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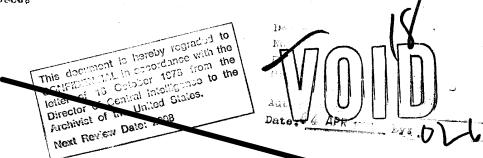
- A recent flurry of gendarmerie activity in arresting leftists has been reported on Crete. This, followed by evident preparatory activity by leftist bands, presages early trouble on the island.
- The Communist leaders Andreas Tsimas and Leonidas Stringos, who were exiled in the summer of 1946, have recently escaped from the island of Gardos. located south of Crete.
- 3. Leftist subsources report that the KKE is sending trusted emissaries to all guerrilla bands to ensure obedience to orders. This may be true because of the reported antagonism between NOF and KKE bands.

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A report dated September 1946 indicated that there were certain guerrilla bands in Thessaly under the leadership of men who take no notice of KKE instructions or directives and who decide their own policy. On certain occasions they cooperate with NOF.

Bandit trouble is expected to flare up along the Thebes-Chalkis road soon. Intensification of bandit activity, especially in Central Greece, the Peloponness and the islands, as well as a decided increase in political murders are expected while the United Nations Investigation Commission is in Greece.



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