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ROBERT COLLEGE ALUMNI
AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING

Observers in the Near and Middle East and journalists writing upon the subject are all agreed on the fine work being done by the alumni of Robert College, not only in Turkey, but in their own countries

At the United Nations San Francisco Charter Conference in 1945, there were Robert College graduates on the delegations from Turkey, Syria and Iran. The present head of the Turkish delegation to the United Nations is a former student of the College. The success of the work of the EGA in both Turkey and Greece has been greatly aided by Robert College graduates in various capacities.

Because Robert College alumni are all bi-lingual, with some few able to speak as many as four or five languages, they are particularly adaptable to the ideal of One World.

The following are a few of the outstanding examples of Robert College Alumni and their work:--

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OUTSTANDING ROBERT COLLEGE GRADUATES
AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING--

Albania

- Alfred Andoni '40 - The Albanian Voice of the British Broadcasting Corporation, London.
- Vasil Andoni '24 - General Secretary of the Albanian National Front Movement, with headquarters in Rome.
- Macit M. Halil '28 - Formerly secretary in the Press Bureau, at the Prime Ministry, Tirana, Albania. Last reported at Campo Profugil No. 3, Barletta, Italy.
- Taro Quku '30 (M.D. from Univ. of Torino, Italy) - Practiced medicine in Albania until 1940. Now a member of the executive committee of the National Front Movement, Rome.

Greece

- Demetrius Dangus ex '27 - lawyer and Deputy from Piraeus in the Greek Parliament.
- John Enepekides '24 - Economic Counsel, American Embassy, Athens.
- Basil T. Hadjistavrides '29 - Inspector of Shell Company, Ltd., Greece. In charge of Prevez Supply Point and Manager of Eupirus & Ionian Islands.
- Pantelis Kalpaktosoglu ex '21 - Deputy in the Greek Parliament.
- Vasilios Liatsos '24 (Columbia AM '27) - Head of the English Department, the University of Thessalonika.
- Demetrius Pipiliangopoulos ex '22 - Infantry Colonel, Greek Army. Professor at the Military School for the Board Commander, Chalkis.
- Commander Evangelos Roussos '11 - Chief Naval Architect, Piraeus.
- Theoharis Stavrides '28 - The "Voice of America" in Greek from New York.
- George Tchikouras '38 - With the Construction Division of ECA, in Greece, building roads, bridges, airports.
- Demetrius Vassiliades '30 - Senior engineer with the Athens Electrical Company.

Iran

Dr. Regazadi Shafik '18 - Professor of Comparative History of Philosophy and Sociology at the University of Teheran. Iranian delegate to the San Francisco Charter Conference. Accompanied Shah of Iran to the U.S.A. in 1949. Deputy in the Iranian Parliament.

Iraq

Mohammed El-Aradi '50 - Assistant engineer in the municipality of Basrah, Iraq.

Edip El-Jadir '49 - After studying textile manufacture in the U.S.A., he is now working in the Spinning and Weaving Company, Baghdad.

Sadettin El-Sabuncu '50 - Recently returned from study in London. He is now assistant engineer for the municipality of Mosul, Iraq.

Zewar Nashat '37 - With the Iraqi State Railways, Baghdad, Iraq.

Mundhir Qadri '45 - With the Iraqi State Railways, Diwaniyeh, Iraq.

Khayri Said Yahyabek '35 - With the Ministry of Defense, Baghdad, Iraq.

Behnam Zubuni '39 - With the municipality of Baghdad.

TurkeyForeign and Diplomatic Service

Nahid Alpar '31 - one-time teacher at Robert College and now Financial Attache in the Turkish Embassy, Washington, DC.

Izgan Baz '40 - With the Turkish Section of the British Broadcasting Corporation, London.

Ahmet Cemil Conk '30 - For several years Commercial Counselor of the Turkish Embassy, Washington, D. C.

Orhan Eralp '33 - One-time Secretary of the Turkish Embassy in London and later Secretary in the Turkish Embassy, in Washington.

Turgut Erem '32 - One-time Legal Adviser in the Department of Public Instruction and later Turkish Cultural Attache, London.

- Nuzi Eren '34 - One-time Turkish Press Attache in London, later Turkish delegate to the UN General Assembly in Paris (1948) and Westminster Conference, London (1949), is now head of the Turkish Information Office in New York.
- Orhan Erol '11 - Turkish Consul General, Karachi, India.
- Ali Ekrem Gerig '36 - Commercial Counselor, Turkish Embassy, London.
- Turhan Hisim '30 - Formerly with Socony Vacuum, Istanbul, later First Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Ankara, and later Turkish Commercial Attache, London.
- Orhan Katchkinoglu '31 - Former First Secretary, Turkish Embassy, Washington, D. C., later with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara.
- Raid Olgun '32 - One-time Turkish Commercial Attache, Washington, D. C.
- Nejat Sommez '36 - (MA Columbia '37) - Turkish Press Attache, London.
- Muzaffer Yesim ex '17 - One-time Turkish Commercial Attache, New York. Now Turkish Vice-President of Robert College.

Ministry of Public Works

- Vecdi Rifat Diker ex '33 (U. of Missouri) One-time director of Turkish highway construction. During the early years of American Aid, he worked with H. R. Hilts, U. S. Deputy Commissioner of Roads.
- Galip Kardam '28 (MS U. of Illinois '29) - For many years Construction Engineer at the Karabuk Steel Works. Later Director of Construction for the Eregli Coal Mines. Latterly, Inspector of Construction for the Ministry of Public Works.
- Orhan Mersinli '33 - One-time assistant director-general of Turkish Highway Department.
- Melih Oksay '39 - Chief civil engineer for construction of Catalagzi Power Station.

There are also 20 or 30 other Robert College alumni in the Department of Public Works.

Bureau of Mines

Ihsan Berent '27 - Head of Research & Exploitation Department,
of the Bureau of Mines.

United Nations

Haydar Gurk '26 - Former First Secretary of the Turkish Embassy,
Tokyo, now a member of the Turkish Delegation to UN.

Altumur Kiliç '43 - One-time Press Officer in the United Nations
Information Department.

Haluk Ozbudun '44 - In the Secretariat of the Security Council.

Selim Sarper ex '19 - One-time Head of the Turkish Press Bureau,
Ambassador to Russia and Italy, Chief of the Turkish
Delegation to the United Nations since 1947.

Turkish State Monopolies

Hairullah Gurtan '30 - One-time director of the Manufacturing
Department of the Cigarettes and Tobacco Factory.

Omer Yaltkaya '29 - General Manager of all Production Plants
of the Turkish State Monopolies.

Kenan Yalter '27 - One-time head of the Sales Department, now
Acting Director-General of the Turkish State Monopolies.

Military and Naval

Major Emin Dirvana '28 - A graduate of the Turkish Military Acad-
emy, Turkish Cavalry School, and General Staff School,
he has been indispensable to the American Military
Mission in Turkey.

Dr. Mehmet Oksal '43 (PhD Cornell) - Chief of the Armament
Works, Ankara.

Abdulkerim Olcay (MS Univ. of Michigan '45) - Director of the
Electric Factory, Naval Shipyard, Golcuk.

Kenan Suer (MS Stanford Univ. '45) - '43 Military graduate of
RC - Director of the Radar Shop, Naval Shipyard,
Golcuk.

Emrullah Uçkan '43 - Chief of the Engine Repair Shop, Airplane
Factory, Eskeşehir.

Huseyin Yegin '43 - One of chief engineers, Airplane Factory,
Eskeşehir.

There are also a hundred or more Robert College alumni serving as interpreters with the American Military Mission to Turkey.

Voice of America

Ustun Ustundag '44 - On the staff of the Turkish Desk of the Voice of America, New York.

He is one of ten RC graduates in this department.

Other Government Services

Haldun Derin '33 - Private Secretary to former President Ismet Inonu during his term of Office.

Kasim Gulek '26 (PhD Columbia Univ. '31) - For several years Deputy in the Turkish Grand National Assembly, Minister of Public Works, Minister of Communications, Minister of the Interior, President of the UN Commission to Korea (1950), now Secretary-General of the Republican People's Party (chief opposition party), and Turkish delegate to the Council of Europe in June 1951.

Huseyin Kasapoglu '17 - (MS Cornell School of Agriculture) - In the Agricultural Department of the Turkish government. He has done much in the way of introducing new vegetables and plants into Turkey, particularly in adapting the tomato and egg plant to the Ankara area.

Cevat Mimaroglu '35 - Head of the new Turkish Labor Party.

Cevat Ozelsel '28 - Formerly Counselor in Anglo-American Affairs, Ministry of Commerce.

Sedat Dikmen '19 - One-time Deputy in the Grand National Assembly.

Industrial Development Bank of Turkey

Hazim Kayucak '17 - Turkish delegate to the San Francisco Charter Conference (1945), Professor of Economics at the Univ. of Istanbul, Legal Adviser to Socony Vacuum Oil Company, one of the directors, founders, and shareholders of the newly-organized Industrial Development Bank of Turkey.

Unsal Danis '36 - Director of administration, Industrial Devel. Bank.

Hakki Avunduk '32 - One of the founders and shareholders of the Bank.

Bulent Yazici '32 - Formerly Financial Inspector, later Turkish Financial Attache, Washington. Now General-Secretary of the Bank.

Yavus Selek '37 - (MS Columbia School of Business)- Assistant Treasurer of the Bank.

Secony Vacuum Oil Company

Suha Sezgin '29 (NYU '30)-Head of Purchases and Supplies Dept. Is also President of the Alumni Association of the Istanbul American Colleges.

The majority of local people in key posts in this company are alumni of Robert College.

Transportation

Kutsi Bogdes '38 (U. of Chicago '44) - One-time Secretary of the Building and Credit Bank of Istanbul, now Director of Antag (the company which provides passenger and freight services throughout Turkey.)

Education

Nicolas Hrisafopoulos '40 - Formerly in charge of field engineering at the new Istanbul Airport, he was among the first Fulbright Scholars appointed to study in the USA.

Nusret Koymen '26 (U. of Wisconsin '37)- One of the leading authorities in Turkey on regional planning on which he has written several books. Organizer and editor of a magazine on rural sociology. Was in the USA and Mexico on a Rockefeller Fellowship, studying conditions in rural areas. Now on the Faculty of Robert College.

Yusuf Mardin '36 - One-time Deputy in the Grand National Assembly. Former General Secretary of the Bosphorus Boat Company, and Turkish Secretary of Robert College. Is also the translator of Shakespearean plays for the Ministry of Public Instruction. Now teaching in the Marif College in Ankara. (This is one of the first Turkish schools in which the instruction has been in English).

Celal Sarg ex '18 - For several years Professor and Dean of the Economics Faculty of the Univ. of Istanbul. One-time Rector of the University of Istanbul.

The United States of Americas

Kerim Kamil Key '32 (PhD American Univ., Washington '50)- Now in the Middle East Division of the State Department. Married.

*These are foreign-born but have established themselves in the USA.

Vahram Miskjian '27 - Formerly with the Baldwin Locomotive company, he is now with the Glenn Martin Aircraft Corp.

Serge Semenenko '24 - (Harvard Business School)-One of four senior vice presidents of the First National Bank of Boston. He is concerned mostly with big loans to the Hollywood moving picture studios.

Mehmet Simsar '21 (PhD. from NYU and the Univ. of Pennsylvania)- With the U. S. State Department's Motion Picture Division, with offices in New York City.

Dr. Diran H. Tomboulian '23 - prominent U. S. Physicist and Professor of Physics at Cornell University.

Simeon Tourshou '28 - With RCA working on the development and design of television receivers.

Dr. Michael M. Dorizas '07 - Voted at one time the most popular professor of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, where he is a Professor of Political and Economic Geography. One-time member of the Greek Olympic Team and amateur wrestling champion of the U.S.A.

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