

FIVE STRUGGLING REPUBLICS

Recognition and help for the Russian Republics of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Azerbaijan and Georgia was urged recently before the House Committee on Ways and Means by Walter M. Chandler, one-time Representative from the State of New York. Mr. Chandler has just come back from a trip through the Russian territory he is now representing. He sees in them the strongest bulwark against Bolshevism.

"The Republics of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Azerbaijan and Georgia are distinct nationalities and separate States from the Poles and Poland," he said, "and each and every one of them has been a mighty bulwark, an immovable barrier against Bolshevism for more than two long years. During the Summer of 1919, I traveled extensively in the Baltic countries, by boat, train and automobile, and studied closely the economic, industrial, agricultural, military, and political conditions existing there. I was deeply impressed by what I saw and heard, I rode along hundreds of miles of Estonian, Lithuanian and Lithuanian battle lines. I was astonished at their system of barbed-wire defenses which seemed to me much superior to those that I had seen on the battlefields of France. They looked to me to be insurmountable barriers. Unpregnable bulwarks with many thousands of brave Estonian, Lithuanian and Georgian warriors behind them."

Mr. Chandler went on to tell why he thought these five Russian Republics are entitled to full rights of self-determination. "By self-determination is meant, as I understand it, that any considerable group of people having a proper physical basis of territory and population with certain national earmarks or characteristics of race, language and religion could claim this right of self-determination provided a proper educational basis of citizenship could be shown, and provided further that many years of oppression had been exercised by the dominating power over the smaller power seeking separation and claiming rights of self-determination and independence.

"Now, it is easily demonstrated that all these conditions and characteristics exist in the history of the Baltic Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as well as in the history of the Caucasian Republics of Azerbaijan and Georgia, in their claims to rights of self-determination.

"In the first place the territory of each is large enough. Estonia, the smallest of all these States is larger than Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Portugal, Costa Rica or Honduras. The population of each is larger than that of the small countries of the world now recognized as independent.

"Racial and Religious Bars. In the second place, all the earmarks, all the characteristics of race, language and religion are present in the cases of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Azerbaijan and Georgia in their claims to rights of self-determination.

"The Estonians are Finns in blood; the Russians are Slavic; the Lithuanians are Lithuanians in religion; the Russians are Orthodox, Greek Catholics. The population of Azerbaijan is composed of Turks and Tartars, while their religion is Mohammedan, being radically different from the Slavic blood and Orthodox Greek Catholic religion of the Russians.

"The people of Georgia are, like the Russians, Greek Catholics, but are radically different in blood, language, history, and civilization.

"Finally, the educational basis of citizenship is marked in the case of each of the Baltic and Caucasian states. The Estonians and Letts lead with a percentage of literacy that exceeds 90 per cent, while the population of Lithuania, Azerbaijan, and Georgia do not fall far below this.

"On the other hand, the illiteracy of Russia is, by conservative estimate, 70 per cent, and is placed by many writers higher than that. This diversity of educational status between Russia, on the one hand, and Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Azerbaijan and Georgia on the other is radical and phenomenal. Another condition of Mr. Wilson's theory of self-determination is thus completely fulfilled.

"It will thus be seen that the territory of each of the Baltic and Caucasian republics is large enough, that the population is adequate, that the earmarks of nationality under Mr. Wilson's definition of self-determination at present, that the educational status of the people of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Azerbaijan, and Georgia is superior to that of Russia, and that the centuries of cruel oppression have been visited by Russia upon each and all of them. These elements and considerations make a complete case for the little republics in their claims to rights of self-determination and independence.

"Their Plan for Independence. "Much might be said in favor of the agricultural, industrial, and commercial life of all the Baltic and Caucasian states to justify the contention that there is sufficient economic basis for separate national life. Their resources, together with the possibilities of the commercial ports of the Baltic, are strongly suggestive of their ability to be self-sustaining.

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