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Andreas G. Papandreou, leader of the Panhellenic Liberation Movement (P.A.K.), reacted to the announcement in Washington of Agnew's forthcoming visit to Greece with the following statement from Toronto last night:

"The announcement of Vice-President Agnew's trip to Greece is a confirmation of the policy of the United States administration -- to give full support to the brutal dictatorial regime in Greece. It is not surprising that an Administration that can give backing to Thieu in Viet Nam can also carry on such practices elsewhere.

"It is also true that Agnew must repay a debt to Tom Pappas of ESSO-PAPPAS (STANDARD OIL) and the junta's chief american backer for his role in the making of the Vice-President American-style in 1968. The coffers of the Republican Party will be replenished handsomely by this visit.

"The imperialism of the United States is now blatant and open. It sends its greek-american high official to its colony in the Mediterranean to shake hands with the dictator, and to smile for the television and newspaper cameras so that all the world can see that the United States approves of totalitarian rule.

"For the Greeks who have been living under the junta, the agents of American imperialism, for four and a half years now it has a sobering effect. It kills off all illusions of those who clung to false hopes that the United States intends, or ever intended, to seek a political solution to the Greek problem. Agnew's visit is a clear call to battle, to a fight by the Greeks through all methods for the liberation of our homeland from American oppression."

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