

2. Good neighbourly relations between Greece and her northern neighbours do not exist. Diplomatic relations exist between Greece and Yugoslavia, but these relations are not normal. There are no diplomatic relations between Albania and Greece. The Special Committee has been informed that the resumption of diplomatic relations between Bulgaria and Greece is now under discussion in Washington, D.C.

Aid Given Guerillas

It appears to the Special Committee that the Greek guerillas have received aid and assistance from Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia; that they have been furnished with war material and other supplies from those countries; that they have been allowed to use the territories of Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia for tactical operations and that after rest or medical treatment in the territories of Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, their return to Greece has been facilitated. The Special Committee further finds that moral support has been given to the guerillas through Government-controlled radio stations, the existence of the broadcasting station of the Greek guerillas on Yugoslav soil, and the systematic organization of aid committees. This assistance has been on such a scale that the Special Committee has concluded that it has been given with the knowledge of the Governments of Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

Security Endangered

3. So long as events along the northern borders of Greece show that support is being given to the Greek guerillas from Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, the Special Committee is convinced that a threat to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece will exist, and international peace and security in the Balkans will be endangered.

4. Although the Governments of Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia have not so far co-operated with it, the Special Committee is convinced

that it would be possible to assist these Governments and the Government of Greece to reach, in the interests of all, a peaceful settlement of their differences if the Governments concerned were prepared to act in accordance with the General Assembly's resolution of 21 October, 1947 and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations. It is with this hope that the Special Committee is continuing its task.

Committee's Recommendations

The Committee recommended that so long as the present disturbed conditions exist along the northern frontiers of Greece, the functions of exercising vigilance and of endeavouring to bring about a peaceful settlement should remain entrusted to an agency of the United Nations. The Committee's report further recommended that consideration should be given to the constitution of the Special Committee in a form which would not entail so heavy a financial burden on the United Nations and on the Nations members of the committee; in addition, that the General Assembly should consider ways and means of obtaining the co-operation of Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia with the Special Committee.

Discussion in the U.N.

When the Special Committee's report came before the Political Committee of the Assembly, the United Kingdom, the United States, France and China presented a joint resolution to continue the Special Committee and endorse its report. Mr. Chevrier (Canada) supporting the resolution on October 29 said it appeared evident that the lack of co-operation from Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania sprang rather from an uneasy conscience, not to use a stronger word, than from the spirit imbued with the principles inscribed in the preamble of the United Nations Charter. There was, on the part of those three states, a strong and determined effort to maintain an international situation as tense as possible, probably in the hope of fishing in troubled waters.