

Greek Geography Explains Present Turmoil in Balkans

By Science Service

Troubled Greece, now bolstered by American dollars and threatened by alleged Red sympathizers on the north, is a tiny nation as nations go but it happens to occupy a strategically important spot far out of proportion to its size.

In area it is smaller than Alabama, and in population a million or so less than New York City. But it and its thousands of islands are so situated that Greece is in

a position to dominate the eastern Mediterranean, the Adriatic with its ports that serve much of Central Europe, and the Aegean Sea which in turn controls the shipping lanes to the Dardanelles and the Black Sea.

In shape, it is somewhat like a broad-bladed sickle with its narrow handle separating Bulgaria and Yugoslavia from the Aegean. Turkey-in-Europe, Albania is at the butt of the blade, and the blade itself projects into the Mediterranean between the Adriatic and the Aegean. A broken-off point of the blade is the Greek island of Crete that limits entrance to the Aegean to relatively narrow shipping lanes on its west and east.

Another factor in Greece's position is that it is the only non-satellite nation in Europe east of the Soviet line of control which now extends from the Russian-occupied area of Germany on the Baltic sea south to the Adriatic. Control of Greece would give the Soviet Union control of shipping ports to the Mediterranean, and make it

easier for it to gain control of the waterway from the Black Sea through the Bosphorus, Sea of Marmara, and the Dardanelles.

Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, all to the north of Greece, have reasons of their own for wanting to control all or parts of Greece. Bulgaria and Yugoslavia want to extend to the Aegean. Albania wants to extend its border. Yugoslavia has ports on its west coast but for many reasons wants ports to the east. Bulgaria's only present ports are on the Black Sea.

Another factor in the situation is the desire of the Macedonians to be an independent nation again. The territorial claims of these people of very ancient stock is the part of Greece on the north shores of the Aegean, and parts of what are now Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. A committee of Macedonians, made up of citizens of the United States and Canada, are urging an "autonomous Macedonia."

Vet Wives Elect Officers Tuesday

The Veterans Wives Club will hold its monthly business meeting Tuesday, August 5 at 7:30 p. m. in the Ladies Lounge of the YMCA, according to President Jo Ann Barton.

Election of officers for the fall semester will be held; nominations will be made from the floor and secret ballot taken. All members are urged to be present.

Waco-McLennan Club Plans Social Tuesday

Plans for a dinner-dance between the summer and fall semester will be made Tuesday evening at 7:15 in the Waco-McLennan County A. & M. Club, it was announced yesterday.

The short get-together will take place in front of Kiest Lounge, Dormitory 2.

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turnover in Ramp B, Hart Hall to discuss problems with veterans.

After today, the contact office in Bryan will be located on the second floor of the Howell Building, across from the La-Salle Hotel, Varsell stated.

Intramural Set-Up

Intramural director C. G. "Spike" White spoke briefly on the expanded intramural set-up for the fall semester. Flag football, basketball, handball, tennis, and cross country will be among the extra-curricular sports.

Twenty-two new tennis courts are now completed, White said, and are ready for play.

Approximately \$3,700 will be made available and allocated to dormitories and other units on the campus for athletic equipment, W. L. Fenberthy, head of the Physical Education Department, announced. This amount will be secured from \$3,000 of the Exchange Store profits for recreation and student welfare, he pointed out.

As of July 15, the Veteran Students Association has \$181.65 on hand, E. O. Courtade, treasurer, declared.

Constitutional Amendments

Four constitutional amendments were presented by Frank F. Yates, parliamentarian, to the 100-odd veteran students present. Since two-thirds membership was not present, the amendments could not be voted upon.

The first amendment to the VSA constitution proposed the selection of a permanent election committee to handle all elections. Heretofore, Yates pointed out, elections have been handled very haphazardly.

Another amendment provided that four ballot boxes be placed on the campus on election day. Places for ballot boxes would be in the rotunda of the Academic Building, both mess halls, and at the North Gate.

The third amendment proposed that all members of standing committees attend meetings of the officers and board of representatives.

The fourth and final amendment regarded the issuance of keys to representatives and officers of the Veteran Students Association.

Dance Plans

Possibility of Johnny Sullivan's orchestra playing for the all-college dance on August 23, is still uncertain, it was stated. In the event that Sullivan is unable to come to College Station on that date, Kit Reed, Houston orchestra leader and Rice's former swing band conductor, will play.

Tickets will cost \$1 for veterans holding Social Assessment Cards and \$1.50 for non-members. This also applies to members of the Veterans Wives' Club.

T. C. "Buddy" Brennan, president of the Veteran Students Association, presided.

Experiment Underway

Wearability of Cotton Cloth

Miss Anna Mae Grimes, of the Texas Cotton Research Commission, and the Federal Spinning Laboratory, will each receive seven shirts sometime in October. Each shirt will be of a different type of cotton and the men will be required to record the wearing quality of the individual shirts.

Miss Grimes can well be called a pioneer in her field as only one other similar experiment has been made in the United States. This was conducted by the American Institute of Laundries. However, it was not as extensive as Miss Grimes tests and had more to do with the effects of laundering than that of wear.

Trotter Serves As Harvard Delegate

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, director of the A. & M. College Extension Service, is serving on an advisory committee to assist in the establishment of Harvard University's program for graduate training of agriculture Extension personnel.

Harvard, now offering fellowships to promising Extension workers, asked the aid of Dr. Trotter and two other state Extension directors in setting up a plan to afford Extension workers an opportunity to get a year's training in public administration and related fields.

Serving with Dr. Trotter on the advisory committee are State Extension Directors Arthur L. Deering of Maine, and H. C. Ram-sower, Ohio.

Weapon Hunt For Cancer Cure Goes To Marine Life

LA JOLLA, Calif.—Scientists are turning to the deep sea for possible weapons in the war on cancer.

Two researchers in the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography have found that marine microorganisms cause some destruction of hydrocarbons which have been found to produce cancer tumors in mice.

Benzanthracene, dibenzanthracene, and other cancer-producing hydrocarbons were attacked and oxidized considerably by the action of a culture of deep-sea bacteria under controlled laboratory conditions.

"The findings from these cursory investigations have been presented with the hope of stimulating further research into the possible application of bacteria or their products to the treatment," explains Dr. Claude E. ZoBell, associate professor of marine microbiology, who led the investigation.

Collaborating with Dr. ZoBell was Frank D. Sisler, research assistant.

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Scruggs Writes Science Booklet

"How A Tree Grows", an illustrated elementary science booklet for fifth and sixth grade grammar school students, is now being distributed to schools throughout Texas by the Texas Forest Service of A&M as a part of their educational program.

C. G. Scruggs, student employee of the Forest Service and senior agricultural economics student, is author of the booklet. Scruggs is also the author of several feature stories which have appeared in southwestern farm magazines recently.

The booklet discusses the reproduction, growth and physical makeup of trees in such a way that it may be understood by grammar school students. Illustrations by Mrs. Douglas Reber and a foreword by W. E. White, Forest Service director, supplement the written material of the booklet.

Free copies of the booklet may be secured by writing the Texas Forest Service, College Station, Texas.

white, Raph Daniel, who has shown signs of being a great line plunger, and George Kadera, tackle on last year's squad, will be Dusek's chief helpers.

In adding up our backfield for next fall we believe that very little is lacking in the way of talent, especially with John Balentine around to boot those extra points. The big problem will be the same as last year and that is to find a foursome that will really click.

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seldom ever comes home with the bacon and we believe that that will be especially true this fall.

In considering the Aggie starting seven for next fall let us start with the backfield and tear it to pieces.

Jimmie Cashion, our ace passer from College Station, will really be on the spot next fall. If we can come through as a quarterback with a mechanical right arm, the backfield problem will be almost half solved. Cashion will be backed up by Buryl Baty, who is still troubled with a crick in his neck, Stan Hollins, who missed spring training because of baseball, and Babe Hallmark. Cashion who made a name for himself at A&M during the war may not appear as good in the face of post-war competition.

At the wing back slots will be a formidable array of talent headed by Barney Welch, Frank Tomo, Bobby Dew, and Red Burdett.

At the fullback slot will be Ed Dusek, who will be playing his last season for the maroon and

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