

Country: Albania

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Subject: 1-Government Changes
2-Dosti's Offer of Food and Clothing to Albania
3-Concentration Camps

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Dosti, Hasan

1. The following changes have been made in the Albanian government:

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- a. ^{REKA} ~~Iliaz Hoxha~~ has been named Vice Premier
- b. ~~Mehmet Shehu~~, the Minister of Interior, was replaced by ^{PASHKO} Josif Pasha
- c. ~~Behar Gaxho~~, Justice Minister, was replaced by Delever Kalasi
- d. Gogo Naiti was appointed second Vice Premier and President of the Professional and Handicraft Union

- 2. Informant heard that the above ~~appointments~~ were made on the suggestion of the Soviets, and that the persons relieved were believed to be nationalists or Titoists.
- 3. Lieutenant Colonel Tefik Hoxha, Communist, has disappeared. Hoxha reportedly stated that the living standards of the Albanian people should be raised so that Western propaganda will not influence the people.
- 4. Euba Garini, the leader of the Muslim Ektash, has also disappeared. Garini preached devotion to religion and to Albanian traditions.
- 5. Josef Papanihali, the priest of the Catholic Church in Korca, was tortured and then executed by the Hito Hitoja Company(sic).
- 6. About the middle of August 1951 Hasan Dosti, the Chairman of the Committee for a Free Albania, sent a cable to Enver Hoxha saying that large quantities of food, clothing, and shoes had been collected and were ready to be sent to Albania for distribution. Dosti stated, however, that the distribution must be made by the International Red Cross or by a committee of the United Nations.
- 7. The contents of the cable were broadcast by the secret radio station in Northern Spinas(Southern Albania). Its(sic) committee circulated pamphlets stating that the Soviet Union and Hoxha did not accept the generous offer of the Albanians living in America and the American people because it is

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not to their interest to have the Albanian people know that there are people in the world living under better conditions than those in Albania, and that those people are able to help others. After the distribution of the pamphlets, Hoxha was compelled to announce that he had received the cable from Dosti. Hoxha stated that the offer was not acceptable because "Traitor Dosti", who originated the idea, is a tool of American warmongers and capitalists, and because the International Red Cross and the United Nations are tools of the Western Powers. The real mission of International Red Cross or United Nations representatives, according to Hoxha, would be espionage. Hoxha added that it is known that the Albanian people, because of the aid of the Soviet Union and the cooperation of the People's Democracies, are not suffering.

8. The following are the principle concentration camps in Albania:

- a. A camp at Burrel which has 3,600 prisoners
- b. A camp at Bedini, near Shkzab, which has 1,700 prisoners
- c. A camp at Vlocajt, near Korca, which has 1,200 prisoners
- d. A camp at Maliqi which has 2,300 prisoners
- e. A camp at Tepclena which has 1,050 prisoners
- f. A camp at Pjane which has 800 prisoners

9. There are believed to be between 15,000 and 20,000 prisoners in all of the concentration camps in Albania. The prisoners receive 500 grams of bread, a serving of vegetable soup and five grams of olive oil each day. They never receive meat. The prisoners must get up at 3 a.m., and at 4 a.m. they are forced to leave the camp to work on various projects.

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