

Angelides: Beware of Nazism in Greece

Ex-CA Treasurer
Raising Awareness
About Golden Dawn

By Constantinos E. Scaros

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – The words “Golden Dawn” do not mean nearly as much to Greeks in the United States as they do to their counterparts who live in Greece, but one prominent Greek-American in particular – former California State Treasurer and 2006 Democratic gubernatorial candidate Phil Angelides – has actively sought to make Americans – Greek and non-Greek alike – aware of the rise of that political party, which he deems “a matter of great concern not only to Greece, but also to Europe and the United States.”

So is Golden Dawn, which proclaims itself to be a pro-Greece patriotic party, really Neo-Nazi and a criminal organization? “The Greek government has rightly identified Golden Dawn as a ‘criminal organization,’ and this neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic, anti-immigrant entity has no place in the democratic affairs of Greece or the European Union,” Angelides told TNH. “It is tragic that Golden Dawn has become a dangerous, destabilizing force in Greece – the birthplace of democracy and a nation that fiercely resisted Nazi aggression and suffered terribly under a brutal occupation. Golden Dawn’s rise is a reminder that the forces of hate, which prey on economic desperation, are a constant threat that must be confronted and repelled without reservation or hesita-

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Ambassador Visits Gage’s Home Village

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LIA, GREECE – The U.S. Ambassador to Greece, David Pearce, honored renowned author Nicholas Gage with a visit to his home village of Lia in Greece.

Each year, Gage holds a memorial service to honor the death of his mother Eleni, who was executed by communist guerillas in 1948. As Gage described the event at a previous memorial: “My mother, Eleni Gatzoyianni, and four other Liotes – Alexandra Gatzoyianni, Vasilis Nikou, Spyros Mihopoulos and Andreas Mihopoulos,

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Cyprus President Anastasiades Nixes Two-State Solution



EUROKINISSI

Close Encounters of the 4th Century, BC

Prime Minister Antonis Samaras made a special visit to Anthipolis to inspect a tomb that archeologists discovered, believed to be from around the time of Alexander the Great’s reign. He called the discovery “clearly extremely important.” See story on page 12.

He Declares to TNH: “We Must Prevent A Permanent Division at All Costs”

By George Georgiou

NICOSIA – Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades, in an interview with The National Herald on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Turkish invasion, emphatically declared that there is no Plan B, i.e., a two-state solution, for Cyprus.

The European Union, of which Cyprus is a member, the United States, and the international community at large, Anastasiades said, does not support a two-state solution in Cyprus.

Anastasiades referred to efforts to remedy the deadlock in talks for a Cyprus settlement, confidence-building measures aimed at creating a new dynamic from which on the one hand can achieve a win-win scenario and on the other something from which all parties can benefit (win-win scenario), and for the negotiation process to receive a new impetus.

President Anastasiades also emphasized that Turkey is not the only player on the Cyprus problem chessboard, but it is the key, and that the Turkish-

Cypriot community is not politically monolithic with regards to the problems and solutions.

MEMORIES OF THE INVASION

TNH: Tell us also about those tragic days of the invasion, and how did you learn about it?

NA: I learned about the invasion just like everyone else did. It was a traumatic experience for all of us, for every Greek Cypriot, no matter where they were and what ideology they believed. It was a dark time for all of us who remember, and we remain hopeful that our land and our people never experience anything like that again. What matters is not only the tangible data, such as the number of dead and missing persons, refugees, and loss of property, but that all of that taken together overturned a history on the island that had been built upon many centuries.

The expulsion of the Greek population from the occupied part of Cyprus, the relocation of all Turkish Cypriots to the North and an organized colonization

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Demoulas Family Feud Threatens Grocery Chain

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BOSTON, MA – Almost 100 years since the Demoulas Family of Lowell, MA opened a tiny grocery specializing in lamb that has blossomed in 71 stores across New England, a bitter battle between cousins of the late former owners for control – or sale – of the operation could bring it to an end.

In 1916, Greek immigrants Athanasios (“Arthur”) and Efrosini Demoulas opened the first store and in 1954 they sold it to two of their six children,

Telemachus “Mike” Demoulas and his brother George.

With market savvy and cheap prices, the Brothers Demoulas within 15 years had 15 stores under their family name. Today, it operates as the Market Basket chain but George’s son Arthur S. and Mike’s son Arthur T. have squabbled over the business’ future.

Six years ago, Arthur T. was elected President by the Board of Directors of the Corporation but was summarily fired on June 23 by the board and the next day said he and his family

were making an offer to buy company shares they didn’t already control from Arthur S. and his family.

What the company didn’t count on – and which garnered international media attention – was the unrelenting loyalty Arthur T. had from employees happy he had provided strong benefits, including profit sharing and scholarships for employees in college. They also feared a takeover that would threaten their jobs.

Customers responded too, organizing boycotts and joining

in a number of rallies at stores where workers refused to accept deliveries from drivers replacing those in the company who refused to work.

That caused a 90 percent drop in business in the first week after Arthur T. was fired and many company stores have empty shelves and few customers, but Arthur S.’ side hasn’t budged.

Protesters said Arthur S. was working with co-CEO’s Felicia Thornton, formerly of the Al-

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Rossides on Kissinger in New Book

By Alexandros K. Kyrrou

Special to The National Herald

Gene Rossides. *Kissinger & Cyprus: a Study in Lawlessness.* Washington, DC: American Hellenic Institute Foundation, 2014. Pp. 250. \$24.00 (hardcover).

BOSTON, MA – Perhaps more so than in any other country, in the United States time often changes the reputations of public figures. Historical memory – meaning, the way a society over time chooses to remember the past and reinforces that constructed past – often has less connection to historical reality than it has to do with how a nation prefers to imagine its past, its people, and its leaders.

The most obvious example of this phenomenon is Richard Nixon. Despite the fact that Nixon was a criminal conspirator who destroyed both the integrity of the presidency and the tradition of faith in American government, by the time of his death he had managed to have himself rehabilitated to the status of a “great statesman.”

Nixon may be the most obvious beneficiary of this phenomenon, but time and historical memory have been even kinder to the reputation of another member of Nixon’s inner circle – Henry Kissinger. The gulf between Kissinger’s actual historical record, on the one hand, and his public image, on the other hand, is arguably greater than that of any other American political figure of the twentieth century.

Today, Kissinger is generally treated as the equivalent of a diplomatic demigod. He is popularly revered as the most brilliant practitioner of realpolitik

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Marielle Marlys Chosen America’s National Teenager

Overcome with emotion upon being chosen as American’s National Teenager, Greek-American Marielle Marlys’ tears quickly turned to smiles at the joy of winning this nationwide event, sponsored by America’s National Teenager Scholarship Organization. See story on page 2.

Markantonis’ Hotel Gives Satisfaction

TNH Staff

NEW YORK – When travelers have great hotel experiences, they may not know the boss’ name, but when they thank the staff that takes good care of them at amazing places like the Atlantis Paradise Island, the latter know the name of President and Managing Director George Markantonis – and he knows theirs.

Earlier this year his peers honored the man who has thrived in the Bahamas and held top positions at Caesar’s Palace in Las Vegas, NV as Caribbean Hotelier of the Year.

“When I was at Caesar’s Palace nice years, I didn’t think anything would happen would keep me interested or occupied,” he told TNH during a New York visit.

When the Kerzner Family asked him to join Atlantis, he was skeptical, but they said “please come and chat with us.

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National Hellenic Society’s Heritage Greece: Changing the Lives of Students

By Arthur Dimopoulos

The National Hellenic Society (NHS) is a relative newcomer on the Greek-American scene. There are rumblings about NHS being a country club of the Greek American elite – NHS members do include leaders from Wall Street. Silicon Valley, Hollywood and Washington power circles – but the characterization is inaccurate. NHS is selective of who gets to be a member but not as a barometer of wealth. To the contrary, NHS members share something special beyond success: a profound appreciation of this bond of heritage that ties us to one another, abiding appreciation of our parents’ and forbears’ sacrifices and the values instilled in us – values serving as the wellspring of our success: philotimo, hard work, education and love. Love of heritage, family, of parea and country. Being Greek is about giving back: to family, community and society – hallmarks of NHS membership.

Passing on the legacy of our "Greekness" to our children and future generations in a world competing for our time is a challenge when viewed within the context of modern demographics and institutions not keeping apace with change. The statistics speak for themselves – the "community" we established will continue to evolve and within the next two or three generations will be unrecognizable.

There is nothing permanent, except change, said Heraclitus. Many lament change, while others embrace change as opportunity. Changes within the "community" are no different than those we see in life, especially in the business world. Icons like Kodak, RCA, and Blockbuster, yesterday's industry leaders, are no more. Compared those to Apple and Samsung, companies that embrace and thrive on change and sport a combined market cap over nearly \$1 trillion, three times Greece's GDP!

NHS looked upon Hellenic heritage with its many nuances, features, and benefits as a product and identified our prospective customers of the same as the next generation of progeny of American families with vary-



The smiling faces say it all: The National Hellenic Society’s Heritage Greece 2014 was not only a resounding success, but

ing levels of Greek descent, several of which are totally detached from their Greek identity and the institutions once serving as rallying points.

The game-changer strategy NHS developed is branded as "Heritage Greece." It is a two-week cultural and educational immersion for college students of Greek-American descent. Students with exceptional academic credentials and an open mind and desire to find out more about their Hellenic roots and identity. The students are hosted by the American College of Greece (ACG), Europe's oldest and largest American styled university, located on a plush 65-acre campus on an Athens suburb hillside.

The Greek-American students are paired with an exceptional group of Greek student peers from ACG. Together, they share journey of and discovery learning from each other and from a staff of experts and professionals. Learning unfolds in non-traditional ways – classroom language classes are aug-

mented in the Plaka, Agora, Acropolis, Benaki and Nauplio museums. Cooking and dance classes coupled with tours of wineries, ancient sites and sailing regattas to the Saronic Isles. Early one morning, on the Isle of Poros, a large group of students took it upon themselves to attend early morning Liturgy at St. George's Church. The Priest and congregants were so stunned to see young people return to Church and enlisted three of the young men to serve as altar boys, even more stunned to see them know exactly what to do with precision practices long abandoned. The congregants begged the students to come to their homes for breakfast, some of the intangible benefits of Heritage Greece that leave lasting memories.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, 10 Stavros Niarchos Heritage Greece Scholars participated in this year's Program. The Niarchos Scholars and entire Heritage Greece class met with Stavros Niarchos Founda-

created fond memories and opened important paths for a lifelong appreciation of Hellenic heritage.

tion officials in Athens and were led on a tour of the incredible new Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center in Kallithea currently under construction. The Center will house Greece's National Library and Greek National Opera. The grant underscores the Niarchos Foundation's Commitment to youth, education and in building bridges. The NHS also received grant funding from the Elios Foundation in San Francisco for three Elios Foundation Scholars.

The Heritage Greece 2014 students were also paid surprise visits by two special guests, Bill Antholis, Managing Director of the Brookings Institution, and Despina Anastasiou, Dow Chemical General Manager of Greece & Cyprus. The students were given inspirational messages to ever excel at what they choose to do and stay connected with their heritage, one another and with Greece.

For Heritage Greece students, the journey continues beyond the trip back from Greece. Students are enrolled as part of

the Heritage Greece Alum Network, convening at a reunion in tandem with the NHS' annual event, Heritage Weekend and Classic held in early October at the Ritz Carlton in Key Biscayne, FL. Heritage Greece Alum from the previous five sessions gather with NHS members as the NHS continues to play a role in mentoring and advising them, grooming them to be ambassadors of Hellenic heritage. In turn, the students participate in NHS at the local level augmenting NHS local activities and efforts.

There is no question of the powerful and positive impact of Heritage Greece. For Greece, the Program is also a "win-win" as scores of students and their families have returned to Greece – some to study, others to visit long-lost relatives and to further explore their Greek roots. Leveraging the bonds made is just a matter of time. While the Heritage Greece students were in Athens, NHS member, and Dow Chemical Chair and CEO Andrew Liveris met with Greece's

Prime Minister Samaras, and the head of IBM Europe to announce the creation of an Information Delivery Systems Center creating many jobs for the next generation. A paradigm of "giving back," something worth instilling and passing on to the Heritage Greece family.

One student, Allie Weber of Indiana University, had this to say: "I never in a million years thought that I would get the chance to experience Greece in the way I was blessed to through Heritage Greece, let alone with other Greek students like myself. I've been asked more times than I can count 'how was Greece?' The only words I can find to answer this are 'life changing.'" "Heritage Greece was a chance to visit incredible historical sites, taste authentic Greek cuisine, and experience all of the things about Greece Yiayia and Pappou constantly regaled over, but also a to make lifelong friends. Though I was told the relationships made on a trip like this are unique, I had no idea what to expect. Having so much in common from the beginning coupled with sharing amazing experiences together, the 2014 Heritage Greece class quickly became my family. This program gave me an opportunity to experience amazing things – to better understand my culture, and connect with other students like myself. Heritage Greece was a once in a lifetime experience, and I couldn't possibly be more thankful to have been able to be a part of it. The first thing that I did when I got home was rearrange my schedule for the fall so that I could take Modern Greek. I am now officially enrolled in the introductory course. Without this program, I don't know that I ever would've taken the initiative to learn Greek. I don't know how I could repay NHS for this incredible gift – a gift of culture, experience, adventure, and most importantly, lifelong friendships."

For further information see: www.hellenicsociety.org/programs.

Arthur Dimopoulos is the Executive Director of the National Hellenic Society.

Prominent CA Politician Angelides Raises Awareness about Golden Dawn

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tion," he said.

Though he did not predict whether the threat is actually fleeting or long-term, Angelides said "we must take the view that the threat is real and dangerous until it has been eliminated. To effectively combat the scourge of neo-Nazism in Greece, it will require a full political and educational effort as well as economic reform and recovery, including an end to the devastating policies of austerity that have been imposed by the European Union on Greece."

Angelides is encouraged that as more Greek-Americans learn about Golden Dawn, they speak out against it. "I have been heartened by the fact that many Greek American leaders including Congress members Dina Titus, John Sarbanes, and Gus Bilirakis, and many other elected, civic, and business leaders, have spoken out strongly about the threat," he said. "I commend efforts like the Hellenic American student-led "Oxi" campaign

(<https://www.hellenext.org/2014/05/say-no-to-the-new-nazis-in-greece-a-student-led-campaign-2/>) to combat the pernicious threat of neo-Nazism."

AMERICAN POLITICS

Third parties in the United States do not have nearly the impact they do in other countries, such as Greece. And speaking of American politics, who –

besides Hillary Clinton, whom just about everyone mentions as an inevitable candidate – does Angelides see emerging in both major parties as candidates for the 2016 presidential race? "It is always difficult to predict the political future," he prefaced. "Each day, week, or month can bring dramatic change to the political landscape. But, clearly, if Hillary Clinton decides to run, she will be a formidable candidate. I have known Ms. Clinton for two decades and have no doubt she would make a strong and effective president." What about on the other side of the political aisle? "As of yet, I do not see any potential Republican nominees who stand out from the pack."

Though Angelides left California's Treasury in 2007, it is apparent from his command of the issues that he continues to keep a close eye on politics, both at home and abroad. He was not elected governor in 2006, but would he seek to run for office again? "I have been honored to have had the chance to serve the people of California and the nation in both elective and appointive public office," he said. "It was a privilege to serve as Treasurer and as Chairman of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, which conducted the nation's official inquiry into the causes of the financial crisis that devastated our economy." With refreshing candor not often shared by those potentially seeking office, Angelides added

that "at the right moment and in the right circumstances, I would welcome the opportunity to return to public service, although I do not have specific plans at this time."

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Immigration is an issue that will likely be prevalent in both the 2014 midterm elections and in the presidential race two years later. It is a national issue, and certainly California, because of its size and geographical location, would probably be affected by immigration reform legislation as much as any other state, if not more so. What needs to be done to bring about immigration reform? "We are a nation of immigrants and a strong society and country in no small part due to the talent and energy that immigrants have brought to our shores for generations," Angelides began, he himself a recent descendant of immigrants on both sides of his family. "The current system needs to be reformed so that we have a system of legal immigration that works well for our nation's future. Over the decades, we have made changes to our immigration system to reflect changing conditions and we need to do so again. Unfortunately, bipartisan reform efforts have been stymied by a minority of hard line politicians who have been resistant to reasonable and thoughtful resolution of this issue. The stalemate must be broken for the good of our society and economy."



Angelides, seen here with current Secretary of State John Kerry, at a campaign rally for his 2006 run for governor of California. He didn't win, but might reenter the political fray "at the right moment and in the right circumstances."

GREEK ROOTS

Angelides' mother, Eleni (née Papadopoulos), was born and raised in Alexandria Egypt, where her parents had relocated following their flight from Smyrna in 1922. In 1949, Eleni "came to the United States in 1949 to pursue her education. My father, Gerasimos (Jerry), was born and raised in San Francisco. My yiayia on my father's side was born in Skala on the island of Cephalonia and came to the United States in 1920. My pappou, from the village of Paneriti, near Corinth, immigrated here in 1907, returning briefly to Greece to fight in the Balkan War of 1912.

"I consider myself lucky to have been raised in a family that has always been proud of our Greek heritage and that embraced the values of family, hard work, educational achievement, faith, and community that have defined Americans of Hellenic descent.

"I remain grateful to all the Greek-Americans around the country who supported me when I ran for and was elected as State Treasurer of California and when I was the Democratic nominee for governor. The support I received from my fellow Hellenes was truly remarkable and a source of inspiration to my family and me."



Phil Angelides, former CA State Treasurer and gubernatorial candidate is one of the more prominent Greek-Americans seeking to raise awareness about the emergence of the Golden Dawn Party.



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