

Greek Guerrilla Band Willing to Trade Demands for Amnesty

Correspondent Learns Young Fighters Want British Troops Withdrawn, Free Elections

United Press Correspondent Robert Vermillion has returned safely to Athens after spending six days with the Andartes, or guerrillas of northern Greece. Mr. Vermillion and two other Americans were reported missing by the Greek government during their visit to the hill country of northern Thessaly. One man was killed in the village of Louesthia when the Greek army attacked to "rescue" the Americans.

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ATHENS, Dec. 16 (U. P.)—A shell fragment whined through a window and ripped away the left side of Apostolou Nasto's face. He died a few hours later with a crude bandage over the open wound.

Three Americans were partially responsible for Apostolou Nasto's death. We had been reported missing in "bandit" territory and Greek army units had come to the village of Louesthia to rescue us. We didn't need rescuing, though. We weren't in any danger.

The three of us—John Phillips, of Time and Life magazines, Tom Politis, a Greek-speaking New York artist and I—had abandoned our jeep in the courtyard of a tiny inn near the guerrilla frontier.

Our purpose was to talk with the Andartes, or leftist "bandits." The jeep broke down and we had to go the rest of the way by muleback and on foot.

The Andartes country comprises 54 villages and some 25,000 people in the mountainous badlands of northern Greece. The area is about 150 miles north of Athens, in northern Thessaly and Thrace.

Mortar Shells Echo. The "Battle of Louesthia," designed to "rescue" us, began the afternoon of Dec. 9.

Greek army units waded across the swift-flowing Pinios river, which forms the boundary between government and guerrilla territory.

They found the jeep and were told we had proceeded by muleback to Kastania, a village nine miles to the west. This they learned from the proprietor of the inn.

Instead of heading west, the army unit—of about 40 men—turned south toward Louesthia, about a mile and a half away.

We heard the fighting begin at 3 p. m. Fifty guerrillas opened fire on the advancing soldiers.

The three of us were on a mountain top.

The valley echoed with the crunch of exploding mortar shells and rifle fire.

One of the shells landed 40 yards from Apostolou Nasto's home. He was standing at the window when the shell fragment struck him in the face.

Greek Army Withdraws. When we reached Louesthia, which is some five miles behind the guerrilla lines, about half the population of 270 had fled into the hills behind the town.

On Dec. 11 the village was empty, except for a few men building a coffin for Nasto and six women who were kneeling near his body.

The guerrillas expected a second attack. The army troops had withdrawn after heavy fighting.

"They were looking for you," an old woman said. "We are happy that you've come to talk to us and we want you to stay—but there are few here to talk to now and one who will talk no more."

Clashes like the one at Louesthia are almost daily occurrences in northern Greece—though not for the same reason.

In northern Thessaly, just 54 miles west of Larissa, the entire area is streaked with human misery. There are no doctors.

People are hungry most of the time.

The Andartes, or "armed groups of the oppressed" as they call themselves, have taken over the territory.

Four Andartes leaders represent all the "law" there is.

Most Andartes Young. I wanted to find out the "why" of all this. Why the Andartes fight the government?

What it is they want that the government won't give them? Apostolou Nasto's death makes this information seem pretty valuable now. Here's what I discovered.

Most of the Andartes are young men. They are Catholics and deeply religious.

Most of them were members of the Elias leftist resistance movement during the German-Italian occupation. They fight now for the same reasons they fought then, according to their statements.

Nearly all these "bandits" are homesick, but they are afraid to go home.

They said they were driven to the hills by beatings and threats of arrest. A few of them, of course, prefer the guerrilla life, but most of them are sick of being hungry outlaws.

Four leaders command the approximately 500 armed Andartes in northern Thessaly.

The armed men in turn "police" the villages.

85,000 Cared for By Wakeman Staff

With the closing of Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, 85,000 men and women war casualties will have been treated, Col. Paul M. Crawford, commanding officer, said today.

Most of the casualties have been returned to duty or civilian pursuits, while some with disabilities necessitating permanent care were sent to veterans administration hospital near their homes, he said. Col. Crawford paid tribute to the organizations and individuals throughout Indiana and Ohio who have given their time and efforts in providing recreation and personal comforts for patients at Wakeman.

2 Die in Plane Crash

LEBANON, Mo., Dec. 16 (U. P.)—A husband and wife crashed to their death in an airplane trying to land in a field yesterday. Authorities said the dead were Arla Harrison, 52, and Grace Harrison, 35, his wife.

Five Local Attorneys Are Named By Stark as Deputy Prosecutors

Staff to Be Cut From 39 to 35

Prosecutor-elect Judson L. Stark today named five local attorneys as deputy prosecutors for Marion county criminal and municipal courts.

Criminal court assignees include George H. Kistler and Jack C. Brown, current deputy under Prosecutor Sherwood Blue. Named to municipal court are Palmer K. Ward, Donald R. Money and John H. Dailey.

Other appointments will be made later. Judge Stark said. All appointments will total about 35 deputies and assistants compared with the 39 currently listed on the \$70,000 budget. The plan is to provide larger salaries in the lower brackets. The personnel cut would involve



Jack Brown



John Dailey



Palmer Ward



Donald Money

one investigator and three court deputies. Regarding the appointments, Mr. Brown is a world war II veteran and a former member of the Baker & Daniels law firm. He lives at 4714 Broadway.

Mr. Kistler is a member of Yeager, Linder, Tindler & Kistler law firm. He recently was associated with the OPA as a litigation attorney. He lives at 528 W. 43d st.

A counter intelligence officer in the army, Mr. Ward is a graduate of Butler university and Indiana university school of law. He lives at 5010 Washington blvd.

Mr. Money, 330 Grand ave., is a member of the local bar association. Also a world war II veteran, Mr. Dailey was a member of the judge advocate general's department. A native of Indianapolis, he lives at 3921 Prospect st.

Harrison Elected Architect Head

Merritt Harrison, Indianapolis architect, today assumed his duties as new president of the Indiana Society of Architects.

Elected yesterday at the annual convention at the Marriott hotel, Mr. Harrison succeeds Ralph O. Yeager, Terre Haute.

Other new officers are Gerald C. Brubaker, Elkhart, first vice president; Theodore L. Steele, Indianapolis, second vice president; Donald E. Compton, Indianapolis, secretary, and J. Floyd Allen, Indianapolis, treasurer.

New directors are James M. Turner, Hammond, and Thomas G. Medland, Logansport. Re-elected to the board were C. E. Hamilton, Muncie, and Edwin C. Berendes, Evansville.

Speaker at the convention was J. Scott Williams, professor of design at the University of Wyoming, who is here to supervise Christmas decorations on Monument Circle.

GLAND SURGEON DIES. CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (U. P.)—Victor D. Lespinasse, pioneer in the field of gland surgery, died in a hospital here Saturday. He was 68.

Wabash Graduate Gets Scholarship

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 16 (U. P.)—Frank R. Barnett, a graduate of Wabash college, Crawfordsville, Ind., today was named as one of the 48 winners of a Rhodes scholarship.

A world war II veteran, Mr. Barnett now is in Berkeley, Cal., doing further study. Suspended during the war, this is the first time in seven years the awards have been made.

Legislators' Banquet Scheduled for Jan. 13

The 150 state general assembly members will be guests of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Jan. 13 in the Claypool hotel. It marks the organization's biennial legislative banquet.

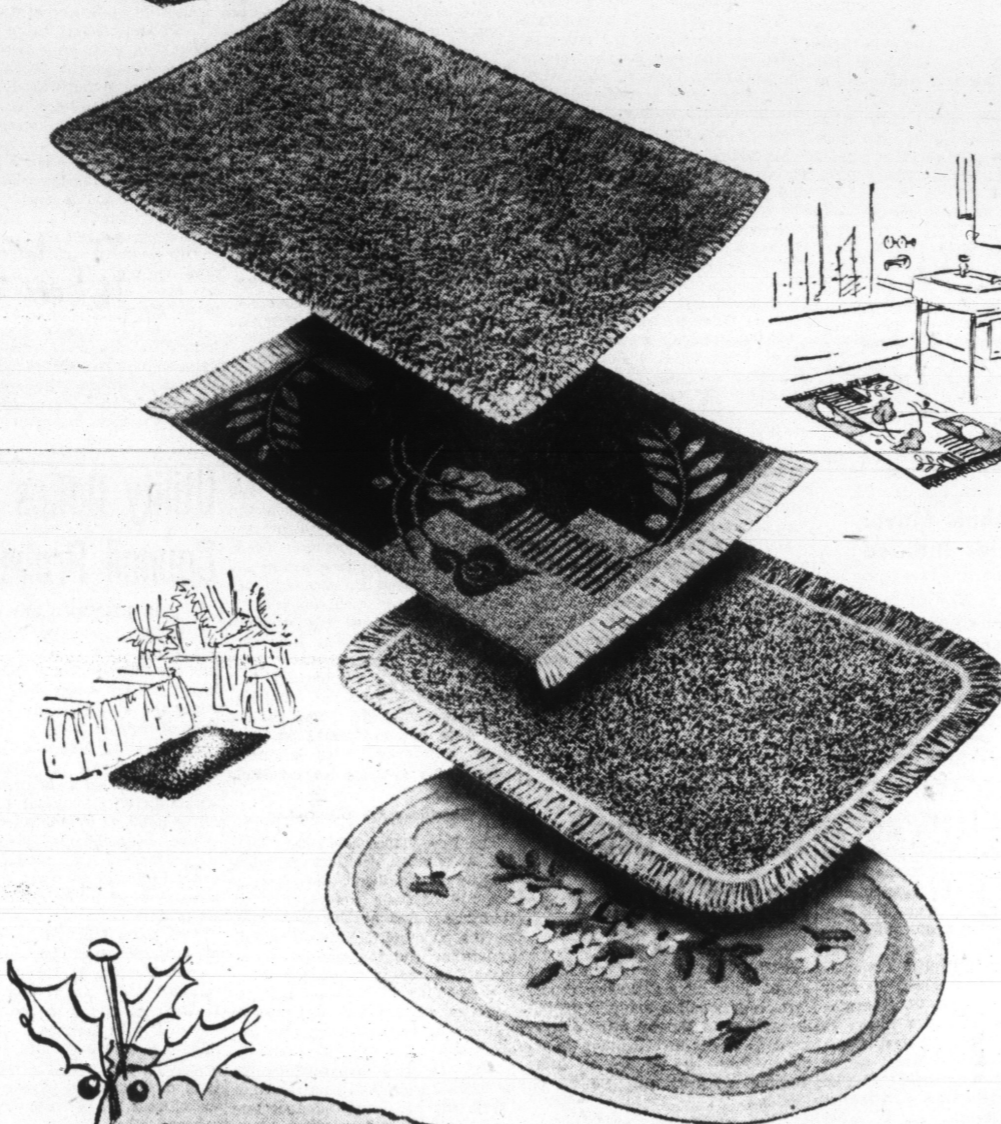
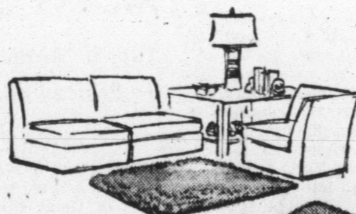
Purpose of the banquet, according to C. E. Whitehill, chamber president, is to welcome the legislature to the city. Elected state officials also will be present.

Other guests will include wives or husbands of legislators and wives of chamber members. The first such banquet was held in 1945.

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3 x 5 ft., 39.95

4 x 6 ft., 29.50

State AFL Pushes 10-Point Program

Indiana's state federation of labor today launched a 10-point legislative drive with the primary objective of overhauling the workmen's compensation act.

The program was approved yesterday at the close of a two-day pre-legislative conference attended by more than 300 A. F. of L. delegates from over the state.

The group agreed to follow the lead of federation President Carl Mullen, who urged abandonment of any appearance of a defensive attitude in an all-out push for labor's program.

He said the entire program would be urged upon the coming general assembly despite a current "anti-labor" trend. During debate on the proposals to amend the workmen's compensation law, Stanley Thorpe, Hammond attorney, said the current law was as "out-of-date as a log cabin on Fifth ave."

Advocate 2 Amendments. Three principal amendments were advocated in a drive led by officials of the United Mine Workers. The amendments were:

ONE: That medical care under the law be extended until an injured worker is able to resume his job. There is a limit now of 120 days.

TWO: That no deductions be permitted in final settlement of compensation.

THREE: That dependents of workers suffering total disability receive aid until they are able to care for themselves.

Other points in the 10-point program include a drive for a minimum wage law at state level providing for 75 cents an hour, renewal of the old act forbidding women to work at night, opposition to local option, legalization of union bargaining with state government, backing for the direct primary, non-partisan election of school boards, divorce of beer and liquor wholesaling from politics by forbidding anyone to engage in both fields, support of the status quo in the existing gross income tax law.

Christmas Pageant Set At School 7 Wednesday

Children of School 7, 748 Bates st., will present a Christmas pageant at 1:45 p. m. Wednesday in the auditorium.

Participating will be Charles Patterson, representing Joseph in a Nativity scene; Mattie Coffey, Mary; Carlos Carter, James Kizsee and Phillip Ross, shepherds; Billy Baysinger, Frank Taylor and Harold Constant, three wise men.

Others will be Joan Dillon, John Bowers, Ronnie Owen, Lois Cable, Bonnie Kizsee, Doris Dillard, Mary Toler, Doris Highshaw, Charles Holton, Georgia Long, Jeanette Roach and Donald Price.

In charge of festivities will be Mrs. Faye Miller and Mrs. Ellen Grubb, music; Mrs. Mary Allen, dramatics; Mrs. Marianne Glancy, stage and costumes, and Mrs. Helen Horner, costumes.

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BIRTHS

Girls
At St. Francis—James, Mary Werner, Marvin, Betty Webb, Robert, Frances Perry, Leonard, Esther Lynn, and Walter Clara DeWitt.
At City—Ella, Bessie Thompson, and Leslie, Charlotte Douglas.
At Columbia—Dorwin, Dorothy Sweet, Thomas, Grace Lux, Harold, Lulabelle Webb, Donald, Louise Paron.
At Methodist—Raymond, Ellen Weaver, Mildred, Verna Sowers, Joseph, Doris, Richard, Russell, Pauline, Charles, Alvin, Louella Cohen, Robert, Julia Mudd, and Henry, Helen Phillips.
At St. Vincent's—George, Margaret Watkins, Raymond, Catherine Palermo, Russell, Marjorie Campbell, Charles, Mary North, J. W., Betty Ellis, Joseph, Dorothy, Margaret, and Harold, Louis Leonard.
At Emanuel—Glenn, Bertha Pfisterer, and James, Norma McGinn.
At Home—James, Hannah Hightower, 630 Blake st.; Don, Darlene Thomas, 443 S. Arbor st.; and Charles, Minnie Nelson, 1009 Harrison st.
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At St. Francis—Joseph, Lillian Lowe, Wade, Laura, Jones, and John, Anna Cable.
At City—William, Mosele Bumpus, John, Elizabeth, Doster, Charles, Mel, Ora, Joseph, Ben, Dorothy Anderson, Wendell, Baldwin, and Irving, Elora Kennedy.
At Columbia—Frank, Mary Spicklenire, Fred, Dorothy Campbell, George, Marjorie, and Max, Martha Haymaker.
At Methodist—Robert, Georgia Ramage,

George, Eva Wright, Orrin, Clara Kellner, Thornton, Dorothy Wilkinson, Howard, Mildred Shaefer, William, Wanda Reiser, Charles, Mary Bell, George, Elizabeth Smith, Forrest, Wilma Williamson, Richard, Alice Morris, Harold, Evelyn Ellis, Russell, Betty Joyce, Hazel, Mary Pinner, Portia, Margaret, Priscilla, Ralph, Elizabeth, Carol, Patricia, Mary Bennett, Wilford, Thelma Shockey, and Joseph, Jesse Day.
At St. Vincent's—James, Phyllis Holmes, Edward, Rhonda Vaughn, Ralph, Mary Lamb, George, Myrtle Lesell, Benjamin, Lillian Turner, Thomas, Mary Margaret, Robert, Patricia Edrider, and Harry, Mary Owens.
At Emanuel—Francis, Dorothy McGrath, Robert, Veroy Ott, and Everett, Mabel Montgomery.
At Home—Willie, Helen Wright, 2438 Indianapolis ave.

DEATHS

Jesse Taylor, 58, at 2422 Bond st., coronary occlusion.
Clement John Richert, 73, at Long, myocardial infarction.
Lorena Mitchell Beach, 85, at 2818 N. Capitol ave., cerebral hemorrhage.
Selle Calvin, 77, at 1731 N. Capitol ave., myocardial.
Neva Butterfield, 86, at Long, arteriosclerosis heart.
Hattie Payne, 65, at 1339 W. 31st st., pulmonary edema.
Marie S. Baden, 41, at 440 Massachusetts ave., myocardial.
Robert Baileys, 90, at 1202 N. Senate ave., organic heart.

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