Greece Clash, Marshall Talk Feature Crisis

Washington (NC) — It's a long, long way from the mountains of northern Greece to Salt Lake City in Utah, but it is these two points that furnish the top news for the week's review of events in the field of East-West relations.

There is open fighting along the Greek-Albanian border between Communist-led guerrillas—some of whom may be members of an "International Brigade" — and the Greek army.

Mysterious radio stations broadcast appeals from the "general headquarters of the Democratic Army of Greece." The hard-pressed government in Athens has arrested thousands suspected of being Communist sympathizers and conspirators and deported them to little islands off Greece. All these events coincided with the arrival in Athens of Dwight P. Griswold, director of the United States aid program for Greece.

Again Moscow Balks

While civil war is raging in Greece, the Security Council of the United Nations has been deliberating what could be done about it. The United States has submitted an urgent proposal for a semi-permanent frontier commission in the Balkans, but Soviet Russia's Andrei A. Gromyko backed by the representatives of Poland and Yugoslavia, has made it plain that Moscow is utterly opposed to any such plans.

That the situation — not only in Greece but along the whole line of East-West relations — is fraught with danger, that this country is rapidly approaching a point where we shall have to make up our mind either one way or the other, was made plain by the man who is in direct charge of United States Foreign Policy.

Addressing the annual conference of Governors in Salt Lake City, Secretary of State George C. Marshall said: "There is no blinking the fact that this country now stands at a turning point in its relations to its traditional friends among the nations of the old world.

"Either it must finish the task of assisting these countries to adjust themselves to the changed demands of a new age or it must reconcile itself to seeing them move in directions which are consistent neither with their own traditions nor with those of this country."

Radical Alterations

"In this latter case," he added, "the United States would be faced with a radical alteration of its own position in the world." As an official whose pronouncements have to be couched in diplomatic, at least dignified, phraseology — the Secretary of State did not name names, but the concrete meaning of his remarks did not escape anybody.

The week's news furnished many illustrations of countries moving in directions "inconsistent" with their own traditions.

(1) **In Hungary**, the Communist-dominated coalition government presented the draft of an election law which would ensure the victory of those who are determined to make their country, with its 1,000-year-old Christian tradition, a faithful Soviet vassal.

(2) **In Rumania**, several leading members of the National Peasant party, the principal opposition to the Communist-sponsored regime, were arrested at the airport while trying to flee to another country.

(3) **In Germany**, thousands are fleeing from the Soviet into the American zone of occupation because, as reports state, they were afraid they would be shipped into Russia to labor in mines or factories.

(4) **Reports** from Japan give details of a well-organized Soviet campaign to undermine faith of the Japanese in democracy and in General MacArthur's occupation policies.

(5) **In Korea**, where the negotiations between American and Soviet occupation authorities have reached a deadlock, Gen. Albert E. Brown, chief American delegate to the U. S.-Soviet Commission, accused the Russians of trying to use an arbitrary veto power to prevent consultations with Koreans on their future government.

(6) **In Poland**, five persons were sentenced to long prison terms for circulating rumors that Russia planned to take over the entire Polish government while at the same time a miniature war is raging in the south eastern part of the country against Ukrainian bandits," who resist repatriation from Polish territory to Soviet Russia.

Meanwhile, representatives of 16 countries of western Europe and Scandinavia are collaborating in Paris drawing up a plan for self-help which is to be submitted to the United States in accordance with the so-called Marshall plan.

Protests

Leslie Long, 22-year-old vocalist with Carmen Cavallero's band, who was the first person to protest refusal of the Ahoskie, N. C., Kiwanis Club to award a car to a Negro war veteran whose ticket she drew in a lottery there. Miss Long, a member of the Epiphany Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, refused to draw a second ticket. After mounting nationwide protest the club decided to award a car to the veteran. (NC Photos.)

Bishops Score Czech School Reform Bill

Prague — (NC) — The Bishops of Slovakia have issued a joint pastoral in which they reject the proposed new school law for Czechoslovakia as being anireligious in spirit and affirm that the Church will never renounce her right to have Catholic schools.

They appeal to all Catholics of the country and to all Catholic members of the legislature to use their influence to prevent the adoption of a law which would curtail the freedom of the Catholic Church in the schools.

The State must not have an educational monopoly, the Bishops declare, and the natural right of the Church to have schools must be retained. While Catholics do not demand any privileges in the educational field, they demand true freedom which would be the basis for a peaceful development.

Christian Education

Since the great majority of the nation is Christian, the Bishops ask that education in schools be of such a nature that it continues the Christian education given to children by their parents. The pastoral strongly opposes the notion that the school should serve only a small minority imbued with irreligious ideologies.

Catholic parents, the letter points out, pay taxes for the maintenance of schools and they have a right to insure a Christian education for their children.

The Church was the first institution to open schools and, therefore, her right has a historical basis, the Bishops declare. Church-operated schools have an excellent record, they add, and it is only in the best interests of the State that there should not be uniformity in schools. Many years' experience has shown, the Bishops aver, that rivalry between State and private schools is healthy and tends to raise the standard of schools.

Obligatory Instruction

The proposed law would provide compulsory religious instruction only for lower-grade schools, whereas in higher-grade schools religious instruction would be non-obligatory and limited to one or two hours a week, the Bishops write.

They demand obligatory religious instruction in all classes and types of schools. They also ask for legislative provisions to prevent the undermining of religious instruction by other lessons and urge that teachers of religion have the same status as other teachers.

The Bishops express the view that the so-called reform bill should not be rushed through the legislature before the new Constitution has been approved. They remind that the Constitution of the First Czechoslovak Republic did not authorize a State school monopoly but rather recognized the principles of true democracy in the educational as well as other fields. Therefore, it would be erroneous and detrimental if the new Constitution should depart from these principles.

Hungary Primate Arrives in London

London — (NC) — His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, who arrived here by air from Canada where he had attended the Marian Congress, spent the night at the Archbishop's House as the guest of His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, before continuing his air journey homeward.

Before leaving, the Cardinal celebrated the Mass of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, England's two great martyrs under Henry VIII, in Westminster Cathedral for world peace.

REPORTS ON JAPAN TRIP

Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, founder and director of Boys Town, Nebraska, reports to President Truman at the White House his observations made on his recently completed study of child welfare in Japan and Korea. Real Photo. (NC Photos.)

Msgr. Flanagan Praises Work of General M'Arthur

Omaha, Neb. — (NC) — American occupation of Japan has been an outstanding success primarily because of the Christian attitude of General Douglas MacArthur, Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan told a capacity crowd of nearly 500 people who paid tribute to the Boys Town founder and director at a Public Affairs luncheon given by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

Father Flanagan, who returned recently from a trip to Japan where he made an extensive survey of child welfare conditions at the invitation of the Supreme Allied Commander and the War Department, disclosed some of the recommendations he had made to cope with the problems he found.

General MacArthur hopes Japan will become a Christian nation in ten years, Father Flanagan said. He added: "Democracy will never work in Japan until she is Christianized. Were it not for General MacArthur's Christian attitude toward this defeated people, they would be in a terrible condition."

The Boys Town founder, who visited practically every important child welfare institution in Japan and southern Korea, praised the excellent work being done for the homeless and bewildered children of those stricken nations by religious organizations and communities.

"Family ties were very close in pre-war Japan," he said, "and for this reason there was no such thing as a homeless child. Each family took care of its own, but due to the destruction caused by the war, and the disruption of family ties, there are thousands of bewildered children. While the Japanese have a great love for their own children, they do not fully understand their responsibility toward the children of others, but they have made great strides in accepting their responsibilities, and conditions today have improved greatly since the end of the war.

Lawyer, Playwright Answer Vets' Quiz on Their Faith

New York — (NC) — "I happen to be a Roman Catholic by conviction and in practice," Bartley C. Crum, San Francisco attorney, declares in a communication which has appeared in **Time** magazine. The communication concerns an article printed in a recent issue of the magazine, listing Crum as one of those to whom the Catholic War Veterans had addressed a questionnaire sounding them out on their Catholicism.

Mr. Crum asserts that there who do not answer questions in was the suggestion that persons named, including myself, accordance with the desire of the Catholic War Veterans 'might be flirting with Communism.'" He answers four questions asked by the veterans' magazine, as printed in the Time article, by saying:

"1) I know little about the present government of Poland but assume that its policies are largely those of Moscow inasmuch as its delegate in the U. N. customarily votes in accordance with the Soviet Union delegate. 2) I regarded the trial of Archbishop Stepinac as religious persecution and did my best to obtain a panel of American lawyers to help in his defense. 3) I regard the present government of Greece as undemocratic in character. That has nothing to do with my beliefs as a Catholic. 4) I, of course, accept the Papal Encyclical on atheistic Communism."

In the same issue, **Time** prints a communication from Emmet Lavery, President of the Screen Writers' Guild in Hollywood and listed in the June 16 edition of **Time** as one of those to whom the Catholic War Veterans had addressed their questionnaire. "I happen to be one of the few Catholic playwrights in this country who lives and writes in the Catholic tradition," Mr. Lavery asserts.

Marshall Plan Success Seen Feared by Reds

Chicago — (NC) — Soviet fear that success of the Marshall plan would defeat Moscow's projects to establish a closed zone under its domination in central and eastern Europe, and Soviet hope that continued crisis in various parts of the United States lead to a kind of neo-isolationism," are among the motives for Russia's blunt rejection of the plan, according to Dr. Walter Gurian, Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Gurian, one of the outstanding authorities on Russian affairs and editor of the quarterly, Review of Politics, spoke before the Calvert Club at the University of Chicago.

Counseling "firmness and vigilance, prudence and calmness," Dr. Gurian warned it would be "fatal to be ruled by Soviet provocations and to be disturbed by any incident created with Soviet help."

U. S. Leadership Important

"Everything depends today on the proof that American leadership can really work," he said. "The situation is very precarious, but there is some hope that the success of the Marshall plan will bring about a reduction of Soviet influence without war. After a period of crisis and incidents, the Soviets may be compelled to realize that their stubbornness is damaging to themselves and that they have to accept international cooperation on terms not dictated by themselves."

Other reasons cited by Dr. Gurian in explanation of Moscow's attitude toward the plan were:

Soviet mistrust that the capitalist countries will attack the U.S.S.R., "in order to detract attention from the capitalistic inability to reorganize world economy."

Look For Depression

Soviet belief that revolutionary situations will develop in the post-war world, because of "inevitable," according to the Soviet viewpoint, "crises and depressions in capitalistic countries." Soviet leaders are eager to exploit these situations, with the help of communist parties in each nation of the capitalistic world.

Soviet belief that it is absolutely necessary to build up special zones, particularly in Europe, to be completely dominated by Soviet foreign and trade policies. Otherwise, the Soviet economy will suffer.

Soviet leaders' belief that time is on their side. They assume that their power position will "improve" in the long run, especially when Russia learn how to make the atomic bomb. In the meantime, the democratic nations will tire, and will be unable to reach agreement among themselves.

Movie Star's Opposition To Filthy Films Backed

Cleveland — (NC) — A star of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus here has pledged his support to Joan Leslie, Catholic film actress, in her fight against the showing in films which the organization condemned.

Lee C. Jennings, warden of the Cleveland Council, said: "We applaud your stand ... We would not be surprised to have ownership of films and an industry vote if producers had the courage and sound value that you have."

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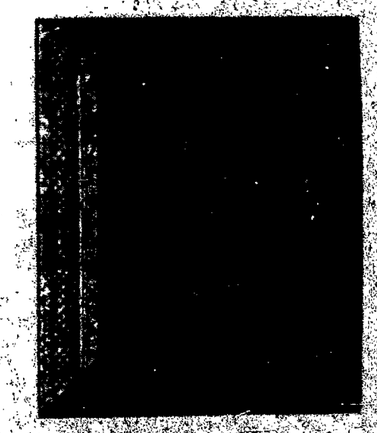

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