

Frau Merkel,

Your Motion submitted - together with some 20 Parliamentarians from your Party colleagues - to the Bundestag concerning your demands from the German Government consists of grossly misleading substance possibly supplied to you by the Armenian proponents of such an action. Therefore your points reflect mostly the allegations of the Armenian side with sheer disregard to the other views, mainly the Turkish views.

I wish to hope that your acquirements as a Dipl.-Physicist do not contribute to your imperceptiveness of the other side of the coin. Following are certain responses to your submissions:

-Turkey must come face to face with her history.

-Of course. Turkey?

First, you and the author(s) of the Motion confound(s) the Ottoman Empire with the Turkish Republic, e.g. Turkey was never an ally of Germany from 1914 to 1918, but the Ottoman Empire was. Republic of Turkey, if it were, would never have allowed herself to be involved either in that shameful alignment with the Central Powers, or with the Allied Powers both of which callously fought against each other as of the 1914 merely for plundering and pillaging the world - traditional European policy since the Crusades. In fact, the Turkish Republic of 1930s decidedly

remained neutral, despite enormous pressures from the warring factions in the 2nd World War in which German, and other European countries with Russia, America and Japan painted most of the world , once again, with human blood. One cannot help but remember, in this context, the 812th German-Armenian Nazi Battalion, the so called "Armenian Legion" of 20.000 soldiers, who fought bloody wars together with the Nazi Germans' Einseitz Gruppen, against the innocent peoples of Crimea and Northern Caucasus and invaded these countries in accordance with the Wehrmacht's decision under the command of Armenian Nazi General Drastamat Kanayan and the German Nazis.

Therefore, "Motion"ers, including yourself should learn that "from the 14th Century until 1922 the areas currently known as Turkey, or more correctly the Republic of Turkey, was part of the territory encompassing the multinational (naturally "multicultural"- a rich and human concept which your parochial mentality cannot accept, even today, for Germany), multi-religious state known as the Ottoman Empire. It is wrong to equate the Ottoman Empire with the Republic of Turkey in the same way it is wrong to equate the Habsburg Empire with the Republic of Austria. The Ottoman Empire which was brought to an end in 1922, by the successful conclusion of the Turkish Revolution which established the present day Republic of Turkey in 1923, incorporated lands and people which today account for more than twenty-five distinct countries in South-Eastern Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East, only one of which is the Republic of Turkey. Therefore, the Republic of Turkey bears no legal, historical and political responsibility for any events which occurred in Ottoman times, yet by naming 'Turkey' the Authors of the CDU/CSU Motion label her as guilty of "massacre"!

-".must come face to face with history"

-Let us, yet for the sake of a just investigation, the historical truth –if ever achievable- and for the sake of ethical values, delve into history to come face to face with the Ottoman history. Again, which history? History, as written and interpreted by Armenians, Morgenthau and Toynbee, and their likes? How about the history written by Bernard Lewis, Stanford Shaw, Heath Lowry, even certain Armenian historians, writers such as Richard G.Hovannisian who is reported to have said at a München Conference on "Problems of Armenians" in 1982 that a planned and meditated Armenian massacre is "unprovable, legally invalid and is subject to positive prescription".

The Authors of your Motion should have first learned that the allegations of Armenian massacres made by Arnold Toynbee, Lepsius and others depended and still depend very largely on "American Ambassador Morgenthau's Story", together with his office Secretary Aram Andonian who argued in his book, "The Memoirs of Naim Bey" that he obtained the original documents, including the ones attributed to Talat Pasha, from an Ottoman official called Naim Bey working then in the Ottoman Rehabilitation Office in Aleppo. It has been proved that all these documents are fake, the content of them fabricated. It is not even known whether such a man -Naim Bey ever lived.

Serious politicians are expected before tabling a Motion in their Parliament to make a thorough research on matters concerned, particularly on controversial cases, considering that what is at stake is not only their own

and their Party's credibility and respectability, but also that of their National Parliaments.

As to Johannes Lepsius, he was an Evangelist pastor, a missionary, i.e. Evangelizer who was dedicated to convert, that is to interfere with the conscience, confessions of faith of Armenians in Anatolia, mainly from Orthodoxy and Catholicism into his own. But he failed to do so because he was not permitted to enter Anatolia. And then he ,Lepsius without setting foot in Anatolia, without talking to one single Armenian there published his book 'Armenia and Germany'. (just like Franz Werfel who had never seen Musa Dagh yet written the book "Forty Days of Musa Dagh". At a later date, on learning that he was taken in by Armenian forgeries -the Motioners also seem to be taken in by their 'advisers' misinformation-, Werfel felt ashamed and contrite for having written the book and for the many falsehoods and the fabrications the Armenians foisted on him. But he dared not confess publicly for fear of death by the Dashnag terrorists).All the information he(Lepsius) gathered consisted of what he learned from the Armenian Patriarchate (in İstanbul) and to some extent the reports the American Ambassador Morgenthau showed him.

History are not Forgeries, Fabrications.

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