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The conclusions of the five members of the interparty group of British MPs who, after an on the spot enquiry, were so overbearing that the antiGreek E.M.C. found as its only consolation a broadcast of the statement of a Dutch Senator and member of the Council of Europe, Mr Van der Stoep (who was sent here as rapporteur of the Greek problems), who on his return said naively the following at the "coffee house Europe": I don't agree with the communiqué of the five British MPs, when the Greek Government invited in Greece.

Surely when one says that he does not agree with the unanimous opinion of a whole group composed of 2 labour, 2 conservative and 1 liberal MPs, he must also have a t least good faith and neutrality. Who is this Mr Van der Stoep, who considers more important his wise opinion, from the conclusion of the five MPs who, despite their different political and social views, have agreed that Greece was libeled from the ceans of the European and American journalism and that the situation was much different than they had thought? The Dutch gentleman tries indirectly to accuse his British colleagues that they had their expenses paid by the Greek Government. But did this gentleman also pay his ticket up to Athens? On the contrary, his trip was paid by the Council of Europe, to which Greece had the stupidity to contribute quite a lot so that, the various parliamentary parasites we also used to maintain here could have a good time in Europe since 1950. And surely we don't know if Mr Van der Stoep is of the same quality as some of his Greek colleagues, but we are afraid that the independence of his views are quite doubtful, since he came here already with his mind made up and in order to justify the dirty game played on Greece by the Council of Europe.

Mr. Van der Stoep and his likes have only one excuse: That they would loose their "bread" if the Army would intervene in their country to end the trespassing of the Constitution and the other shameful doings of the "régime of corruption". But we would like to believe that in Holland at least the parliamentary "régime of corruption" has not, up to now, so much undermined the basis of the country as the one of Karamanlis and Kanellopoulos in Greece. And it would be degrading if parliamentarians mistook their function as a kind of profession with trade union esprit de corps. Because in this case the Council of Europe would be an institution of idlers which should be disbanded at all costs for the good of all the peoples in Europe. ! ...



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