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Sir:

By virtue of the special clauses annexed to the Peace Treaties for the protection of national minorities left under foreign rule, the Macedonian population under Greek and Serb domination is guaranteed certain minimum rights and national liberties. Notwithstanding the fact that the governments of Yugoslavia and Greece signed the aforementioned treaties and obligated themselves to fulfil their stipulations, the Macedonians under their jurisdiction, particularly those Macedonians of Bulgarian nationality, and they form the bulk of the population, continue to live under an indescribable matyrdom. The strenuous and ceaseless efforts on the part of the Serb and Greek authorities to destroy their buoyant and ever lively national spirit are by now well known to all humane and dispassionate observers of the affairs of the Balkan peninsula. Our compatriots, deprived not alone of those liberties which are guaranteed to them by the minority clauses, but also of the most elementary and innate human rights, have no possibility whatever of combatting in a legal way the barbaric terror exercised upon them. The Bulgarian population in Macedonia under Serb and Greek rule is subjected to an unheard of assimilatory policy. Its national character is denied by the Serbs and the Greeks; its Bulgarian churches have been taken away, the priests and bishops banished, all Bulgarian books, including the Bible, have been strictly forbidden, and all Bularian schools closed. In other words, the Macedonian population has been outlawed.