

Greek Home No Haven As Guerrilla Fighting Grows More Intense

Behind Exhaustive Conflict Looms Clashing Interests of 2 Great Powers—U. S. and USSR

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VELLOS, Greece, Jan. 2—You fight violence with violence and the results are more violence.

Two starving dogs fight madly over the same bone. They may both die in the battle of flashing jaws, but they'll never share.

That's the tragic story of Greece today. War to the primitive death, spying and counter-spying. No man safe in his own home.

Velos, a shabby city of 50,000 is one example. It is a city besieged, not by armies or planes but by

Communist-led guerrillas, who roam the jagged cliffs that surround it.

The front line in this civil war is right in this town's backyard. Guerrillas are all over the place. Like fireflies they spark the countryside after dark. It's literally worth your life to walk a half-mile out of town—away from the protective chain of sentries.

The 12 o'clock curfew is enforced with bullets.

Even Romeo's Cautious

Inside the town guards are posted every few blocks. Local Romeos dash home just before midnight, for a machinegun will dampen any man's ardor. If a Greek is spotted strolling down the main stem after midnight he won't turn into a pumpkin but he may into a corpse. These Greek soldiers will cut loose at a noisy cat inspecting a garbage can.

Many a lonesome sentry doesn't dare stoop over to tie his shoe lace—a muscular peasant might land on his back and tie 10 fingers around his windpipe.

Outside the town it's every man for himself. It is simply impossible to post a guard along each foot of road and rail and village.

The Greek army has a fairly potent line of dugouts spotted over the countryside heavy with small arm firepower. Even Jane Russell in a skin-tight bathing suit couldn't lure these boys out of the cozy security of their pillbox.

The guerrillas just run riot. They come out of their holes just after dark to carry out their orders:

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Your Income Tax Primer—No. 10 If More Than 5 Per Cent Spent On Health You Can Claim Deduction

Alimony, Safety Box Rental, Real Estate Tax Also Exempt

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—The income tax law assumes that it is normal for a family to spend 5 percent of its gross income on doctors, surgeons, dentists, nurses, medicines and other health items. You can deduct only what you spent in excess of that "normal" amount.

Few families have a deduction here. If you think that you may have one, dig out your bills, search your memory, and list what you actually spent during 1947—for family and dependents—on hospital, health, surgical and accident insurance premiums; to doctors, surgeons, dentists, nurses, hospitals, clinics, laboratories; for X-ray, anesthesia, operating room fees; for medicines; both prescription and patent; for ambulance hire; for false teeth, artificial limbs, hearing aids, glasses, eyes, spectacles (including examination and prescription fees); for boarding nurses; for travel essential to getting medical and surgical care, including living expenses while on trips away from home for that purpose; for sojourns in convalescent homes by direction of your physician.

Add these. Subtract any reimbursement received from insurance, workman's compensation, your employer, or a person who contributed, voluntarily or by court order, because of his responsibility.

Up to 5 Per Cent Medical Expense
Now take 5 per cent of Item 6, page 1.

If your medical expenses were greater than 5 per cent of Item 6, you can deduct the difference. If not, forget it.

If you do have a claim, either write your expenditures in the space provided on page 3, or list them on a separate sheet, to be attached to your return. Subtract any reimbursement received. On the "net expenses" line, show the net cost of these things to you.

On the next line show 5 per cent of Item 6. Subtract from "net" expenses. The remainder is your deduction. It goes in the right-hand column, with one limitation:

If the return is for yourself alone, the deduction cannot be more than \$1250. If the return shows two or more exemptions, the deduction cannot be more than \$2500.

The most common miscellaneous deductions for Page 3 are alimony,

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paid periodically (but not necessarily at regular intervals) under a court order; safe deposit box rental; your share of mortgage interest and real estate taxes on a co-operative residence; the special flat \$500 exemption allowed to a blind person.

Here, also, is the place to charge those business expenses, described in the fifth article, that could not be subtracted from your wages for Item 2.

And here you can deduct anything you paid a lawyer or accountant last year to advise or help prepare your income tax return.

The Computation

Page 3 now shows all allowable deductions. The total for each group is in the right-hand column under "Amount." Add the figures in that column to get your Total Deductions.

If your total income (Item 6, Page 1) is \$5000 or more, and your total deductions are under \$500, forget them and take the standard deduction as described in the eighth article.

If your total income is less than \$5000, and your total deductions are much under 10% of income, forget them and use the Tax Table as described in the eighth article.

But if your total deductions are more than \$500—or more than 10% of an under-\$5000 income—enter their total on Line 2 of the Tax Computation schedule at the bottom of page 3 of Form 1040.

A Final Warning
Subtract them from Line 1, just as we did the standard deduction enlisted men chosen to attend the

in the eighth article, to get Line academy prep-school on the basis of

Then go on just as though you competitive examinations given to

had used the standard deduction. 54 men in his service area.

After completing his prep-school deductions, leave them listed on Mr. Reichard will take examinations with 160 other appointees to compete for the academy vacancies which remain after presidential and congressional appointments have been filled.

band-wife return, and Line 5 in the Tax Computation Schedule

shows more than \$2000, you may be losing money by not separating 608,000 fires, causing damage of

U. S. FIRE LOSS HIGH

The National Fire Protection

Association estimates that last year in the United States there were

608,000 fires, causing damage of

about \$580 million.

Medical and dental expenses		Hospital Insurance premiums	21.00
		Hospital charges not covered	18.50
		Doctors, surgeon, dentist	277.00
		Drugs, medicines, X-ray	47.70
		Net Expenses (not compensated by insurance or otherwise)	367.20
		Enter 5 percent of item 6, page 1, and subtract from Net Expenses	186.23
		Allowable Medical and Dental Expenses. See Instruction for Limitation	180.97
Miscellaneous (See Instructions)		Entert'g customers (153.25); S. D. box (16.50)	169.75
		Trade Mag. (12); help w. I. T. return (5)	17.00
		Alimony (360); Xmas gifts, customers (8.85)	368.85
		8½ garage rental (see Bus Exp. Schedule)	50.10
		Total Miscellaneous Deductions	606.00
		TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 990.51

Here are the Dec. 1 last two deduction schedules. The Miscellaneous list includes business expenses John could not charge against his pay in Item 2. Added to yesterday's deduction total \$990.51. This is much more than the table allows. They save \$117.54 by using these deductions on page 3. Their tax computed there, is \$139.46. They enter that in Item 7, page 1—complete that schedule—ask for refund of \$73.54 overpaid in withholding tax—and answer the six questions.

How its request fares in the struggle will not be known until the President submits the fiscal budget to Congress early next month. It probably will be early summer before Congress makes up its mind on the anti-trust allocation.

Check on Decrees

Part of the increase, it is believed, would be used to establish a group of experts to help police consent decrees resulting from civil anti-trust suits.

For example, the division with the help of the FBI has been checking for a long time on the decree in the oil pipeline case of several years ago.

Similarly, the anti-trust lawyers of the department for more than a year have been investigating charges of monopolistic practices against the Railway Express Agency. Some western railroads have complained.

Whether a civil suit shall be filed is now under consideration, with a decision expected soon. This could be one of the outstanding anti-trust actions of the year.

Organized in 1928, The Railway Express Agency, formed in 1928, is owned by some 70 railroads, but controlled by only about eight, it is claimed.

Railway Express has branched out into motor truck transport and into air express, both of these operations nominally regulated by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Civil Aeronautics Board.

The anti-trust division already has moved against monopolies in the cost-of-living field, and with additional money to finance its operations, it probably would broaden the scope of these activities.

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