

Letters to the

Pat 2/9/66
Lippmann on Greece

In your editorial article on the Truman Doctrine of Feb. 5, you state that I attacked the policy "in its application to Greece," and quote me as opposed to "entangling ourselves as partisans in a Greek civil war."

The context of that phrase in my article of March 25, 1947, is as follows:

"In Greece, there is pressure from the Soviet satellites in the Balkans which, if successful, would mean the loss of Macedonia and the dismemberment of Greece. We should serve notice in Belgrade and Sofia and in Moscow that any attempt to take advantage of the weakness of Greece will be an unfriendly act, and that the seizure of power in Greece by a Greek Tito would be followed by military measures, such as blockade and the severance of the Peloponessus and the Greek islands from the control of such a Greek government.

"Within the framework of these strong guaranties, we should then have liberty of action to insist that the Greek civil strife, be settled by political means and not by civil war. Having taken a bold stand internationally, we could proceed with great caution before we entangled ourselves as partisans in the Greek civil war."

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transportation systems and comprehensive regional planning, will recognize the pitfalls of the FAA decision and join with us in urging that agency to undertake a study for the best usage of regional airport facilities with Washington and Baltimore's regional planning bodies and representatives of the existing airports.

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