

Belgrade Sees Conclusion Near

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 17—The Belgrade radio rebroadcast tonight a communiqué of the Albanian Ministry of War reporting that 5,026 Greek civilians and 276 wounded Greek rebel soldiers had crossed the frontier and sought refuge in Albania as a result of the fighting in the Vitsi region Aug. 13, 14 and 15. The Albanian communiqué said the Greek rebel soldiers had been disarmed and interned.

The Albanian statement tended to confirm Yugoslav reports that the Greek rebellion was approaching its end and that rapid disintegration was affecting the entire movement under the leadership of Nicolas Zachariades, the Greek Communist leader, who took over the command in the rebel territory after the removal last winter of Gen. Markos Vafiades.

Reports from the Yugoslav-Greek frontier also spoke of the crumbling of the Greek rebel army in the face of the attacks by the Greek Government troops.

The disastrous situation facing the Greek rebel army was discussed several days ago by twenty Yugoslav officers at a meeting of the garrison in Bitolj on the frontier. One officer said:

"Since Markos was dismissed and Zachariades took over, the Greek Democratic Army (the guerrillas) has been suffering bigger defeats daily. The spy Zachariades is leading the liberation fight of the Greek people to its destruction and is being helped in this by Moscow and the Cominform."

The tenor of the Yugoslav reports is that the Soviet Government and the Cominform are wilfully liquidating the Greek rebellion for some ulterior project related to the conflict between the Belgrade and Moscow governments.

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