

Subject : FAC Propaganda
Leaflet Drops.

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1. As a result of recent drops of propaganda leaflets over Albania, Albanian refugees are not only worried about what is happening to their relatives (the recent arrests in Albania are numerous though the exact figure cannot be given), but they are also upset by this propaganda operation. It has not gained the approval of the Albanian exiles, since they consider it "senseless and dangerous". They comment that activities of this kind could be used with undoubted effect immediately before an insurrection on a grand scale for which help was available from abroad, with the aim of overthrowing the present regime of Enver HOCHA.
2. Among the refugees, it is stated that:
 - a) That the planes were British and left from a Malta airfield.
 - b) The propaganda leaflets, the third drop of which was in the southern zone of Albania, were printed in Italy through the help of Abas ERMEMI, a BIS agent.
 - c) Direct responsibility for the operation falls on Hasan DOSTI and on those other members of FAC who consented to underwrite the flights in the name of the committee, without previous consent of the heads of the other refugee movements.
 - d) The number of leaflets dropped was three (not nine) million.

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