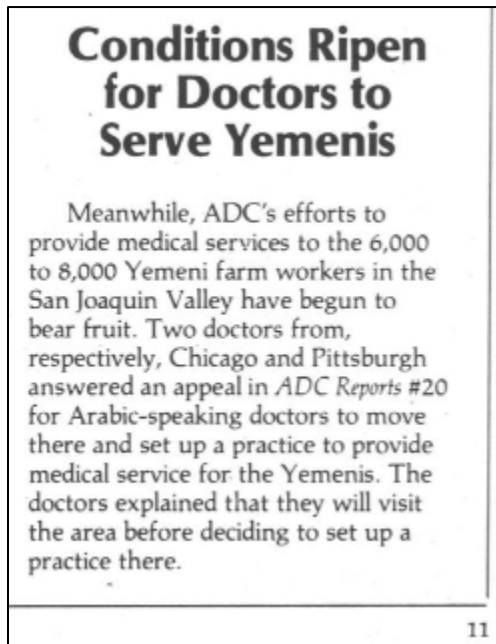


Arab-American Heritage Month (April)

“The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) was founded in 1980 to defend the rights of people of Arab descent and to promote their rich ethnic heritage” ([source](#)). Under the leadership of the nation’s first Arab American Senator, James George Abourezk, ADC “became and remains the pre-eminent grassroots organization representing Arab Americans” ([source](#)).

In honor of Arab-American Heritage Month, we delved into the library’s online archives of *ADC Times* to learn more about Pittsburgh’s involvement with this notable organization.

In February 1984, ADC reported that an Arabic-speaking doctor from Pittsburgh is considering moving to the San Joaquin Valley to serve Yemeni farm workers.



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On November 7, 1986 the Pittsburgh chapter of the ADC held a banquet with over 500 attendees.

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"Native Sons: Palestinians in Exile," a dramatic account of the lives of three Palestinian refugee families living but a few miles from their ancestral homes in two refugee camps in southern Lebanon. Hayes also recounted the threats he and his family have received subsequent to his producing the film.

A fundraising raffle was also held, thanks to the donations of prizes by local establishments. The funds will be used toward the purchase of a computer for the ADC regional office.

Pittsburgh Banquet Draws 500

"Terrorism and its Affects on Arab-Americans" was the theme for Pittsburgh's annual banquet, held Nov. 7 at Howard Johnson's in Monroeville. Over 500 attended the event, which drew over 85 new members.

The banquet was organized by banquet chairperson Joe Jacobs and officiated by toastmaster Dr. Bill Monsour, who also sits on the ADC National Board. The evening's speakers included ADC President Abdeen Jabara, Regional Organizer Sam Roy and Special Guest, the Rev. Fuad Bahnan, formerly of the Presbyterian Divinity School in Beirut and

currently the resident missionary at the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh.

The festivities were featured in the Nov. 8 edition of the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*.

Washington Gathers for Alex Odeh Fundraiser

ADC, in conjunction with 12 other Arab-Americans organizations, sponsored an "Alex Odeh Benefit Memorial Dinner" on Oct. 12 at the



Volunteers from the Ramallah Women's Club preparing an Arab Dinner.

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