

Kyriakides Says Greeks Danced for Joy

Marathon Ace Hails Truman

The people of Greece danced in the streets and greeted with "wild enthusiasm" President Truman's request for \$400,000,000 to aid the Greek and Turkish governments in their fight against Communist pressure, Stylianos "Stanley" Kyriakides of Athens, winner of the 1946 Boston Marathon, said in Boston last night.

"We in Greece are extremely confident that your Congress will grant the President's request," Kyriakides, here to train for this year's race, said. "With assurance of United States support, we will be able to carry on a reconstruction program that will enable Greece to reach its pre-war status, internationally and industrially."

Kyriakides was a passenger on the Trans World Airline's Starliner Sphinx from Cairo and Athens and the first Greek to enter the United States direct from that troubled country since President Truman's recent foreign policy speech.

"Although we heard him at midnight, the people of Athens danced in the streets following Truman's radio appeal for Greek and Turkish aid," Kyriakides, first native-born Greek to win the famous Hopkinton-Boston road race, said.

"Every radio in Greece was tuned to the broadcast from Washington and people cheered Truman's remarks wildly. Although conditions are greatly improved since last I was in Boston, the working people of Greece were greatly cheered by the President's action."

One of 34 passengers aboard the



STYLIANOS KYRIAKIDES, winner of the 1946 Boston Marathon and here to compete in this year's race, tells TWA hostess Agnes Fitzmorris of Greek reaction to President Truman's address to Congress.

TWA transatlantic airliner, Kyriakides, looking heavier than last year and eager to compete in this year's marathon, expressed concern over his ability to turn the trick again.

"I'll start my training in Boston within a few days," he told reporters greeting him at the airport. "I intend to train with Athanasios Ragazos, who is being sent to Boston by the government of Greece to compete in the marathon."

Kyriakides considers his countryman as a possible winner in the traditional 26-mile, 385-yard race this year.

"He ran me into the ground twice before the war and he is capable of doing it again," the smiling Kyriakides said. "He's three years younger than I am and fully conditioned for the event. We'll probably compete in several 10 and 15-mile races before the marathon, returning to Athens immediately after April 19."