

The corner-stone was laid and dedicated by Mr Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations. Within the corner-stone he placed true copies of the original Charter signed at San Francisco, and of the Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly on 10 December, 1948, together with the programme of the ceremony of dedication. In his address, Mr Lie paid tribute to all those who had assisted in the creation of the building and of the United Nations; he claimed that if the United Nations had not succeeded, certainly it had not failed; it was an unfinished structure, and many years would be needed to complete it. It would need the unwavering support of the peoples of the world, and their insistence that the machinery of the United Nations be used to its full capacity not only part of the time, but all the time.

VII. FIRST COMMITTEE: POLITICAL AND SECURITY QUESTIONS

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1. THREATS TO THE POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF GREECE *

There was at this session a widespread feeling that the end of this problem was perhaps in sight. The United Nations Special Committee on the Balkans (UNSCOB) had reported on 19 September that the Greek Government's Armed Forces had eliminated organized guerilla resistance along the northern borders of Greece and were in effective control of the region. Moreover, Yugoslavia had closed its frontier with Greece and Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia had announced that the Greek guerillas who had entered their territories had been disarmed and interned, and the "Free Greek" radio had announced, though in equivocal terms, that the rebel Army had ceased operations.

Nevertheless, UNSCOB was still of the opinion, as it had been a year before, that the situation "constitutes a threat to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece and to peace in the Balkans." The Special Committee had continued its investigations of alleged

* The General Assembly's previous consideration of this question is recorded in publications No. 60 and No. 75 of the Department of External Affairs.