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From 1947 onwards, the Western powers were increasingly concerned at the advance of Communism: in several European countries, Communist parties played an active role in coalition governments (for example in Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, France, Belgium and Italy), sometimes even excluding other parties from power. Greece was in the midst of a civil war since the autumn of 1946, and Turkey was threatened in turn.