



Lawrence and Armenians



Dr. John E. Mack, professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, confers with Shohig Sherry Terzian at the conference on Lawrence of Arabia held at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California May 20-21, 1988. Dr. Mack delivered the keynote address on "Lawrence's Vision for the Middle East: How Does It Look Now?" He is the author of the Pulitzer Prize winning book, *A Prince of our Disorder: The Life of T.E. Lawrence*.

Dr. Mack also wrote a piece for *Ararat* entitled *Lawrence and the Armenians* which appeared in the Summer, 1980 issue. In it, Dr. Mack stated that the first Armenian Lawrence knew was Dr. Assadour Aram Altounyan, the legendary Armenian Albert Schweitzer, who received the M.D. degree in 1885 from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Lawrence cherished his Armenian associations through the Altounyan family and became close friends with Dr. Altounyan's son, Dr. Ernest Altounyan. They held a reunion at the Paris Peace Conference.

Shohig Sherry Terzian wrote a footnote to Dr. Mack's article in the Autumn, 1981 issue of *Ararat*. She discussed her friendship with Dr. Ernest Altounyan's son, the late Dr. Roger Altounyan, brilliant Anglo-Armenian scientist who discovered the drug "Intal" for the control of asthma.

Both articles were made available to conference delegates, which included international experts on Lawrence of Arabia. They were also displayed in the library at Pepperdine University and became part of their T.E. Lawrence collection.