



The business of learning the English language is first on the list for Christos Mantisides, displaced person from Greece, brought to Akron by an uncle, Paul Manos. Manos' daughter, Helen, helps to tutor him by showing him pictures and telling him the English names for the pictures.

## Greek War Orphan, DP, Finds Refuge In Akron

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A STURDY youth of 20 is Akron's first Greek war orphan and DP.

Christos Mantisides came here this week under the recently-enacted immigration law which allows 10,000 Greek DP's to enter the U. S.

There are all people who were either victims of England and their homes by Communist fighting in the Northern part of Greece.

Christos was orphaned in the early days of the war, when his parents died of starvation and disease in a small village in Asia Minor.

He is being sponsored here by an uncle, Paul Manos, Akron representative of the American Friends Service Committee, who is a Red Factor agency—late in 1946 after he heard about the new immigration law.

IN LESS than four months arrangements had been made for the orphaned youth to come here.

"This constitutes the shortest time it has ever taken us to get a displaced person," said Benjamin Michelson, director of the agency.

Usually the red tape of immigration takes months and months.

Christos is the second person to take refuge in Akron from that part of Northern Greece where Communists and guerrillas have kept the population in terror.

For him was a young woman, Demetria Pitsoulis, who is the daughter of a man who had lived in Akron for years.

AFTER HIS parents died, Christos was reared by his grandmother and her family. But only, he recalls, the Communists came down and captured the entire family and took them into the hills.

"I never saw the village again," the youth recalls.

Christos' foster mother, Helen, is now "foster mother." He also has acquired a cousin, "foster brother," George Manos, 17, Rocky's brother.

Asked why he was not required, Christos says, "I was away from them to look after them."

He admits he was in the home of a sister in a lonely city in Greece.

THE SISTER, now 22, has been in factory work but recently was laid off. She is unemployed and is having a difficult time.

Christos says, "She, too, hopes to get to this country."

A younger sister, now 15, was orphaned as a child in Greece.

The youth has known hard work, and what it is to be hungry and cold. He has worked as a peasant on the land before he came to America. He knows full well what it is to be a DP.

But already Mrs. Manos has taken Christos to the International House, where he is to be housed. He plans to change his name to Chris Manos.