

(COMMITTEE) OF DASHNAKTSUTUN PARY

It is reported that Geneva hosted a congress of Dashnaktsutun party from the end of September to October 15th 1913. The congress completed untimely because the participants had to attend a funeral ceremony of Semen ZAVARYAN in Constantinople.

The delegates were: 1) from Russia: bourgeois Libarik AVEDISYAN from Aleksandropole (age 32-33, tall brunet with small sheared beard), Levoy ARAKELYANTZ from Tiflis (age 30, short brown-haired person, light moustaches, no beard, wore beard in Russia; his father is from Erivani) and ZORYANZ; 2) from Turkey - Vagan PAPAZYAN, Aram VRANYAN, Arutun SHARIKYAN and Artash AZARYAN; 3) from Persia - MESPOPYAN and HANADYAN; 4) from USA - AGNUNI (Hachatur MALUMYAN). The delegate from Balcans (ROMANIA and BULGARIA) was not identified. The congress adopted the following decisions: 1) to form an alliance with the Ittigad party; 2) to have 4 Dashnakist deputies in the Ottoman Parliament; 3) to employ the party members in police and court authorities in the Turkish Armenia; 4) to monitor political activities in vilayets upon completion of reforms in Minor Asia and its division into 6 vilayets; 5) to allow for conduction of annual elections by members of central committees of Turkey and Persia without the bureau's consent; 6) to oblige all central committees to submit their reports on incomes and expenditures of party amounts on annual basis; 7) to deprive central committees of their right to use terror without the bureau's consent; 8) to establish that partial strikes might be announced by committees, while general strikes - at instruction of the bureau only; 9) to oblige the central committees to submit lists of weapons at disposal of the central committees with specification of amounts in storehouses and on hand, to the bureau; 10) to re-elect members of central and oblast committees and heads of terrorist organizations; 11) further to the agreement with Gnchak party, to work on the organization of self-defense and encouragement of reforms in Turkish Armenia; 12) in order to prevent the Russian government, which encourages the reforms, from discontent against Armenians - to not take any actions targeted against Russia, neither independently nor jointly with the socialist revolutionary party, but provide them and "labor unions" with assistance during strikes; 13) to transfer all zinvors from the Caucasus to the Turkish Armenia; 14) before accomplishment of reforms in the Turkish Armenia, to closely monitor political life in Russia, in which connection the party authorities shall conduct their activities in the most secret way; 15) for the purpose, mentioned in paragraph 12, to influence Russian parties of socialist-revolutionists, social democrats and anarchists, so that they would not organize terrorist acts against HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY; 16) to send trustees to the Caucasus under the plea of pan-Islamist emissaries who by means of propaganda would raise the Moslem population against Russia and excite rebellion, which will result in repressions by the Russian government with subsequent weakening of Moslem masses - Dashnaktsutun will not therefore face Moslem resistance in its future activities in the Caucasus; besides it will prevent the danger of allied activities against Armenia by Caucasian Moslems and Turks in Anatolia; 17) to open schools in Russia, Turkey, Persia and America to teach children, of whom many do not know reading, writing and speaking in their native language. The initiative in paragraph 16 was offered by Avetis AGARONYAN.

Reporting the above to Your Majesty, I kindly offer to pay serious attention to the congress resolution described in paragraph 16 and for this purpose strengthen the control over pan-Islamist movement, and monitor the arrival of emissaries to the Caucasus.

Keep me updated on the developments.

Lieutenant colonel (signed LEONTYEV).

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