosted a reception on December 1 at the Athens Plaza Hotel, where Dr. Stratos Safioleas, Athens 2004 International Media Relations Manager, spoke on "The International Press and the Athens 2004 Olympic Games." Over 100 people



Guests at the AHI Athens Reception.

attended the event from the Greek government, political, business and media sectors. In addition, an art exhibit was displayed with an Olympic Games theme.

Of note, Messrs. Larigakis and Karambelas met with Athens' Mayor Dora Bakoyianni, representatives from the Athens 2004 Olympic Committee, members of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and leaders from the political, media and business sectors. At the U.S. Embassy in Greece, Messrs. Larigakis and Karambelas were hosted by Ambassador Thomas Miller to discuss issues concerning the Olympic Games, and issues of mutual cooperation between the U.S. and the Greek American community.

CONGRESSIONAL SALUTE TO GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY



Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) pictured with children from St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church (Falls Church, VA).

On March 26, 2003, AHI hosted its annual "Congressional Salute to Greek Independence Day" on Capitol Hill to celebrate the 182nd Anniversary of Greek Independence and the common democratic ideals held by Greece and the United States. The event was held in cooperation with the Congressional Hellenic Caucus's co-sponsors, Representative Michael Bilirakis (FL, 9th Dist.) and Representative Carolyn Maloney (NY, 14th Dist.).

Ambassador of Greece George Savvaides and Ambassador of Cyprus Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis offered their remarks regarding the impact of Greece's struggle for independence. Members of Congress attending the reception and addressing the audience included (in order of appearance): Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Rep. Charles Norwood (R-GA), Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Rep. Rush Holt (D-NJ), Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD), Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ), Rep. James Langevin (D-RI), and Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY). Also attending the reception was U.S. Special Coordinator for Cyprus Ambassador Thomas G. Weston.

Each of the speakers emphasized their admiration for the Hellenic culture and for the valiant and inspiring struggle for Greek independence, achieved nearly 200 years ago. They also expressed disappointment in the failure of U.N.-sponsored reunification talks, but reaffirmed their commitment to finding



Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) (center) greets Greek Ambassador to the U.S. George Savvaides as Ambassador Thomas Weston looks on (far left).



Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) pictured with children from St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church (Falls Church, VA).



Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD).

a just and permanent solution to the Cyprus problem based on U.N. resolutions and democratic principles.

AHI MEDIA RELATIONS

In 2003, AHI issued 67 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 that appeared in their publications. AHI representatives were also interviewed for a variety of national and international radio and television broadcasts. Media outreach efforts and subsequent coverage of AHI increased awareness of the Greek American policy agenda as expressed by AHI.

Media coverage received by AHI included:

Common Ground Radio

During the week of January 7, a program about the Greek American community that was aired on Common Ground Radio's weekly "World Affairs Program" included interviews of AHI's Gene Rossides and recent AHI Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award recipient and leading military and Greek American sociologist Charles Moskos. Both men spoke on the origins and influence of the Greek American lobby in U.S. politics.

Then during the week of January 14, Common Ground aired a segment on the Cyprus problem, featuring an interview of Nick Karambelas, AHI Advisory Committee member. Also interviewed for the program was Cyprus Ambassador Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis.

MEGA and ERT Coverage in Greece

In late March, AHI founder Gene Rossides was interviewed for television news programs on ERT and MEGA channels, regarding Richard N. Perle's resignation as Chairman of the Defense Policy Board at the Pentagon. Mr. Rossides' interview for MEGA TV appeared on the news program "Oi Fakeloi," hosted by journalist Alexis Papahelas, and was rebroadcast several times on other programs as well. The interview for ERT TV was conducted by journalist Pavlos Tsimas.

MEGA and Simerini Coverage in Cyprus

During AHI's May 18-31 delegation trip to Greece and Cyprus, Gene Rossides was interviewed for MEGA TV by Andreas Hadjikyriakos, and also by Yannis Charalambides of the newspaper *Simerini*.

ERT Television in Greece

In June, Gene Rossides was interviewed by Greek television journalist Fanis Papatthanassiou for ERT, Greece's national television station. Mr. Rossides spoke on U.S.-Greece relations, the Cyprus issue and the Greek Prime Minister's visit to Washington, D.C. who was in town on the occasion of the Greek Presidency of the European Union.

The New York Times

AHI Executive Director Nick Larigakis was quoted in a *New York Times* article titled, "An Ancient City is Sprucing Itself Up." The article ran on August 12 in the Business Travel section, a weekly feature about places to stay, eat and visit in leading business destinations throughout the world. Writer Tanya Mohn cited the Athenian attractions and the progress that Athens has made in preparation for the 2004 Olympic Games.

The National Herald

An op-ed article by Gene Rossides appeared in *The National Herald* on November 22. The article, titled "You Can Make a Difference," called on Greek Americans to increase their involvement in the political process, especially as it relates to voicing opposition regarding military and economic aid to Turkey. A second op-ed by Mr. Rossides, titled "U.S. Double Standard Towards Turkey Harms U.S. Interests," also ran in *The National Herald* on December 6. The op-ed notes that the U.S. has applied a double standard to Turkey for decades on aggression, the rule of law, human rights, democracy and sanctions, all to the serious detriment of U.S. interests worldwide, including our efforts to build democratic institutions in Iraq.

Letters to the Editor

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

FOX Television

On September 5, AHI General Counsel Gene Rossides appeared on the 10 o'clock evening news on KMPH, the FOX affiliate station in Fresno, California. Mr. Rossides spoke on the occasion of the 48th anniversary of the destruction of the

Greek Orthodox Christian community in Istanbul. Mr. Rossides called for the establishment of an investigation unit within the Department of Justice that will address the issue of compensation to the victims of this tragedy and their heirs.

THE AHI BUSINESS NETWORK

AHI continued to host business networking events around the country in 2003. These events, designed to promote business associations among AHI members, their guests and other interested participants, included the following:

Alexis Christoforou of CBS Marketwatch Featured at AHI Networking Reception at New York's Harvard Club



(l-r): Ms. Rita Cosby of Fox, Ms. Alexis Christoforou of CBS MarketWatch, Mr. Nick Larigakis, Executive Director of AHI, Ms. Theodora Klissas of NBC and Mr. John Metaxas of MSNBC.

Alexis Christoforou, anchor of CBS Marketwatch and reporter for CBS News, was the featured speaker at an AHI Business Network reception at Manhattan's Harvard Club on September 18. Ms. Christoforou cited her Greek Cypriot and Italian American background as a source of inspiration in her career path. Other prominent members of the news media present at the event were John Metaxas of MSNBC, Dorie Klissas of NBC, and Fox's Rita Cosby.

George Stephanopoulos Luncheon

On June 25, George Stephanopoulos, anchor of ABC's Sunday morning program "*This Week*" and former senior advisor to President Clinton, spoke at an AHI Business Network Luncheon. Mr. Stephanopoulos gave an off-the-record discussion of his experiences in the fields of politics, foreign affairs and journalism. He also provided insightful comments on a broad range of foreign and domestic policy issues, including U.S.-Greece relations, the war in Iraq, the Cyprus issue, U.S. policy in the Middle East, and U.S.-Turkish relations.



George Stephanopoulos speaking at the AHI Business Network Luncheon.

Luncheon Highlights Real Estate Trends

On May 14, AHI's Business Network luncheon featured Demetri Koutrouvelis, Associate Director at Julien J. Studley,

Inc. and AHI member, to discuss "Commercial Real Estate Trends: Which Way from Here?" Mr. Koutrouvelis assessed the current outlook for commercial real estate throughout the country, with an emphasis on the D.C. metropolitan region.

Van Coufoudakis Appointed President of AHI Cyprus Chapter

On October 23, AHI announced the appointment of AHI Advisory Board member and long-time supporter Professor Van Coufoudakis as president of the AHI Cyprus Chapter.

AHI Kicks Off Regular Informal Networking Events

On November 5, AHI inaugurated its monthly D.C. Business Networking Informal "1st Wednesday of the Month Group" at Ozio's Bar and Lounge, kindly offered by proprietor and AHI member George Christacos. This first event welcomed special guest Larry Michael, Vice President of Sports Westwood One / CBS Radio Sports and Host of the Washington Redskins Pre and Post Game Radio Shows.

"How to Invest in This Stock Market"

On November 21, an AHI Business Network Luncheon featured Vice President of Washington Securities Corp., Ms. Stacy Eliades Sample, who gave a presentation on "How to Invest in this Stock Market" at the Capitol Hilton Hotel. Ms. Sample described the landscape of the current investment environment, and provided valuable

insights to investing in stocks and mutual funds. Stacy Eliades Sample is a Principal & Senior Vice President of Washington Securities Corp., a local brokerage securities firm.

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. **The year 2003 marked the year in which the Hellenic House mortgage was paid off.** Reaching this target has freed up key financial resources which can now be used to directly assist in AHI's various efforts that support its policy agenda and the many programs and events that the organization sponsors throughout the year.

On June 14, AHI long-term supporters Dr. Vasilis and Mrs. Theresa Papademetriou hosted an AHI fundraiser at their home in Potomac, Maryland. More than 100 members and friends attended the event, which raised over \$____ for the organization.

And on November 1, AHI Philadelphia-area members and friends attended a reception in support of AHI. The reception was hosted at the home of AHIPAC Chairman and long time supporter Nich-

olas Chimicles and his wife Kathleen in Devon, Pennsylvania. Special guest speaker was Dorie Klissas, producer at NBC's "Today Show," who spoke on the topic of "Inside the 2004 Athens Olympics with NBC."

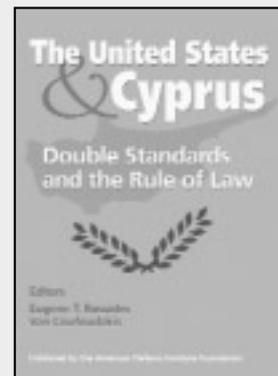


(l-r) AHI Executive Director, Mr. Nick Larigakis; CEO of Euclid Financial Group Mr. Andrea Pericli; Col. (Ret.) Andonios Neroulis, President of AHI New York Chapter; and special guest speaker Alexis Christoforou of CBS MarketWatch.

AHIF PUBLICATIONS

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

The timely publication on *The United States & Cyprus: Double Standards and the Rule of Law*, with editors Eugene T. Rossides and Van Coufoudakis, was officially released in January 2003 by the American Hellenic Institute Foundation (AHIF). The publication, with over 50 speeches delivered at five conferences sponsored by AHI from 1988 to 1999, as well as submitted articles, contains the most comprehensive and relevant set of papers on the Cyprus problem published to date. Included are important statements from U.S. officials, Members of Congress, academics and others.



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: 1974-2002

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.

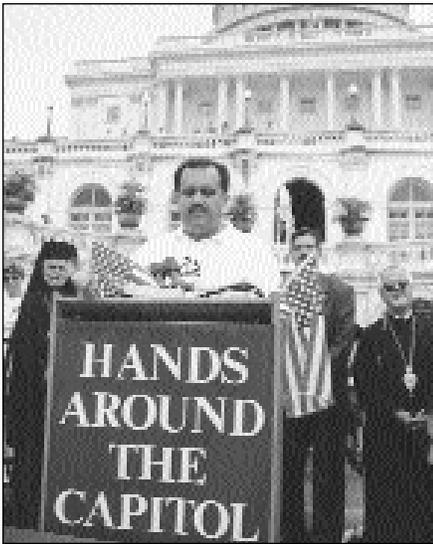
Also in December 1974, AHI initiated the proposal for \$25,000,000 in humanitarian aid for Cyprus, which was adopted by our friends in Congress. As a result of that

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 delivers testimony before the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations.

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-Laconian 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 proposals. 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 35 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 AHF Business Network event.

AHI BUSINESS NETWORK

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

TRADE CONFERENCES

AHF 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 AHF's program is to strengthen business ties between the U.S. and Greece and the U.S. and Cyprus. The annual AHF 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



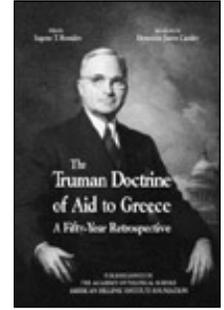
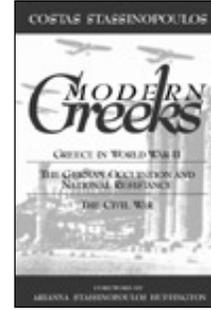
Ambassador Nicholas Burns.

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

AHF 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

AHF has developed an active publication program. In 1998 AHF 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 AHF's most recent publication—*The United States & Cyprus: Double Standards and the Rule of Law*, with editors Eugene T. Rossides and Van Coufoudakis. 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

AHF has hosted a number of receptions, luncheons, dinners and briefings for



President of Greek Parliament Apostolos Kaklamanis (center) discusses key issues with AHI leadership.

visiting dignitaries from throughout the United States, Greece and Cyprus in 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.



(l-r) Adam Kutrumbos, Greek Ambassador to the U.S. George Sawaides, Sotirios Kospanos.



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.

In 1994, Ted G. Spyropoulos, President 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 Congressional 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 exceeded our expectations.

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