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### SERGEI MESKHI AND THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE GENERATIONS

In spite of the fact that Sergei Meskhi was a prominent representative of "Tergdaleulebi", and as a like-minded person was an active participant of all the commitments made by this generation, he did not take active part in the cross-generation arguments of 60-70s. and instead of presenting the one particular side he came out to act as a mediator, turning to liberal-reconciling position. As is shown from his letters at the beginning of the dispute in the 60s he had not expressed whatever position. But in 70s he responded the struggle with a few modest articles.

The sole document that does not conform to S. Meskhi's reconciliatory position is his personal letter sent to Akaki Tsereteli, dated October 3, 1984. Judging by Sergei Meskhi's publications, he did not lose his temper to come out with the radical criticism. Sergei Meskhi expresses his concern that the contradictions between the generations in some cases grew into to personal humiliation. He thought that such opposition and struggle should be terminated immediately as it would not give any good to the society as a whole. Sergei Meskhi expressed his satisfaction and encouragement to any attempts made for the elimination of this struggle.