

Greece Launches All-Out Attack Against Guerrillas

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The Greek government opened an all-out military offensive today against its guerrilla opponents. Meanwhile, the U. S. senate debated President Truman's proposal that the United States reinforce the campaign with grants of money and arms.

The Greek offensive was the largest the government has sent against the rebel forces in the mountainous regions of northern Thessaly and western Macedonia.

The existence of these forces and their alleged support by Greece's neighbors—Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria—led first to the appointment of a United Nations commission of inquiry. This was followed by Mr. Truman's proposal that the United States pump \$400 million into Greece and Turkey to turn them into bastions against the expansion of Soviet influence in the Near East.

The Greek government is deploying large forces of infantry against the rebels and backing them up with the Greek air force. Planes dropped leaflets on rebel regions as a preliminary to bombardment. The Greek fleet is standing by ready to join in the attack if necessary.

Vandenberg Seeks Vote

Supporters of Mr. Truman's program in the senate were pressing for an early vote. Opponents continued to raise questions. Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D. Colo.) wanted to know whether the United States now was committed to a program of supporting "every

corrupt political regime anywhere in the world" as an ally against Russia. Senator Claude Pepper (D. Fla.) said the Greek rebels were "bandits" only in the sense that American patriots might have been so called if they had lost the revolution. However, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R. Mich.) said he was ready to vote today on the proposal. Senator Tom Connally (D. Tex.) predicted not more than 10 senate votes would be cast against it.

Envoy's O. K. Deferred

The whole question of Soviet influence in Europe was under broad examination.

The senate foreign relations committee deferred action on approval of Stanton Grimes as the new American ambassador to Poland until it could look into the matter of Soviet domination of the Polish government.

A minority of the house foreign affairs committee attacked the \$350 million general relief program on grounds it would aid what they called "Communist movements" in Hungary and Poland.

Marshall Asks Border Commission

In Moscow U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall formally proposed the creation of a special boundary commission to recommend revision of the prewar German-Polish boundary. He also urged an arrangement for the allocation of raw materials of the former eastern German area for the benefit of all Europe.

Mr. Marshall proposed that the commission be composed of the Big Four plus Poland and "a convenient number of other allied states."

Mr. Marshall agreed that Poland should receive "substantial concessions of territory" from Germany for territory acquired from eastern Poland by the Soviet. But he added that the job was to determine how and where to draw the final line to avoid unnecessary and unjustified economic upsets and to minimize the inescapable irredentist pressure in Germany.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov immediately rejected the Marshall proposal. He insisted that the Big Four stand on the Potsdam agreement.

Warren R. Austin, American delegate to the United Nations, was preparing what was expected to be a blunt reply to Soviet Delegate Andrei Gromyko's proposal that the Greek program, shorn of military aspects, be turned over to the United Nations.

Dinner Will Honor Church Class Teacher

Mrs. H. T. Graham's 30th anniversary as teacher of the Philaetas class of the Westminster Presbyterian church will be observed with a banquet tomorrow at 6:30 p. m. in the church dining room.

Mrs. Graham's husband, the Rev. Harry T. Graham, had been pastor of the church for 20 years at the time of his death in 1937. Dr. Alexander Sharp Sr. will give the dinner address.

All four of Mrs. Graham's children will be present. They are Brewer and Robert Graham and Mrs. Howard Kiser of Indianapolis and Mrs. Charles E. Silkey of Terre Haute.

State Starts New Welfare Program

Stress Better Care For Mental Cases

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health officials say, have deteriorated rapidly during recent years, primarily because of low pay standards and poor working conditions.

Under a law enacted by the 1947 general assembly the mental health council now has authority to set its own standards for psychiatric personnel. Superintendents who have virtually been isolated with the problem were called to recommend changes in standards which will ease the serious shortage of qualified help.

Forced to Skirt Law

Legally, superintendents of hospitals are supposed to hire personnel from eligibility lists furnished under the merit system. In practice, psychiatrists point out hospital authorities have been forced to skirt this law and do their own hiring on a "catch as catch can" basis.

The personnel board, which operated the merit system, has been unable to furnish eligibility lists because extremely low wage scales would not attract job candidates to take examinations.

Under the new law the mental health council may recommend both pay scales and other qualifications. Dr. Norman Beatty, council head, expressed hope scales could be increased and standards revised to provide at least temporary relief in the help shortage.

Plan Training Program

Eventually, he said, the council will have authority to set up a long-range training program backed by good salaries to fill hospital staffs.

A second major step in the building of the mental health program is scheduled for tonight when the Indiana Neuro-psychiatric society meets in the Athenaeum. Supporters of the state program are hopeful the society will back plans to send psychiatric "teams" to mental institutions for periodic consultation services.

At yesterday's meeting of the mental health council Purchasing Director O. F. Heslar and Budget Director Roscoe P. Freeman outlined new financial aspects of recent legislation affecting the institutions. New powers of the board were explained by Attorney General Cleon Fouss.

Two Injured in Fire At Terre Haute Hotel

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 9 (U. P.).—Two persons injured in a Terre Haute hotel fire last night were reported in "fair condition" in St. Anthony's hospital today.

More than 85 guests and residents fled the 107-room Milner hotel when a fire broke out on the first floor over the furnace room.

Cause of the blaze had not been determined. It was discovered by a hotel resident, William E. Plew, fireman said.

Taken to St. Anthony's hospital were Glenn Neff, 22, night clerk, overcome by smoke, and Perry Grey, 67, a guest. Mr. Grey suffered a head contusion and bruised eye when he fell downstairs.

I. U. Head Says Ford Hard to Understand

Dr. William Lowe Bryan, president emeritus of Indiana university, an acquaintance of Henry Ford, said today the industrialist's closest friends admitted they did not understand him.

In 1930 Dr. Bryan met with Mr. Ford, Thomas A. Edison and Harvey S. Firestone to select Edison scholarship recipients. During the meeting Mr. Edison told Dr. Bryan, "No one understands Henry Ford. I cannot see how he gets the results he does with machinery or with money."

Dr. Bryan said Mr. Firestone's comments at the time were: "I know him as well socially and in business as any man and I do not understand him. What I mean is I do not know what he will do next."

Cabinet Makes No Decision on Prices

Talk 'Pro and Con' Fails to Bring Action

WASHINGTON, April 9 (U. P.).—President Truman, his cabinet and his top economic advisers reviewed the American economic situation for an hour and 40 minutes today.

But the White House said they did not decide on any specific action to encourage price reductions. White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross, who sat in the meeting, told reporters "it was just a lot of talk back and forth, pro and con."

Statement Tomorrow Doubtful

The discussion centered on a memorandum read to the cabinet by Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the council of economic advisers. Mr. Ross said there was no likelihood that Mr. Truman would make any statement on the conference when he meets with reporters tomorrow.

Mr. Truman at his last two news conferences expressed grave concern over rising prices and urged business to make reductions before inflationary spirals get out of hand.

Dr. Nourse Worried

Dr. Nourse told reporters yesterday that he was worried about the price situation. He said he was pointing out certain possible results from varying approaches to the problem of easing inflationary pressures.

Asked whether he favored restoring price control, Dr. Nourse told a reporter, "the American people seem to be pretty tired of that."

Government figures show the cost of living has increased 18 per cent since the war ended.

Columnist Felled By Sinatra Blow

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linger helped Mr. Mortimer off the floor. The columnist was treated at West Hollywood emergency hospital.

Mr. Mortimer said he had frequently mentioned in his newspaper column that "Sinatra can't sing." He said he also had criticized the crooner's political views.

Mr. Sinatra said he struck the columnist to "avenge a personal remark" made by Mr. Mortimer to Miss Kimo.

So far as Mr. Sinatra is concerned, the incident is closed, he said.

The singer branded as "absurd" reports that anyone held Mr. Mortimer while further blows were struck.

Mr. Sinatra said Mr. Mortimer had been "picking on me" for 2½ years in his column.

The singer was accompanied by Lenny Hayton, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer musical director; Music Publisher Irving Weiss and Singer Luanne Hogan.

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Charges Tot Planned Poisoning

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must be noted by an elimination of possibilities.

The conduct of the defendant in this case shows possession of guilty knowledge. Repeatedly she denied testimony of our witnesses which indicated directly that she is guilty as charged.

"It comes down to a single question: Will you believe the defendant against the words of these witnesses? If you believe her, then all of our witnesses lied," he said.

"If you take their word then you must realize that Mrs. Lockman felt the noose closing about her and she perjured herself."

Lies Not Needed

"An innocent person never is put to the task of surrounding himself with lies."

"By the same token the defense had asserted that Mrs. J. S. Kirkpatrick, sister-in-law of the victim, could be guilty of the crime."

"That is ages old. The guilty always attempt to place the blame on others," Mr. Robertson said.

In direct rebuttal Eugene Cooper, one of the defense staff, told the jury that conflicting testimony only is proof of truth.

"The very fact that Lottie stayed on and worked at the McConnell household for four years is proof that no one believed the statements the defendant allegedly made concerning Mrs. McConnell and her chances to live," he said.

Says No Proof Given

"In fact there has been no proof that the mercury was administered in food, drink or medicine as the state charges."

"Their own scientific expert, Dr. R. N. Harger, state toxicologist, testified that there would have been a bad taste to any mercury taken by mouth. There also would have been a burning sensation on swallowing the dose," he declared.

The defense pointed out that at no time were these symptoms described by the alleged victim or any person who had taken care of her. Eugene Cooper then re-emphasized the defense charge that Mrs. Kirkpatrick could easily have been the guilty party.

"She was the one with the real chance to commit this crime. Mrs. Kirkpatrick administered hypodermic injections for hay fever to the alleged victim. The mercury could have been given in a hypodermic, by rubbing compounds on the skin or any other number of ways," he said.

"We only ask that you consider the question of reasonable doubt of guilt in returning your verdict," Eugene Cooper said to the jury.

The state seeks a conviction on a charge of attempted murder by poison which carries three to 14 years' sentence.

Mrs. McConnell will receive news of the verdict on her bed in King's Daughters' hospital here. Mrs. McConnell still suffers from mercury she consumed. She was returned to the hospital a week after she testified in court from an ambulance cot.

Judge Harry E. Nichols, Jefferson county circuit court, says the case most likely will go to the jury tomorrow, after he delivers instructions.

Woman Killed, 3 Hurt In Auto Crash Upstate

One woman was killed and three persons injured in a two-car collision in Porter county yesterday, state police reported.

Mrs. Josephine Pini, 38, Chicago, died en route to a Gary hospital after the crash. She was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, Bruno Pini, 42, also of Chicago, when it collided with a car driven by Arnold Portish, 60, Chicago.

Mr. Pini, his daughter, Barbara, 13, and Mr. Portish are all in Mercy hospital in Gary with injuries.

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