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Cameraman: Sgt. Fox.
Story: Greek demonstrations in Athens.
Location: Athens.
Date: 14.1.45.
Length: 300 ft.

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Today in Athens, in Constitution Square, many Greeks came to demonstrate their thought in broad daylight. Two weeks ago this affair was not possible owing to the activities of ELAS, but today with these forces a long way from the town the people held a demonstration. Many flags were carried by different means and the most numerous one was the Union Jack, and mingled amongst this was of course the Greek flag. Rough drawings of Churchill and Roosevelt were also carried. The Greek King George had a popular showing, and was generally in great demand. During the whole celebration there were no disturbances, which proves the people are back to normal and will soon be taking their vote. A few Greek Government officials spoke, but unfortunately Gen. Scobie did not make an appearance.

Roll 1. This roll contains all long shots of the square where the celebrations took part.

Roll 2 and 3.

Miscellaneous close and medium shots of flags, party signs, and people cheering and shouting 'LONG LIVE BRITAIN'.

DEVELOPED IN ROME.

Cameraman: Sgt. Gregory.
Story: British R.E's at work in Greece.
Location: Greece - Lamia.
Length: 200 ft.
Date: 16.1.45.

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Shots of R.E's building a Bailey Bridge at Lilaia, 15 miles south of Lamia, Greece.

In the pursuit of ELAS formations retreating northwards from Athens, bridges previously blown by the Germans in their retreat from Greece, are now being rebuilt by British R.E's to allow heavy traffic to pass through, where small bridges or diversions are not fit to take heavy traffic.

Roll 1.

- L.S. of blown bridge.
- M.S. ditto.
- L.S. R.E's building bridge.
- M.S. R.E's fitting various parts.
- M.S. ditto.

Roll 2.

- C.U. R.E. knocking in pin.
- M.S. bringing up parts.
- M.S. Pushing over the partly built bridge over gap.
- L.S. Bridge being pushed over the gap.
- M.S. R.E's pushing bridge.
- L.S. Bridge over the gap.

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Story Report from N. FISHER.

Date: 15th January 1945.

SILENT.

Location: ATHENS.

Footage: 900 feet.

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THE SECOND LIBERATION OF ATHENS.

This material includes scenes in Athens following the end of hostilities in the city, and demonstrations of support of British policy in Greece by the people of Athens.

1. At the British Embassy a deputation of Trade Union Leaders is received by the British Ambassador, Mr. Reginald Leeper. 70 of these T.U. leaders walked nearly ten miles from Piraeus in order to express their thanks to the British Government in the person of the Ambassador for their liberation from the ELAS terror. They are shown here in the garden of the Embassy while their spokesman makes a speech of thanks to the Ambassador. The gentleman who is having his whiskers combed out is the Secretary of the Well Diggers Union. (The Ambassador is in a light grey suit).

2. At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Athens the pipe band of a Parachute Regiment beats the Retreat, watched by a large and appreciative audience.

3. The first spontaneous demonstration of popular enthusiasm for the liberation of Greece since the Allied arrival is held in Athens Constitution Square on Sunday, January 14th. The EAM, ELAS, and KKE, organisations are conspicuous by their absence, and in place of their banners are those of the Royalist and EDES Right Wing parties and large portraits of the King of the Hellenes are numerous. Taking the place of the former hysterical shouted slogans of EAM are cries of "Scobie", "Churchill", and "Zervas". Armed police stand by as before, but the demonstration is orderly. General view shows Parthenon in distance. M. Papandreu, the ex-Prime Minister appears on the balcony of the Hotel Grande Bretagne and is cheered spontaneously by the crowd. Allied flags are on sale in the streets. Speeches are made by workers leaders thanking Britain for her action against ELAS. First speaker is Simon Hadjadimitriou, Secretary General of the Confederation of Greek Workers. Second speaker is M. Balanos, representative of the University of Athens. General Scobie receives a deputation of Greek villagers in National costume who have walked many miles to Athens to express their thanks to him.
