

## AMERICA'S HISTORIC DECISION

Out of Washington comes a declaration vitally affecting the world, ~~for our generation and~~ possibly for centuries to come. Addressing Congress President Truman asked for one hundred million pounds to invest in world freedom. *the other*

*words,* Food, materials and money ~~in other words~~ - for Greece and Turkey.

Alone in the Near East those two countries stand for the western, democratic way of life, and are hemmed in on all sides but the sea by the vast, Russian dominated Eastern bloc. But for Greece and Turkey the Mediterranean might well become a Russian lake, passage through the Dardenelles refused to all ships belonging outside the Russian ~~block~~. *influence.* South and east of the Dardenelles and the Bosphorus lies the mainland of Turkey, whose government still stands out for independence, and declines Moscow direction or leadership.

(Parl) During the war Turkey received lavish Allied help in face of the ever-present German menace. British equipment helped to build a strong army. Nevertheless President İnönü cagily kept his country neutral, despite Winston Churchill's utmost persuasion. Today, eastern outpost of the democratic world, *Turkey* will get thirty seven million pounds from the United States.

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So too will U.S. aid go to Greece; for under the shadow of monuments of antiquity raised by the ancient Greeks, fathers of the democratic idea, modern Greece is a land of turmoil. A commission of Uno, investigating in Athens, found that while the majority of the people support the Government the large Communist faction seeks control, noisily demanding withdrawal of the British garrison, now the only effective barrier to revolution. British occupation of Greece in the last winter of the war safeguarded Allied lines of ~~occupation~~ <sup>unice</sup> against outlaws, armed by Germany. Now equipped by Moscow Communists might overthrow the Government but for the British garrison. ✓

Political ammunition for the rebels was the ill-advised return to Athens of King George, who in the past gave a free hand to semi-Fascist dictator General Metexas, and nothing could be more likely than that the King's regime ~~government~~ would fall but for British military and economic help. The strained purse of Britain

will stand the drain no longer. Since the war ended we have poured eighty million pounds into Greece, and ✓

much British blood was shed on Greek soil To maintain the country as an outpost of Democracy. ✓ America's promise

of sixty three millions will support a Greek army of a hundred thousand. Stalin himself declares that Democracy and Totalitarianism can exist side by side in the world. But Democracy wisely looks to its frontiers. In Greece, where men were first free, freedom will keep the flag flying. ✓

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1. TITLE: UNITED NATIONS INVESTIGATES GREEK CRISIS
2. Athens---A United Nations Commission investigates the Greek crisis -- a Greece racked by economic and political chaos. At the Acropole Palace Hotel, witnesses of four countries are here to testify. Albania's Colonel Keremchi, Koulishiev of Bulgaria, Alexander Kyryou of Greece, Yugoslavia's Djerdja. As the inquiry moves ahead, the United Nations Commission, with U.S. and Russian delegates present, digs beneath the surface of the Greek complaints. Greece, the only Balkan country on which Russia's iron curtain has not descended, charges that Russia's allies are carrying on a war of nerves against her. And Greece is the key to the Dardanelles, which Russia wants.
21. Meanwhile, outside the windows of the Commission, demonstrators take another line, demanding that the British get out of Greece. The British, who came as liberators, are now widely disliked. Today, Greece -- racked by political turmoil, indecision in high places, and a monetary crisis that may shatter its whole economy -- endures its tragic, its gravest hour.