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1. The Hay Marmnamarzagan Miutium, or Armenian Sports Union, is the young people's sports club of the Hinchak Party. Like the other Armenian clubs discussed below, it is essentially pro-communist and reflects the political opinions of its parent political party. Its President is Bedros Muchian and its Honorary President is Archam Vehuni, a merchant in the Bab-Edriss Quarter of Beirut. Vehuni's father was one of the founders of the Club, and his photograph hangs in its headquarters. Among the pro-Communists belonging to this Club are Onnig Jambulian, Arsen Gidur, and Vahrij Jerejian.

2. The Zareh Nubar Club is a literary one directed by the Ramgavar Party. Its President is Hagop Chirinian, a pharmacist in Dora, near Beirut, and the Honorary President is Hagop Davidian, an engineer. The activities of the Zareh Nubar Club consist of the holding of meetings to discuss literary and other cultural activities in Soviet Armenia. The Club maintains certain ties with Soviet Armenia [redacted]. Among its pro-communist members are Hrach Setrakian, Hagop Chirinian, Hagop Davidian, Vahe Vahian, the poet, and Paronak Tovmasian.

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3. The Tekeyan Club also is directed by the Ramgavar Party. It holds meetings and conferences to which Armenian families are invited, and during which pro-communist and anti-Tashnak propaganda is disseminated. Its President is Haig Malchaian; its Honorary President is Hrach Setrakian. Among its leaders are Vahe Vahian, Hagop Davidian, Dr. Emanuel Almajian, and Puzant Yeghyayan. Dr. Almajian is a dentist in the Nahr Quarter of Beirut and a graduate of the American University of Beirut. He is active in both the Hinchak and Ramgavar Parties and is pro-communist and very much anti-Tashnak.

4. The Veradzenunt is a cultural union directed by a group of pro-Communists, including Armenak Poladian and Pakarad Bakalian. Poladian, one of the founders of the Veradzenunt, sent a valuable collection of ancient Armenian (sic) to the National Museum in Erivan as a gift in 1947 for which he was thanked over the Erivan radio station. He has given a great deal of money to the Hinchak Party, so that now his financial condition is considerably weakened. Bakalian visited Soviet Armenia in 1946 and went on to Moscow. On his return to Beirut he arranged for the repatriation to Soviet Armenia of his sister and brother-in-law. He has been decorated by the Armenian Patriarch in Echmiazin. The decoration was awarded to him in Antilyas by the Armenian Patriarch of Silicia.

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