

We, the “Concerned People To Set The Record Straight,” or “CPTSTRS” for short, have been addressing many fabrications that Diaspora Armenians have been resorting to for close to a hundred years precisely because they could not come up with a real proof for their claim of the so-called “Armenian Genocide.” If there had been such an act, it certainly would have been proven by now by solid evidence, and not convoluted into circumstantial stories. We urge you to visit our website www.cptstrs.org where you can see nine other brochures we have put out on “Armenian Fabrications”:

01. “CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS?” about plagiarizing a Russian oil canvas painted back in 1871-1872 showing a pyramid of skulls and claiming them to be that of Armenians;
02. “NOW IMAGINE THAT...” showing how an Armenian organization doctored up a photo of Atatürk in a most vitriolic manner;
03. “HITLER SAID... BUT WHAT?” showing forged documents about what Hitler is purported to have said;
04. “NOW CONSIDER THIS...” showing another doctored up photo of an individual dressed up as an Ottoman Official tantalizing what are supposed to be starving Armenians;
05. “GENOCIDE? YOU DECIDE” based on United Nations legal definition and the findings of various scholars and historians;
06. “NUMBERS GAME???” showing how the Armenians have been upping the ante from year to year in the number of Armenians killed;
07. “TURKISH DIPLOMATS/FAMILIES MURDERED IN RECENT TIMES BY ARMENIAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS;” numbering 42 individuals.
08. “THE THREE PILLARS (CRUMBLING)” showing the three tenets of Armenian claims no longer holding water;
09. “HENRY MORGENTHAU, SR., WAS HE, OR WASN’T HE?” showing who Ambassador Morgenthau really was.

Unfortunately, these fabrications form, either impliedly or explicitly, the genesis of some U.S. Congressional Resolutions, including the HR-252. In the Morgenthau brochure cited above, for example, we show that his book Ambassador Morgenthau’s Story is not really his own book, but only ghost-written for him by journalist Burton J. Hendrick who received a share of the royalties.⁸ It was written to galvanize the American public opinion to go to war against Germany and Ottoman Empire which extended to Palestine and beyond. But the “book is a fictionalized account woven around real events and real characters in such a manner as to give it the gloss of factual history.”⁹ And yet, it is an open secret that the Armenians have been using his book as a “Bible” in framing the Turks as perpetrators of genocide, and what’s more, that claim has found its way into the HR-252 as Articles (9) and (10), which does not speak too well of our law-makers. We can help change that image. Please visit also www.armenians-1915.blogspot.com and www.cptstrs.org to learn more.

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ARMENIAN. FABRICATIONS

GENESIS OF FALSE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTIONS

Unless you are new to the subject matter (to be explained further below), you already know that just about every year in April there is an “Armenian Resolution” in the works in the halls of the U.S. Congress, but which invariably comes to naught. That is, the resolution may pass this committee or that, but never is brought up to the floor of the House for a vote- and for a good reason: the resolution is supposed to condemn Turkey for something which it never did. So, how can one vote for something that never happened? What’s more, what they claim to have happened (as explained below) are based on proven fabrications, but what is more disturbing is that these fabrications have found their way into the U. S. Congressional records in a rather cursory fashion, based on hearsay, etc., which, in the final analysis, come short of being voted for on the floor any way. The question then arises as to why this never-ending tirade every year for decades now? Why put these two friendly nations, Turkey and the U.S. at loggerheads for naught? Perhaps it is a good revenue raising enterprise for the heads of some organizations, and politicians thereof, but we will not speculate any further here. However, what we, as a group called, “Concerned People to Set the Record Straight,” will do here is to help set the record straight by way of showing the genesis of some of the false claims in the latest House Resolution 252 (see side bar).

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H.Res.252 - Affirmation of the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide Resolution

Calling upon the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide, and for other purposes.

For decades now, the Armenian Diaspora in the United States has been lobbying relentlessly to pass "Armenian Resolutions" in the U.S. Congress, all in vein to condemn Turkey of a so-called "Armenian Genocide" for the events that took place around the time of the First World War when the Ottoman Empire was being torn apart from within and without. For example, although House Resolution (HR)-252 entitled "Affirmation of the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide Resolution," passed the House Foreign Relations Committee by one vote (23-22) on 4 March 2010, it never was brought to the House Floor for a vote. A primary reason for this can be traced to the arguments posited by many scholars that the evidence so far available argued against genocide and pointed to "serious inter-communal warfare."¹ In fact, Armenians were the first ones to start atrocities behind the backs of the Turks while collaborating with the Russians whom the Turks were fighting. Even the United Nations stated its position on the Armenian Allegation of Genocide by unequivocally confirming that the U. N. did not "approve or endorse" a report labeling the Armenian experiences as genocide.²

As examples of falsities that have crept up even into the congressional halls of the United States, let us now examine the fundamental elements of the HR-252, for an unexamined resolution is not worth the paper it is written on:

In Section 2, of HR-252 it is stated in Article (1) that "The House of Representatives finds the following:

(1) The Armenian Genocide was conceived and carried out by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923, resulting in the deportation of nearly 2,000,000 Armenians, of whom 1,500,000 men, women, and children were killed, 500,000 survivors were expelled from their homes, and which succeeded in the elimination of the over 2,500-year presence of Armenians in their historic homeland."

Well then, what about the thousands of Turks and Kurds that were killed at the hands of the Armenian vigilante that were terrorizing all of Anatolia in the first place? Not a word. But first, a word on the "deportations." The Ottoman administration ordered the re-location of Armenian minority to be removed from eastern Anatolia on the grounds that their presence behind the lines posed a danger to Turkish defenses. Wealthy Armenians were allowed to travel south to Ottoman Syria by train or ship, but for the impoverished masses it was columns marching over the mountains in the dead of winter.³

It is inconceivable that the numbers quoted above are being bandied about in 2010, when original documents going as far back as to 1919 and 1922 contradict these numbers in no uncertain terms. The two of them are none other than the US Senate Resolutions passed in 1919⁴ and 1922⁵, where the former gives the Armenian population as 1,293,000 and the latter, as 1,414,000. The New York Times reported on 22 October 1915⁶ the population to be around 1,200,000. It will be appreciated that deporting more than there is, is absurd. Furthermore, Boghos Nubar, Head of the Armenian Delegation in his official memorandum to French Government on 11 December 1918 declared the total number of deportations as 600,000 to 700,000. There are many other documents, including Encyclopedia Britannica (1914) and National Geographic (Oct. 1915) that will corroborate the numbers we are citing here.

As for the presence of Armenians in Turkey, there are thousands of them who live there now in peace and harmony and thousands more Yerevan Armenians from Armenia come and vacation each year. In fact many Yerevan Armenians would differ from Diaspora Armenians on the merits of recent rapprochement between Armenia and Turkey.

We see that the basic tenet of HR-252 is Article (1) cited above. On technical grounds alone, HR-252 can be dismissed at the outset by the false premise that article (1) is based on, namely, the misleading, false and falsified numbers. This is not the first time that the numbers in Article (1) above are being disputed. They have been proven to be baseless by several scholars and historians in many articles and books, and yet introduced into the Congressional records by disinformed politicians. But, let us continue and examine some other articles; take for example article (15):

"(15) As displayed in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Adolf Hitler, on ordering his military commanders to attack Poland without provocation in 1939, dismissed objections by saying '[w]ho, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?' and thus set the stage for the Holocaust."

Or, article (25):

"(25) The United States Holocaust Memorial council, and independent Federal agency, unanimously resolved on April 30, 1981, that the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum would include the Armenian Genocide in the Museum and has since done so."

It is again inconceivable that such a quote, having been proven to be a fabrication many times over⁷, can find its way into a U.S. Congressional Resolution. When a group of us from "Concerned People To Set The Record Straight" went to the Holocaust Museum in April of 2010 and asked a doçent responsible for that display if he and/or museum could prove the quote, he could only attribute it to a journalist which is posted under the quote on the wall. When we pointed out that it was forgery, he could only shrug his shoulders. One then wonders how such a forgery can be cited by the US Congress in repeated Armenian resolutions, and how that purported Hitler's quote can be entered onto the walls of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, thus damaging its credibility in the eyes of millions of people who visit there.

What we have seen so far are blatant falsehoods that are being propagated in the chambers of the U. S. Congress and from there to the people of the United States. There are 30 articles in the HR-252, and while each and every one of them is questionable, they are being promulgated as true in the annals of Congressional Resolutions: not one House Resolution but also in Senate Resolution 316, which is exactly verbatim of HR-252. Furthermore, yesteryears' resolutions also have such copious falsehoods. Space does not permit to go over them one by one here. But no matter, even the politicians are now beginning to do their homework. Whereas these kinds of resolutions used to pass with a margin of 40 votes in House Committees in 2000, for example, they have been dwindling down to 33 in 2005, 6 in 2007 and 1 this year on 4 March 2010 as it passed the House Foreign Relations Committee but not forwarded to the House floor. With your help, Dear Reader, we can put an end to these false, baseless resolutions.