

EDITORIAL

Editorial Board of the Hellenic News of America
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THE NEW DEMOSTHENES

The Publisher and Staff of the Hellenic News of America, consider ourselves very fortunate, as well as privileged, to continue to publish several articles authored by a distinguished Academician, who is known in the United States, for his outstanding work as a Medical Executive, Educator and Researcher.

Emeritus Professor, Michael C. Geokas, a graduate of the Medical School in Athens and the Graduate School of McGill University in Montreal, has had a distinguished career in America, with Teaching and Research work at four famous Universities: McGill, USC, UCLA and UC, Davis.

He has published extensively in peer reviewed Journals and serves as a reviewer for a good number of American and European scientific publications.

Professor Geokas is known in Academic circles for his Educational, Executive and Organizational talents. He has had extensive experience in strategic planning and operational control, during his long tenure as Director of Medical Services, as Program Director of Medical Education and as Director of an Enzymology Research Laboratory, based within two large Medical Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, of the United States Government.

During the last three years, as an Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Biological Chemistry at UC, Davis, Dr. Geokas has embarked into a serious and comprehensive Demographic study, concerning Europe (including Greece) and the Islamic Nations, especially those of the Middle East and North Africa.

He has prepared and has submitted to the Government of Greece a strong Proposal for Population growth, as a response to the persistently low fertility rates and the steady aging of the Greek population.

Dr. Geokas is a strong and untiring advocate of Human Rights and of the Rule of Law and a proponent of close cooperation among peoples of diverse origins and cultures. The Demographic imperative, he believes, will produce a crowded planet within a generation or two and will necessitate the compromise and close cooperation among people of different cultures and civilizations.

Professor Geokas also believes that historically, the most significant fault-line between two very different civilizations has been and will continue to be, that between Europe and the Middle East (with the excep-

tion of Cyprus and Israel) plus North Africa. Due to an anticipated population imbalance (the countries of the Middle East and North Africa are projected to have 740 million people by 2025), the potential for future friction and conflict will be high at this fault-line, without meticulous early planning for accommodation, for trade and economic development in the southern and eastern perimeter of the European Union.

Dr. Geokas is also known as a strong proponent of the "can do" American approach in problem solving. Moreover, he is described as a very articulate and eloquent public speaker, with a photographic memory to boot and with splendid communication skills all around, who uses the English language with exceptional dexterity and persuasive power. Characteristically, many of his students as well as some of his colleagues have called him "The New Demosthenes" and a distinguished former Dean at UCLA School of Medicine, had nicknamed him: "The Magician".

It would appear, that so far, Dr. Geokas is the only American Professor from a major University in the United States, who has developed a comprehensive Proposal on behalf of the Government and the People of Greece, concerning a strong and imaginative Pronatalist Program for population development, in the coming decades.

We are convinced, that with his vast experience, his perseverance and superb intellect, as well as his scientific acumen, coupled with a magnetic personality and an optimistic outlook, Professor Geokas is indeed eminently suited, in masterminding and engineering an effective solution for Greece's major Demographic Problem. We urge the Political Leadership of the Greek Nation, to fully utilize the boundless energies and wisdom of this American Scholar, who has appeared "out of the blue", as a "man with a mission", for solving the Demographic Problem of Greece.

We also urge the Greek-American and Greek-Canadian Organizations to fully support the efforts of this determined, dedicated and energetic man, on behalf of Greece and on behalf of Hellenism.

At the Hellenic News of America, we are indeed looking forward, with considerable pride and anticipation, to a long and fruitful cooperation with this remarkable American Scholar.