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Words of the Leader: “Justice Supports the National Idea and Diplomacy”

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ABSTRACT

The article is dedicated to the modernizing the Republic of Azerbaijan every day - the biggest tribute to the blessed memory of the great leader, whose 97th anniversary we celebrate with great respect May 10 this year. As long as our national state exists, Heydar Aliyev, the founder of our Motherland, will always live in the heart of the Azerbaijani people, his bright ideas will constantly illuminate our path.

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Introduction



The ancient Romans left us a good tradition at the jubilee celebrations to pronounce “triumphant anniversaries” in honor of the hero of the day. Those who deliver a festive speech are usually divided into two categories: those who mainly treat the hero of the day with compliments, and those who concentrate on the scientific and analytical tools of the essential explanation and typological “frame” of the hero’s face. In this case, I strongly consider myself in the second category. Man is made great by his deeds, but in order to accomplish great deeds, one must be no higher than people, one must be with them. Heydar Aliyev traveled a difficult path of independence and the formation of Azerbaijan together, shoulder to shoulder, with his people, showing an unprecedented dedication in an extremely difficult period in the name of his salvation. His heart was beating in unison with the hearts of millions of Azerbaijanis. More than a third of a century of state building, economic revival, political consciousness, and political life in modern Azerbaijan are closely connected with the name of Heydar Aliyev.

Carousel of Political Events: History Repeats Itself

Let us recall how, in 1993, Heydar Aliyev, our nationwide leader, saved Azerbaijan from the threat of death. Today, the political successor to the great leader Ilham Aliyev confidently and

successfully fulfills this mission during the COVID-19 pandemic that shocked the world, developing a strategy to combat this threat, as well as other important moments of our difficult days. In a pandemic, each state has two main choices: protecting people’s lives and saving the economy. Azerbaijan is one of the countries which, taking into account economic risks, without hesitation chose the first option. Thus, he once again confirmed that he is a social state.

There has not been a pandemic of this magnitude in the last 100 years, therefore, of course, there is no means and experience of dealing with it. How to act in such a situation, where to start? Each country seeks an answer to this question, forms its own policy. Due to the foresight of President Ilham Aliyev, the right decisions were timely taken to reduce losses to a minimum. The state provides maximum social support to the most diverse segments of the population. It is no coincidence that Azerbaijan is one of the countries characterized by the effectiveness of measures to combat coronavirus. Time will answer all questions, but we want to pay attention to the human side of the problem-this is a depressing picture all over the world. From this point of view, it would be appropriate to recall the idea expressed by the first vice-president of Azerbaijan Mehriban Aliyeva in an appeal to the people: “There is no one else’s misfortune. Pain and suffering have no limits” [1].

Throughout the entire history of mankind, peoples were saved from difficult and crisis situations by the political will and foresight of leaders. During big challenges, the main task facing each leader is precisely the rescue mission. Over the past 16 years, President Ilham Aliyev has turned issues such as the development and preservation of the purity of national and spiritual values, the mother tongue of the Azerbaijani people, the patriotic education of young people, the creation of the historical heritage of the people, strengthening the tolerant environment and multicultural values in the country, as an integral part of state policy, which serves as

a clear manifestation of the serious importance attached to them by the teachings of Heydar Aliyev on statehood, and the creative development of this teaching. Thanks to rational, far-sighted and pragmatic policies, bold steps, strong leadership qualities and tireless daily work of President Ilham Aliyev, the Azerbaijani state is successfully coping with the strategic tasks outlined by the great leader and is confidently moving into the future.

Pages of History Bring Up and Revive Memories

The rich biography of the national leader Heydar Aliyev is full of bright and significant events that related to his personal life, and, at the same time, the fate of the entire Azerbaijani people. He held high government posts, was the first person in the republic, and then in the independent Azerbaijan state, but he never stood above people, but was next to them, among them. Heydar Aliyev has always been sensitive and responsive person, attentive to the needs of the common people. That is what he won for himself a huge popular love. Heydar Aliyev himself always believed in the creative, creative power of the people. His wise philosophy of life was constantly confirmed by his great works.

The doctor of historical sciences, Dilyara Seidzade, wrote this: "...The word is Aliyev's most powerful weapon. He enjoys it perfectly, on the verge of the highest art ... a huge sense of inner tact, giving him the ability to penetrate the pain and anxiety of everyone..." Over the many years that have separated us from the era of Heydar Aliyev, much has been said about his deep intellect, phenomenal memory, and strong-willed qualities. Heydar Aliyev was able to talk with the people, the representative of the Diaspora organization of Azerbaijan so that every citizen perceived what was said as an appeal personally to him. And this is not given to everyone [2]. A subtle psychologist and diplomat, he was able to capture the tiniest nuances of the interlocutor's mood.

This great man combined the prophetic foresight of a big politician, brilliant oratory talent and the ability to clearly and firmly, step by step, follow the intended goal. Heydar Aliyev was a leader on a national scale with the highest intellectual potential and excellent human qualities, as a confirmation of the words of the ancient Greek philosopher Socrates: "When a word does not hit, then a stick will not help". The principle and selflessness, kindness and nobility of a leader were manifested in all life situations. Heydar Aliyev was sure that "in life everyone chooses fame or dishonor, personal well-being or public duty, self-interest or conscience". Being an outstanding political and statesman, an unconditional leader of the people, during his lifetime he became a living legend, winning universal love and appreciation.

Thanks to all these qualities, his vivid political intelligence and talent, the great leader created a new Azerbaijan, and the period of his activity entered the history of the Azerbaijani people as the era of Heydar Aliyev. Both his activity and his personality are an inextricable part of the history of Azerbaijan. The current Azerbaijani state continues to implement a policy whose foundations were laid by Heydar Aliyev. The strategic course he developed gave a powerful impetus to development in all areas of political, economic, social and cultural life, and his rich political experience became a genuine school of public administration.

Therefore, people remember every leader's speech to the smallest detail, many admire, inherit, imitate, and someone will raise their rating in an attempt to ridicule the historical figure. Michel Montaigne, a French philosopher and humanist, wrote: "The word belongs half to the one who speaks, and half to the one who hears." In the "KVN-2000" program, the "Boys from Baku" team

criticized the president, and later the opposition, to which the president replied: "They did it right, I will take your criticism into account" ... The ruler's wisdom is amazing, he knew how to find a common language with everyone - this highest professionalism and diplomacy.

Revival of National Spirit and Self-Awareness

In the 1969-1982s, when Heydar Aliyev first headed Azerbaijan, they also became a period of revival of the national spirit and national identity. Half a century ago, this brilliant personality, who already conquered the heart of the people, and then became one of the most outstanding statesmen of the world, better understood the mobilizing and guiding role of the press to achieve its goals. Therefore, Heydar Aliyev in a special way, with his characteristic sensitivity, belonged to the press, journalists. He was also notable for openness to the press. His well-known interview during his work as first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Azerbaijan, published in Literaturnaya Gazeta under the heading "Let justice take the upper hand," resonated throughout the Union. For the first time, the first person openly criticized the press for flaws that no one dared to talk about.

Contrary to the fact that Heydar Aliyev was torn away from his homeland for many years, no matter where he is or at what posts in foreign lands, he always remembered the ethno social, ethnopolitical and ethnocultural features and characteristics of his native people. Why? For what? I believe that Heydar Aliyev often, especially at the final stages of perestroika, mentally prepared himself for a hypothetical return to some leadership post in renewed Azerbaijan...

The January tragedy of 1990 was a severe shock for the entire Azerbaijani people and Heydar Aliyev. In those difficult, tragic days, he was with his people.

Heydar Aliyev returned to the leadership of Azerbaijan in a very difficult time. The authorities faced such difficult tasks as bringing the republic out of a deep political and economic crisis, ending the enemy's military aggression, popularizing Azerbaijan in the world, protecting national interests. But they do not offer him any posts, moreover, the "neo-democrats" immediately send him "to the honorary retirement isolation" at the place of Maloya homeland in Nakhchivan, on a rather distant periphery from Baku, far from the epicenter of political and state life. But the country has remained the same. Pseudo-state authorities, created in a hurry in the 1990-1992s, eked out a miserable existence, occasionally becoming an instrument or ballast in the hands of micro-leaders of that time. The then leadership of the republic made it clear to Heydar Aliyev that his appearance in Azerbaijan was at least undesirable, and perhaps even would have tragic consequences. But he was not afraid. Despite all the contradictions, G. Aliyev returned to his native land. In the same year, fellow countrymen elected him deputy of the Supreme Council of Azerbaijan, and a year later - chairman of the National Assembly of Nakhichevan.

The aggression of Armenia against the Azerbaijani people has become widespread. The crisis in the economy, politics and other areas has become a serious test. In such a difficult time, due to the inexperience and lack of professionalism of the then in power leadership, the country found itself in an uncontrollable situation. This period was crucial for Azerbaijan: either it will become an independent state, or it will split and be destroyed as a result of internal strife and subversive activities of the separatist forces. Azerbaijan had a choice: "to be or not to be," but at this critical moment, the Azerbaijani people, even President A. Elchibey, demonstrated their wisdom by calling for help from the prominent

political figure of that era, Heydar Aliyev. In the difficult days for Azerbaijan, when in connection with the outbreak of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, the territory of the country was seized by Armenian militants, the economy completely collapsed, anarchy reigned in the government, and wise people asked Heydar Aliyev to take responsibility for saving the nation. In June 1993, Heydar Aliyev was elected chairman of the Parliament of Azerbaijan, and at the same time began to exercise the powers of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. In October of that year, the Azerbaijani people elected him their president. And he promised and confirmed with every step he said at the inauguration ceremony on October 10, 1993: "The people of Azerbaijan are going through a difficult, tragic period in their history. I am deeply aware of the degree of responsibility that is entrusted to me during this difficult time, and I want to assure that I will try to justify the high trust and hopes of the people with all my activities, my whole life.

The National Idea of Azerbaijanism as an Objective Reflection of the Identity of the Nation: From Scientific Theory to Political Practice

Here it will be appropriate to recall the words of one of the "fathers" of modern Italy, Count Camillo Cavour: "We created Italy, now our task is to create Italians..." after the process of unification of the country, which had been divided for centuries, was completed. Any aphorism thickens colors, and yet one cannot help but notice that Ukraine faces a similar task, adjusted for "thickening". This is confirmed by the book of the President of Ukraine Leonid Kuchma, published in 2004, "Ukraine is not Russia." I would like to quote the words of Academician Ivan Kuras: "Ukraine, as a girl of marriageable age, missed the charismatic politician". At the beginning of the century, while studying at the National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine, one professor told me: "Azerbaijan is a backward and totalitarian country, there is no democracy at all..." To my question: "Have you been to Azerbaijan?" He replied: "No ..." We agreed to prepare arguments to discuss this issue. Two weeks after our next meeting, at which I expressed my arguments on the issue of democracy... in Azerbaijan, the professor invited me to his place and said: "You raised me with this national issue, I gave your materials to the journal Politics and Culture", asked the editors will meet with you if there are any corrections, so that later all this will be printed in the magazine. The material was published in Ukrainian on September 11, 2000 in the All-Ukrainian weekly journal Politics and Culture entitled: "Old Man, Why Do Wise Azerbaijani People Wandering with the Wretches Before Heydar Aliyev Take on Their Own Identity for Why or Father" (the wise people of Azerbaijan requested Heydar Aliyev to take responsibility for saving the republic). This article was also translated and published in the Azerbaijani newspapers Azerbaijan, Baku Worker, Khalb Gazeti, etc.

The merits of Heydar Aliyev to Azerbaijan and the Azerbaijani people are invaluable and irrefutable. Expressing love for their nationwide leader, Azerbaijanis call him their savior and father of the nation. The great son of his fatherland saved Azerbaijan from many troubles - his life was a great saving mission. The state created by him, great things and wise ideas will live forever, as long as independent Azerbaijan exists. I note, not without pride, that I also had occasion to personally meet this great man many times, and even thrice you step in front of him. He, the leader of the country, was distinguished by his accessibility and openness to communication and generally friendly attitude towards people ... Therefore, I also consider myself his student.

The people of Azerbaijan have always been distinguished by respect for their roots, their traditions, and their history. But, undoubtedly, the role of Heydar Aliyev in the fate of Azerbaijan, a special attitude, the epithet to which has not yet been chosen by philologists, not journalists. It is difficult to define in one word that boundless love and respect, pride and immeasurable gratitude, that is, the entire concentration of popular memory. Heydar Aliyev formed and implemented the philosophy of "Azerbaijanism", which determined Azerbaijan's place in the modern world and formed the ideological foundation of national statehood, as well as created a solid foundation for the solidarity of Azerbaijanis living all over the world. Thanks to the nationwide leader, the national revival, which has been exciting the minds of the Azerbaijani intelligentsia for many years, has become a part of state policy, moving from science, sociology and philosophy to a practical plane. As a result of this, it became possible to restore and enrich the traditions of statehood, strengthen independence, and rapidly increase the international prestige of Azerbaijan.

If we consider tolerance and multiculturalism as a humanistic worldview and recognition of the cultural rights of different peoples living in one country, then in Azerbaijan, as a result of the implementation of a wise state policy, all the necessary conditions have been created for the free residence of numerous nationalities and the coexistence of various religions and cultures. Therefore, Azerbaijan is known in the world as a country exporting not only oil and gas, but also the values of tolerance and multiculturalism. The Azerbaijani model of tolerance and multiculturalism has existed for centuries, relying on humanism and universal values - this is a stable and consistent political course of the state, the basis of social stability on national-spiritual, universal, humanistic values. Today, representatives of other peoples in Azerbaijan speak their native languages, maintain national customs and traditions, without encountering any manifestations of discrimination, freely carry out activities in various fields and, as a result, make their own contribution to the overall development of the country and society.

Heydar Aliyev's doctrine of statehood - the ideology of Azerbaijan, first of all, demanded that all citizens of the country truly respect and care about the state interests of Azerbaijan, the national and spiritual values of our people, the Azerbaijani language as the state language is defined by the Constitutional Law of 1978. In subsequent years, especially on the eve of the preparation and adoption of the new Constitution of Azerbaijan in 1995, Heydar Aliyev, developing the ideas expressed by him in previous years related to Azerbaijan, gave this consolidating idea a completely new political, legal and ideological content, fully adapted it to national-ethnic characteristics of the country and modern conditions in the world. Therefore, today, with full responsibility and confidence, we can say that Heydar Aliyev is the founder of the ideology of Azerbaijanism - a national doctrine that takes into account the dictates of time, era, the foundations of statehood, ethnic and ethnic conditions. Because the ideology of Azerbaijan, having acquired a true political and ideological content precisely under a great leader, has turned into a doctrine and has risen to the level of state ideology. In the following years, the ideology of Azerbaijanism, as a perfect concept, gradually began to play the role of a platform for the national association of all citizens of Azerbaijan, the majority of compatriots living in the world, all of our countrymen associated with Azerbaijan. If, before Heydar Aliyev, the idea of Azerbaijanism existed mainly as an ethnolinguistic, literary, artistic, cultural, aesthetic, philosophical and spiritual value, then having acquired a serious political and legal content with it, it turned into a complete system of ideas - an integral part of state building.

The holding in Baku in 2001 for the first time in the history of the First Congress of World Azerbaijanis, and then three more Congresses, at which I was also a delegate, and a wide discussion once again with the participation of thousands of our compatriots on the basics of Azerbaijanism, an assessment of the current situation and determination of forthcoming tasks can be regarded as a new stage in the formation and further development of our national ideology.

The ideology of Azerbaijan created by Heydar Aliyev and the basic principles included in its content are reflected in the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopted in 1995 by a nationwide referendum. Speaking about the protection of the interests of statehood, the national leader, first of all, implied compliance with the provisions of the Constitution - the generally accepted Basic Law of the country. These norms as the national task of every citizen Azerbaijan's first and foremost are their participation in protecting the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country, the establishment of civil society, the construction of a legal, secular state based on the will of the people and the rule of law, ensuring a decent standard of living for all in accordance with a fair economic and social order, commitment universal values, coexistence with all the peoples of the planet in conditions of friendship, peace and tranquility, etc.

The concept of a strong Azerbaijan state, which underlies the ideology of Azerbaijan by Heydar Aliyev, is a kind of management institution, which, based on the centuries-old traditions of statehood of our people, will constantly protect and enrich them. This state should have perfect mechanisms of central and local government, a stable socio-political life, effective laws, the capabilities and skills of each citizen should be properly evaluated and they should be involved in the processes in accordance with their abilities, a transparent, tolerant and multicultural environment should prevail in the country, statehood should be based on civil unity.

In this understanding, the ideology of Azerbaijanism forms the basis, the most important principles of the state, built at the request, aspiration and will of the people, the outlined strategy of the domestic and foreign policies of this state, the permanent basis, the main principles of its life and work. So, its implementation and protection should become the basis for all citizens and organizations living, operating in Azerbaijan, applying for the government of this state. If this or that person or organization accepts the company, the state they represent, the system of intrastate relations and values established by the Constitution, then they must necessarily accept that the state is the guarantor of this system. Defining the ideology of Azerbaijanism, Heydar Aliyev also took into account the events taking place in the international arena, modern world politics, and development trends of a globalizing and transnationalizing world. Of course, in a globalizing world it is not so easy to defend national interests, national-spiritual and moral values of countries. Given this reality, Heydar Aliyev, on the one hand, shaped the ideology of Azerbaijan against the background of universal values, and on the other, in the processes of state building, he refracted external influences through the prism of national ideology.

The memory of Heydar Aliyev does not fade, and in the hearts of Azerbaijanis living both in the country and abroad, he has become truly the patron and father of the Azerbaijanis of the Diaspora. It was he who rallied the Azerbaijani people, raised the bar of ideals and morality high, which, in turn, made his image a people's ideal for all time. Heydar Aliyev during a meeting with our fellow countrymen, which I attended, emphasized that Azerbaijanis living in Ukraine and in other countries of the world

always fight to preserve national moral and cultural values and, at the same time, do everything possible for them enrichment through integration with universal values.

The Origins of Diplomatic Relations between Azerbaijan and Ukraine

In the 20th century, Azerbaijan, like fraternal Ukraine, twice achieved state sovereignty. After the collapse of tsarist Russia, democratic republics formed in our countries. Between the two countries, diplomatic relations were established and the states began to jointly fight against Bolshevism. In particular, during the Versailles Conference, the delegations of Azerbaijan and Ukraine constantly contacted and coordinated their efforts in the name of independence and sovereignty of their states.

Thanks to the real friendship and political will of the heads of state between Azerbaijan and Ukraine, a mechanism has been established for political contacts between all branches of government and citizens of both countries. Despite significant saturation, as well as further diversification of communication channels, steady attention is paid to regular meetings at the level of heads of state, government, and foreign affairs agencies of the two countries. A solid foundation for building intercivilizational relations and strengthening intercultural dialogue was laid by the nationwide leader of the Azerbaijani people, Heydar Aliyev, he always respected the Ukrainian people and each of its citizens with special warmth and attention. Warm friendly relations between Azerbaijan and Ukraine developed much earlier than the official establishment of diplomatic relations between Kiev and Baku. At the beginning of Heydar Aliyev's presidency, friendship with the President of Ukraine Leonid Kuchma further strengthened the deep and traditional friendship between our peoples. In his time in the top leadership of the Soviet government, Heydar Aliyev did a lot for Ukraine. I will give a few facts. In the late 80s in the former Soviet Union, another "great project" arose connection of the Danube with the Dnieper. But this was fraught with a major environmental disaster, not only for Ukraine, but for the whole of Europe.

The then Prime Minister of Ukraine V. Fokin, not finding support in Moscow, turned for help directly to Heydar Aliyev, who managed to convince the authors to abandon this project. In addition, the ex-Deputy Prime Minister M.A. Orlik turned for help directly to Heydar Aliyev in connection with the improvement of cultural institutions in Ukraine. And it is thanks to his care that the Kiev National Philharmonic looks so good today - he found the necessary funds for its restoration in time. The Obolon factory, the baby food factory and the Kiev metro - all of these facilities were also built and put into operation with his assistance. In Ukraine, he was always respected with respect as an outstanding statesman. The merits of Heydar Aliyev were awarded the highest award of the Ukrainian state - the Order of Yaroslav the Wise. He was awarded the title of Honorary Citizen of the city of Kiev, Honorary Doctor of the National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine.

Thanks to the help of the SOCAR Company successfully operating in Ukraine, a park named after Heydar Aliyev appeared in Kiev near the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, which has become one of the favorite vacation spots for residents and visitors of the city. And in Baku, a monument to Heydar Aliyev was erected in the Ukrainian circle. During the opening of the world's first monument to Heydar Aliyev in Kiev on June 4, 2004, President of Ukraine Leonid Kuchma said: "Our Azerbaijani guests undoubtedly know that Heydar is translated from ancient Turkic as a horseman

jumping ahead. This proud name fully meets the spirit, energy and determination of the unforgettable Heydar Aliyevich Aliyev. His character, his style of work organically combined thoroughness and pragmatism - on the one hand, and intolerance of everything outdated and routine - on the other. He was a realist politician.

The life of Heydar Aliyevich has become a symbol of selfless service to his people. He directed his entire talent as an organizer and the gift of a diplomat to ensure that independent Azerbaijan reached new heights unprecedented in its development. Thanks to his consistent balanced foreign and domestic policy, hostilities in Nagorno-Karabakh were halted, and the international community was involved in resolving the conflict. He was repeatedly convinced that the people of Azerbaijan sincerely loved Heydar Aliyevich-as the father of the nation, a wise and far-sighted politician. I know that Azerbaijanis carry this inextinguishable love and reverence in their hearts today. A special role in the formation of friendship, mutual respect and support between Ukraine and Azerbaijan was played by the fact that Heydar Aliyev personally paid tireless attention to the development of strategic partnership between our countries, he was always a loyal friend of Ukraine.

The other day, the former Prime Minister of Ukraine Anatoly Kinakh said on air of the Azerbaijan News Agency: "Ukraine will never forget the kindness and care of Heydar Aliyevich shown to our country." The Ukrainian ex-prime minister is convinced that in the fall of 1999, it was thanks to Heydar Aliyev that our country was able to harvest grain. Ukrainian farmers still remember this gesture of goodwill....Thanks to Heydar Aliyevich and Ilham Heydarovich, Azerbaijan managed to avoid the negative processes that took place in the region. They managed to consolidate the people to strengthen the state. We all remember how difficult the republic was in the first years of independence, but now Azerbaijan simply cannot be recognized. Your country has passed the difficult path of its development, and now the most important thing is to maintain the stability that the country has achieved. On the example of Ukraine and other countries, one can see how difficult it is to maintain stability after various shocks. I think that you are lucky with the leadership.

Thanks to the support of the ex-ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Ukraine, Ph.D. Talat Aliyev, the initiative of cooperation between the twin cities: Baku and Kiev, Cherkassy and Sumgait, the Shamkir district and the Zavodsky district of the Nikolaev region, the city of Irpin and Garadagh was successfully implemented. And also between educational institutions: Taras Shevchenko Kiev National University and the Presidential National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine and the National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Azerbaijan, Baku State University, A. Bogomolets Kiev National Medical University and Baku Medical University, National Aviation University of Ukraine (NAU) and Azerbaijan National Aviation Academy, National Technical University versity "Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute" (NTU KPI) and the Baku Technical University, Baku State University.

Scientific councils of NAU, Odessa Academy of Communications (which he graduated in 1957) and Kharkiv National Aerospace University. NOT. Zhukovsky elected our countryman, rector of the National Academy Aviation Authority of Azerbaijan (NAAA), academician Arif Mir Jalal oglu Kuchma honorary doctor and professor of these universities. The opening of the faculty of the Azerbaijani language at the Philological Institute of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv is a merit of our fellow countrywoman, a patriotic scientist and associate professor Zamina

Aliyeva. This was an important event in the history of Ukrainian-Azerbaijani relations.

The Kiev city organization of our diaspora, led by the world wrestling champion, Honored Worker of Physical Culture and Sports of Azerbaijan Oleg Krapivin, organized the study of more than 120 young Ukrainian Azerbaijanis in schools No. 37, 135, 188, 247, 291 of Kiev. Each year, under the guidance of teacher Safay Naibova, they successfully study the Azerbaijani language, culture and customs of their historical homeland - Azerbaijan. Successful cooperation was established between Baku school No. 164 and Kiev school No. 247. This practical experience has been accumulated in cooperation between the educational departments of Baku and Kiev, which make sure that friendship between our schools and our children is strengthened for the benefit of both peoples.

With the support of the head of the United Congress of Azerbaijanis of Ukraine, the head of the Assembly of Nations of Ukraine Rovshan Tagiyev and director Galina Chebotaryova, various cultural events are regularly held in the Kiev Samed Vurgun public library. In May 2003, in honor of the 80th anniversary of Heydar Aliyev, a football match of veterans was organized between Dynamo (Kiev) and Neftchi (Baku). Both Ukrainian and Azerbaijani fans got a lot of pleasure. The stadium was crowded, as all the stars of Dynamo and Neftchi played. Sport really unites peoples and strengthens friendship! At the same time, with the support of fellow countrymen, monuments to Taras Shevchenko and Zarifa Aliyeva appeared in the city of Irpen, as well as a park and a school named after Zarifa Aliyeva, and in Baku - a park named after Lesya Ukrainska and its monument. In Sumgayit and Cherkasy streets are named after the twin cities. By the way, the world's first monument to the national leader of the Azerbaijani people, Heydar Aliyev, was installed in the city of Kiev, and a monument to Taras Shevchenko was opened in Baku.

Life Teaches Everyone: One Must Be Worthy

I would like to say a few words about Zarif Aliyeva...Her husband, the national leader Heydar Aliyev, with whom she went through a difficult life, was a great person who devoted her life to Azerbaijan. Each time we watch the film "About True Love", we experience tender feelings. The sacred love that the national leader Heydar Aliyev had for his wife deeply touches every person. Even during the 50s of the last century, the control and envious attitude of the leadership of Azerbaijan could not interfere with their love. Zarifa Aliyeva walked shoulder to shoulder with Heydar Aliyev, whose life was in a constant struggle, in difficult moments he was a support. In addition, she brought up her children as citizens worthy of the Motherland, brought them up in the spirit of the heirs of high moral values. Plus hard work and research... Another fact, which is also related to family relations... The other day in the program "Sunday evening with Vladimir Solovyov", during a conversation about the reign of Mikhail Gorbachev in the last years of the USSR before the breakup, the program host drew attention to how vile the secretary general acted with one of the key members of the Politburo were First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR Heydar Aliyev, despite the fact that Aliyev had once supported his candidacy for the election of a new general secretary. The host recalled that Gorbachev not only sent Heydar Aliyev to retire, but also persecuted his family. "Look how he [Mikhail Gorbachev] treated Aliyev. Okay, Aliyev cleaned up-he even insisted that Shevardnadze, who was then the Minister of Foreign Affairs, do everything possible so that Aliyev's son [Ilham Aliyev] couldn't work, could not teach at MGIMO and was practically limited in his rights", noted Vladimir Solovyov.

Diplomacy Is Not a Battlefield, But the Ability to Show Wisdom and Patience

Heydar Aliyev devoted political and diplomatic activities to changing the generally accepted judgments about Azerbaijan. It should be noted the merit of Heydar Aliyev in the implementation of the East-West project. In 1998, on his initiative, the international forum "Restoration of the Silk Road" was held with the participation of leaders of eight countries and delegations of more than thirty states. This played an important role in strengthening the international image of Azerbaijan, in intensifying its cooperation with Western and Eastern countries. Opposition is an expansion of vision, it is an opportunity for a self-sufficient and self-developing system. Not for nothing that President Heydar Aliyev, while proposing new ideas for reforming society and the economy, paid great attention to the discussion of the work of the parliament and other events with the participation of the opposition.

Heydar Aliyev's leadership traits were undoubtedly passed on to his son. But even in this case, Ilham Aliyev clearly expressed purely personal principles, not the fourth individuality, developed intelligence, general culture, modesty, the ability to usefully synthesize everything valuable and positive that he has absorbed over the years of a conscious life and purposeful study. Ilham Aliyev firmly learned the lesson of his father: the politician of the future should already today work hard to create a "native social environment" for the upcoming state activities. And here is the result: not a single politician, except for President Heydar Aliyev, has such a wide, mass social base, which Ilham Aliyev acquired in a short time. His social base has no geographical or age boundaries; he is that rare politician who unites representatives of all ages and all regions of the country around him. He learned another lesson from his father: charismatic and leadership traits are most successfully formed in a cohesive party-political environment, surrounded by like-minded people. The young scientist, technocrat and politician had been looking for his "niche" for a relatively short time-it was now the ruling New Azerbaijan Party.

In the scale of values of Ilham Aliyev, the state is in the first place, despite the fact that this does not exclude the values of the individual. In our conditions, this is the right way. There cannot be a democratic state in a country with a weak civil society. Only a full-fledged life in society can protect the state machine from inertia, the state apparatus from stagnation, and the individual from manipulation of power. "Strong state" and "modernized society" are the two components of Ilham Aliyev's system of political values. We can add to them such a key idea, as, for example, commitment to the course of President Heydar Aliyev - the formation of a strong state, stable social development and a new form of political and philosophical thinking. A peculiar sign of the time is very indicative: Azerbaijan meets a new century and a new millennium, led by a new leader. This is the privilege of history. This, and perhaps a unique chance [3-14].

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