

Dashnaktsakan give up his Party's secrets?

Then he told me another story.

We arrested a Turk (from Turkey). He wouldn't say anything so we let him starve for a few days. Then we asked him, "Do you want food?" He said, "Yes," and he ate the food. Then we asked him if he wanted fruit, and he ate the fruit too, and he began to talk. We got what we needed out of him, but he turned into a worthless creature in our eyes.

Conspicuously showing that I was hurt, I replied,

I'd like to believe that you would not compare me with an ignorant and voracious Turk. You know very well from our history that Armenians will not sell their soul, their pride, their moral values and their dignity to save their skin.

Some questions, posed rather as accusations, came up repeatedly during these nightly interrogations. However, Ghazaryan always listened to my responses attentively, as if to fully absorb my explanations. One of his favorite questions, or rather allegations, was that Dashnaktsutiun was fighting against "us" and was engaged in subversive and destructive activities in Armenia. My answer was always the same, simple and consistent:

Dashnaktsutiun is fighting not against Armenia but against Soviet Russia which has usurped Armenia and is sitting on it. We have struggled through the printed media and not in material terms. Besides, we would never engage in harmful activities in Armenia because Armenia belongs to all Armenians. As an Armenian national