

# Toronto Writer Sees No Gain If Cyprus Gets Independence

By LEWIS MILLIGAN.

**TORONTO**—What do the people of Cyprus expect to gain by a withdrawal of the British from that island and their union with Greece?

That is a question to which I have yet to find a sensible answer. After studying the long history of Cyprus and particularly the recent history and present political, social, and economic conditions of Greece, it seems to me that the Greek Cypriots have everything to lose by what they call "independence" and "union."

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In the first place, Greece itself has no real independence or national unity. Before the Second World War, Greece was in a constant state of political upheaval, and after that war the Greeks were engaged in a civil war while the British were trying to re-establish government and redeem the country from famine and bankruptcy.

## GUERRILLAS CONTINUED

Even when the United States assumed that job under the Truman Doctrine, guerrilla war continued in the mountains for three years until General Van Fleet took over military control and brought the civil war to an end. The rebels, who were Communists, fled over the frontiers into Albania and Bulgaria where they had been encouraged and armed by Soviet Russia. Since then the United States has poured millions of dollars and goods into Greece and the country is still virtually under American occupation.

## INDEPENDENCE DOUBTED

To that extent Greece is no more independent than the island of Cyprus; so what have the Cypriots to gain by the description of their island by the British? If they had been united to Greece in the last world war they would have looked in vain to the mainland for protection. They should be grateful that they were and still are a fortified British colony, none of which suffered invasion in the two world wars.

Greece itself owes its national independence to the British strongholds of Cyprus, Malta and

Gibraltar, which are the guardians of the freedom of the Mediterranean.

## NO FOUNDATION

As for the Greek claim to Cyprus, it is without foundation. Historically the island has never been a possession of any Greek State except for eight centuries when it was a part of the Byzantine Empire which covered all Mediterranean countries. The Byzantine period was followed by two centuries under the Lusignans, nearly a century under the Venetians (1480-1571), and from 1571-1878 the island was under Turkish rule.

## TRANSFERRED IN 1878

Cyprus was transferred to British occupation and administration while part of the Ottoman Empire, under the Anglo-Turkish Convention of 1843. By this Convention Britain undertook to defend Turkey against Russian aggression. A careful examination had been made of all possible bases for defensive action, and it was decided that Cyprus was the best, not only for the defense of Turkey but also of British communications with India through the Suez Canal, which Russia was menacing at that time. It was not until the declaration of war between Britain and Turkey in 1914 that Cyprus was formally annexed by Britain, and it did not become a crown colony until 1925.

## OLD STORY

The present agitation for union with Greece is an old story, and its recent revival has received additional strength as a result of a change in the policy of the Communist Party, which abandoned its demand for self-government and began to support union with Greece instead. This Russian interest in the question did not ease matters, and in reply to a parliamentary question on January 21, 1950, the British Colonial Office stated that "no change in the sovereignty of the island was contemplated."

In April of the same year Turkey submitted a memorandum to the United Nations demanding that if Britain "abandoned" Cyprus, it should be returned to Turkey. The Greek Cypriots themselves may well ask what they would have to gain if Britain abandoned them to the Turks and an eventual occupation by Communist Russia.

## Last Night's Fights

Guam (M) — Rickey Mendez Miner, Guam, stopped Puyas Boy, Philippines, (7-featherweights)

Exports of textiles from Britain during 1954 were worth more than £39,000,000.

The leaps measured seven feet, nine inches.

The supervisors still havent acted officially, but nobody is too concerned.

"I could have tried for five-odd by taking the heart finesse at trick three," Mr. Champion explained, "but that would have jeopardized my contract. In other words, if South had won with the king and returned a heart, I could have ruffed only two of my diamonds. Then I would have lost trick in each suit for down one."

**THE SAFE SIDE**

"I didn't think East and West would reach the heart game against you and Muzzy," Mr. Champion continued. "I considered it a good aggressive contract and I wasn't worried about extra tricks—I just didn't want to take any chance of getting beat."

"Very commendable," remarked Mr. Dale. "They did reach the heart game against Muzzy and myself—but they didn't make it."

Mr. East played it and he had the same general plan in mind that you had. However, Muzzy's opening lead gave him a false sense of security."

See Mr. Muzzy's defense on this hand in tomorrow's column.

**RIGHT CHOICE**

His decision to win the first trick in his own hand was good.

If he had won it on the board

and if Mr. South had opened a singleton, then a subsequent

spade lead from Mr. North would

result in the ace being ruffed out.

At trick two Mr. Champion led his lone club. This trick was won

on his right and a heart was returned.

He went right up with the ace of hearts. Next he led a spade and won with the king.

Then he cross-ruffed clubs and diamonds, losing a heart and a spade at the end, but making ten tricks.

**THE NIGHT HOLDS TERROR**

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—by Byrne Hope Sanders

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Will You Try This? Make a

School's Out! . . . Only a day or

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is the time to keep a full supply of the delectable ROYAL INSTANT PUDDINGS always ready. Such a comfort in the hot weather to whip up a nourishing, yet delicious dessert . . . in a matter of seconds . . . without cooking . . . without turning on your stove. Seven flavors to choose from—each one smooth and creamy—because each one is super-homogenized. Never a lump in any of that fluffy flavor! Keep your favorite flavor on hand . . . ready for instant puddings . . . pie fillings . . . parfaits . . . and frozen desserts. You'll be glad!

**GOLDEN CHEESE NUGGETS**

My friends are wild about them!" writes

Miss Mary Campbell of New Westminster, B.C.

In sending me this recipe for using BORDEN'S

Chateau Cheese, it's so delicious that Borden's

is sending her this week's \$10 prize.

**GOLDEN CHEESE NUGGETS**

16 ozs. pkg. Borden's 1 unbeaten egg white

Chateau Cheese

4 tbsp. butter

1 cup, sugar

1 cup, flour

1/2 cup, milk

1/2 cup, cream

1/2 cup, flour

1/2 cup, sugar

1/2 cup, flour

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