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WASHINGTON (AP) - A DICHOTOMY ON THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE WHICH GAVE GREECE ITS DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AFTER WORLD WAR I, WAS PRESENT FRIDAY IN THE WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL.

Few were aware of it, but sitting only four seats apart were the Greek deputy prime minister Stylianos Patakos, representing his government at the memorial service for the late President Harry S. Truman, and the leader of the Greek exiles in the U. S., Elias P. Demetracopoulos.

Patakos was not available for comment and his embassy said there would be no statement on his attendance at the service. He is expected to return to Athens Sunday.

Demetracopoulos, who sat next to Senator Edward M. Kennedy at the invitation-only service, told newsmen that it was indeed tragic that today when we honor his memory, my beloved country Greece, the first beneficiary of the Truman doctrine, is being governed by a ruthless military dictatorship in violation of those very principles so cherished by President Truman.

Mehmet Izmen, minister of national defense and chief Turkish delegate to the service attended by about 1,900 dignitaries, said in a statement that the late President "will always be remembered as one of the best friends of Turkey who has extended a helping hand in her time of need." (END)

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