

## News about our Culture and Language

**Dr. Samuel E. Fox**, a Chicagoan, has been busy for the last few years in conducting research in the Assyrian language. At this stage, he is interested in the Jilu dialect. In fact, he has already developed a study on the verbal system of this dialect.

**Professor Fabrizio Pennacchietti**, whose study on *Zmaryate D-Rawe* is well-known to many Assyrians, visited Tbilisi as a guest of the *Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Sciences of the Georgia USSR*. There he met with professor Konstantin Tsereteli, the well-known scholar of Modern Assyrian, and delivered a series of lectures on the Aramaic inscription of the 2nd century A.D. Pennacchietti also met with the Assyrian scholar Dr. Anna Bet-Babik.

We seize the opportunity to point out that Pennacchietti will soon publish a volume entitled *Neo-Aramaic Texts of the Soviet Union*.

**Dr. Gabriele Yonan** ( a German native) has recently published her book *Ein Vergessener Holocaust* which describes the Holocaust of the Assyrians in Turkey during the First World War. The book contains many historical documents which shed light on those tragic events.

Currently Dr. Yonan is writing an article on the "Literature of the Assyrians in the Soviet Union between 1930-1938".

In 1990 she will organize in Berlin, in the newly opened *Haus der Kulturen der Welt* (The House of the World Culture), an exhibition on Assyrian literature in the 20th century. Under the name *Sehnsuch nach Ninive* (Longing for Nineveh), the exhibition will show books in Assyrian by writers from Iran, Iraq, the Soviet Union and from emigre writers. Documents from the early missionary literature, including journals, will also be on the display. As Dr. Yonan points out, there will also be a selection of works on Assyrian history, ethnography, language and religion.