

18 September 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

SUBJECT : Daily Log

REFLEND

The SE representative with the National Committee for Free Albania reports that he has been forced to destroy all issues of the 15 September issue of the Albanian language newspaper because of an inflammatory feature article concerning the Greek-Albanian border question which had not been cleared with the propaganda staff prior to publication as has been required. Our representative views the unilateral action by the propaganda committee as a retaliatory move to express their dissatisfaction over the text of the letter sent by the Secretary of State to the President of the NCPA, in which Secretary Dulles expressed the hope that Albania could settle its territorial differences bilaterally with its neighbors on terms of equality. Members of the Executive Council of the NCPA considered this insufficient and refused to publicize the letter. Our representative has ordered that the newspaper be reprinted without the inflammatory article. Although he and his British counterpart have taken a firm stand vis-a-vis the Executive group responsible, they consider the seriousness of the present situation "cannot be overemphasized". Our representative suggests that Headquarters should be prepared to cope with a possible break-up of the NCPA as presently constituted. [] 6611, IN 19325 dtd 17 September 53)

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