UCR: Ban of opposition party is 'illegal'

The Armenian government has shut down all opposition newspapers, according to information received by telephone from Yerevan on Jan. 10. The actions followed President Levon Ter-Petrossian's suspension by decree of the opposition Dashnak group, accusing it of murder and drug trafficking. The government presented no evidence of the charges.

Members of the Union of Constitutional Law, whose offices are in the building where Dashnak is headquartered, still have been unable to gain access to the premises and their belongings.

The following statement from the Presidium of the Union of Constitutional Law, dated Jan. 5, was received by fax from Armenia, by EIRNA in Germany, and signed by UCR chairman, Deputy of the Supreme Council [Parliament] of the Republic of Armenia, H. Kachatrian.

The 28 December 1994 illegal ukase of the President of Armenia on the temporary suspension of the activity of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation party (Dashnakt-sutyun) has once and for all established in Armenia a dictatorship by the administration of Levon Ter-Petrossian. The ruling clique which usurped power has concentrated in its hands both legislative and executive, as well as judicial power. Without a court decision, the Armenian Revolutionary Front was hastily held responsible for the murder of A. Galstyan [former KGB head]. This brings to mind the murder of Kirov, which laid the basis for the unleashing of the mass persecutions of 1937.

The President's illegal ukase has also indirectly been extended to the activity of the Union of Constitutional Law. Since Dec. 29, 1994, the Ministry of Internal Affairs has illegally closed the offices of the Union of Constitutional Law, seized documents and property of the Union,

held up publication of the UCL newspaper Iravunk (Law), and infringed upon the activity of the deputies of the Supreme Council [national Parliament] and the Yerevan City Council, who represent the Union in those bodies. Even oral and written requests from the chief procurator of the republic about the cessation of twanty.



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about the cessation of tyranny in respect to these organizations have produced no results.

The persecution of the political opposition before elections to the Supreme Council has the purpose of implementing a long-planned program to keep power in the hands of the ruling clique to the end of the century. Already in 1991, V. Saradegian (Minister of Internal Affairs) announced that the Armenian National Movement would actually establish a dictatorship to retain power. Levon Ter-Petrossian repeated that same idea on Nov. 26, 1994 at the Congress of the ANM.

The holding of power by means of prosecuting the opposition and establishment of a dictatorship has as an aim not only the perpetuation of the economic power of the ruling clique by theft—the 'privatization' and 'utilization' of expected large credits, but also the realization of the programs of international financial-political circles. The most dangerous points of this program are the theses about the surrender of Artsakh [Nagorno-Karabakh] to Azerbaijan and the destruction of Armenia's economy.

The President of Armenia by his illegal steps has taken the political struggle in Armenia outside the framework of the constitution and crossed over into the domain of unlawful, anti-democratic, totalitarian, dangerous relations.

In this fateful moment the Union Constitutional Law summons the Armenian people to rally around nationaldemocratic forces for prevention of an anti-national dictatorship in Armenia.

Today we are ruled by our own stupidity. The essential thing we have to do, taking a Socratic view of our own ignorance, which was called in Latin by Nicolaus of Cusa *De Docta Ignorantia*, apply that method of criticism to perception of our own idiocies and to assist our friends from other countries in discovering their idiocies, which is a very friendly thing to do. They may object to it, but it helps them in the long run. We must cease to be victims of this cultural system which has taken over the planet and is centered on the British monarchy. In the process, we find that what the British monarchy represents, is collapsing. The House of Windsor is

falling, like the House of Usher. It's finished. Nothing can be done to save the British monarchy, it is doomed.

The only question is this: The *Titanic* is sinking into the Atlantic; are you going to stay on it, or get off? Are you going to free yourself from clinging to faith in those institutions and free yourself from going down with the *Titanic*? That depends whether you can convince people that the *Titanic* is sinking. If they think it is, they may get off.

But today, they still say, "Oh, no, the *Titanic* cannot be sunk!"

"Really, what are your facts?"

"Oh, don't you know? It's unsinkable! We have to find solutions within the existing system."

As long as people believe that, they're doomed. "Lemon" County typifies the breakdown. There is no way the reform faction in Russia, which was started under Gorbachov, can go on. The KGB learned to get their new source of income as thieves, by selling Russian state property at bargain prices to George Soros, and getting a commission from him in return.

The political limits of the reform policy, which is nothing but being looted by foreigners, are being reached. The traitors of Russia, the implementers of reform, are facing very dangerous times. They may start shooting one another. The question is, are they going to go down in a new orgy of blood, or in a new dictatorship? Or, are the Russians going to make a revolution against their own folly, which allowed them to believe this system should be tolerated?

Essentially, we have to mobilize people around the fact that their confidence in these existing shibboleths is being shattered by the failure of the shibboleths themselves. We should not try to explain it to them in terms of what they believe the problem to be; we have to tell them the reason is that the people of our nation, and of other nations, have been stupid. "What do you mean?" "Yes, the policies that our nation has, what their version of Russian history, or Polish history, or something else, is, is stupid." As long as they cling

to these national beliefs, they are going to be manipulated in the same way. And they will either go to hell in some violent eruption of rage, or they will drift there.

We have to say: Are you willing to free yourselves from the chains of your own induced delusions? Do you care for freedom and survival enough to get rid of these silly ideas, which are considered popular? If we can do that, then we can unite our forces, so that instead of individual nations being victimized by international forces, we can begin to gang up on them.

Because of the possibilities represented by the conflict between the world's leading superpower and London, we have reached the point that that conflict becomes the key to producing an option for the entire world, under these conditions. Therefore, any nation that lines up with London against Clinton, is betraying itself. Not because Clinton is a great hero, but because this is the historically determined opportunity to get free of that which has been destroying us for a century. If we can invoke a new patriotism, in a fraternal spirit, around the principle of the nation-state—that everyone must have a sovereign nation-state—then we must help one another to find those policies which will bring about their survival. If we can unite on that basis, we will win; and we can do that here today, or here tomorrow; and if we can continue, we will find much better ways of doing things than doing nothing, or simply going on the old way.

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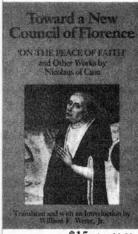


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