

Greece, Turkey, Iran Present Bold Front to Russia

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It would be more than passing strange if pure coincidence accounted for the way Greece, Turkey and Iran (Persia) are sticking out their chests simultaneously to Russia, with apparent encouragement from the U. S. A.

These are areas which Russia seeks to dominate in order to make herself a Mediterranean power and give her control of the Middle East—a matter of moment to both Britain and America. Moscow's ambition is a treasure chest which could best be opened with this trio of keys.

First the Soviet Union wants control of The Dardanelles Strait (now under Turkey) to give her access to The Mediterranean from the land-locked Black Sea. From the military standpoint the Dardanelles is one of the most important strategic waterways in the world.

Greece fits into the picture mainly because she guards the flank of The Dardanelles, although there also are political considerations. Iran, which adjoins Russia, not only is possessed of rich oil fields but gives access to the Persian gulf and is a mighty buttress on the Oriental side of the Middle East.

Trio Resists Russia

What has happened in the past couple of days is this:

Turkish Foreign Minister Sadak has declared that his country intends to stand firm against all Russian demands. He also has spoken of Turkey's "ever increasing friendly relations with England and the feeling of gratitude in Turkey for the American aid program."

At the same time it became known that Turkey had recalled her ambassador from Moscow in retaliation for Russia's withdrawal of the Soviet envoy to Turkey, although this action doesn't mean a break of diplomatic relations.

Over in Greece it was reliably stated that Greek airfields were being strengthened with anti-aircraft guns and searchlights, and America was said to have delivered a number of reconnaissance planes to bolster the Greek air force. This, of course, is to aid Greece in her fight against

Ike's 'Good Right Arm' Takes Over



(NEA Telephoto)
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (left), who stepped down as Army Chief of Staff, discussed at a press conference at Washington, D. C., that he will forego a fishing vacation to begin work immediately on his memoirs. In order to "provide some security for my family," Gen. Omar N. Bradley (right) posed for photographers at the desk he inherited when he succeeded Eisenhower as Army Chief of Staff.

Communist-led guerrillas seeking to establish a Soviet Greek state in the north, close Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Albania—which the Athens government charges are aiding the Red rebellion.

In February, Premier Molotov has rejected a Soviet protest about American activities in Iran as "absolutely baseless and void of truth." The Russians had charged that the actions of a U. S. military mission in Iran constituted a threat to the Soviet border—a charge which U. S. Ambassador George V. Allen characterized as "an improper interference in the internal affairs of Iran."

Furthermore, the Tehran government has accused Russia of giving refuge to Iranian rebels.

Will U. S. Aid Continue?

In short, it's clear that these three countries still are determined not to let Russia "get

away" with what they regard as "rough stuff." And of course all this is tremendously important when we consider that control of the Mediterranean area is involved.

It is doubly significant in that this whole situation would seem to be working toward a climax. The American attitude of course continues to represent the Truman doctrine of providing aid to weak countries to resist Communist aggression. There has been no apparent change in that, but the question does arise as to what extent this program shall be continued. The funds for this program will run out June 30 when Congress must decide whether the aid already given is sufficient to maintain the Truman policy or whether new funds shall be provided.

Thus the developments of the next few months in this struggle may be momentous.

"Mother" Horse Wanted, Boy Tells Senator Stewart

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Senator Tom Stewart (D-Tenn.) is considering this proposition from a constituent named George: If the senator will get him a "mother" horse—preferably a "mother" horse—George has promised to "vote for you when I get big."

That will be in 12 years.

George wrote to Stewart after reading that the senator had urged the State Department to hang on to a number of captured Hungarian horses as war booty.

"Dear Tom," the letter said. "I read that you have some horses captured by the U. S. Army overseas."

"I would shore like to have one."

Make it "the fastest one you have," George added—if possible "a mother one, so it can have babies."

Stewart did not give the youngster's last name. But George obviously is a pretty sharp lad, he told a reporter.

He said he plans to "look into the matter."

Narcotics Charge Hits Ex-Aspirant For County Post

EVERETT, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Attorney Garfield C. Barnett, 34, a Republican candidate for Snohomish County prosecutor at the last election, was arrested here Saturday night on a charge of selling narcotics in violation of the internal revenue code.

Bail of \$1,500 was set the same night by U. S. Commissioner Leslie Cooper and Barnett posted it to obtain his release.

The arrest was made by U. S. Bureau of Narcotics Agents Joseph Goode and Henry Gardeno.

Dark Horse?



(NEA Telephoto)
Fred G. Gurley (above) president of the Santa Fe Railway, is being backed by a small group of businessmen as a "dark horse" candidate for the GOP presidential nomination. It was disclosed at Chicago, Gurley started his career as a railroad man in 1914, became Santa Fe president in 1944.

District narcotics bureau supervisor A. B. Crisler said Barnett was arrested after Agent Goode received the narcotics in Everett in what was to have been a \$6,000 deal.

Crisler said the agents got on the case after a Seattle addict reported he had been offered narcotics for \$10,000.

The bureau supervisor said the narcotics had been identified as the lost in an Everett drugstore robbery late last year, and that agents had been trying to trace them for many weeks. He said the narcotics allegedly reached Barnett's hands through a third party.

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