

reports on Friday that the Markos Government had fled across the frontier.]

War Minister George Stratos, who has just returned from the fighting areas, said there was no certain knowledge that General Markos had now set up headquarters in Albania, but it was "probable." He added that within a day or so the reputed rebel headquarters and seat of the "democratic" Government at Aetomilitsa would be attacked.

General Markos, once out of the country, could not easily return, the War Minister said, suggesting that if he tried to do so it would probably be by way of Filiates in Epirus, an area not well in control of the Government forces.

Reports from air pilots revealed that an evacuation trend could be observed through the village of Pliaki toward the Albanian frontier about one mile westward. Pliaki, which today was reported under fire from the National Army's artillery, lies just south of the Grammos range and immediately westward of the Stavros range forming part of the great Grammos massif.

The important rebel fastness of Propitis Elias, 4,563 feet high, also was under fire. Military opinion considers its capture essential because it dominates one of the main avenues of escape into Albania. Escape into Albania is the very thing that at the moment the national forces are trying to prevent at any cost. While rebel forces hemmed in the Grammos area can get through an infinite number of small defiles leading into neighboring friendly territory, there are only a few gaps that would admit easily of a mass exodus carried out in orderly fashion and through which the bulk of the equipment could be carried.

These gaps are at Kamenik at Golio immediately northward and in the eastern sector of the present theatre of operations at Alevista. In military opinion the rebels have been seeking exits at Alevista and this accounts for the repeated rebel counter-attacks on Amouda near by and on other heights in the area.

Markos Flight Confirmed

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ATHENS, Aug. 7 — Military sources said tonight that according to information obtained from rebel war prisoners Gen. Markos Vafiades, accompanied by members of his "government" had escaped into Albania from the Grammos area, his last stronghold in Greece.

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