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- The Ramgavar Party in Beirut is split into left and right wings. Right wing leaders gather in the Zareh Nubar Club, belonging to the benevolent society, Paregordzagan, in Bab Idris. These leaders are Kranian, Negerdich Miscrlian, Sisak Varjabetian, and his brother, a doctor.
- 2. Left wing leaders, who gather in the Tekeyan Cultural Home, include the following:

Hrach Setraldian, a lawyer;

Kerson Aharonian, a very active party member;

Paronak Townassian (Tomassian), also an active member;

Sarkis Abdalien, who uses the pon name "Vahe Vahian" in his literary paper, Ani; and

Haigeshen Uzuniano

- 3. Two other important leaders, Hikael Natanian, a man in his sixties, and Puzant Yeghiyayan, are neutral. The attitude of a third, Harutium Kalijian, is not certain, but he is probably left wing, source states.
- 1. According to source, the former deputy, Hrach Shamlian, was not previously considered to be a Ramgavar, but he is now thought to be in the Party on the basis that Shamlian went in a delegation of four, including Natanian, Karnik Hinassian, and another Ramgavar leader, to pay a courtesy call on Cardinal Aghajanian on the Armenian Catholic Christmas.
- 5. Dr. Yervant Hakarian has recently moved to Beirut from Damascus, where he was the most important of the Ramgavar leaders after Hihran Der-Stepanian. Aghob Davidian, an engineer from the Sanjak of Alexandretta, is also a prominent Ramgavar. Harutium Kazanjian, another engineer, is a Party newber, but not a prominent one, source asserts.

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