

## HRANT (MNATSAKAN) TAVAKALYAN



Was born in 1892 in the village of Madrasa of the Baku province. He completed his primary education in the Nersisyan School in Tiflis. After finishing school he returned to the native village and started teaching. In 1917 he entered the Kiev Institute of Trade, and then continued his study at the Legal Department of the local university. In 1918-1919 he was the representative of the Commissariat of Armenian affairs in

Tsaritsyn and Astrakhan. He took parts in the civil wars.

In January 1920 Tavakalyan was sent on a mission to Armenia by the Transcaucasian Regional Committee of Communist Party of Russia. He was arrested for participation in the May Revolt. He was released from prison after establishment of the Soviet rule.

In 1920-1921 Tavakalyan was the Chairman of the Revolutionary Committee of Yerevan city and province.

In 1921 he was appointed secretary of the Yerevan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party, and then in 1921-1923 – secretary of Zangezur Provincial Committee of the Communist (Bolshevik) Party of Armenia.

In September 1923 he was sent on a mission to the USA for organization of activities of the committee for providing assistance to Armenia.

In August 1924 he was excluded from the party and isolated by means of the Extraordinary Commission.