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1. The defeat suffered by Horia SIMA, following a break within the Iron Guard movement, is displayed by the following figures:

A. Of a total of nine former Legionnaire commanding officers who are in exile, eight have declared themselves against Horia SIMA.

B. Of 20 sub-commanding officers, 16 have renounced SIMA (the ranks of these officers were obtained in Rumania and were not awarded by Horia SIMA during the period of exile).

The number of the Legionnaires themselves who have remained loyal to SIMA may be deducted from the preceding figures, inasmuch as the rank and file are being faithful to their respective regional leaders.

2. In all of Germany only the following Legionnaires have remained loyal to SIMA: Gr. MANOILESCU, Constantin SASU, V. VELESCU, I. SCACA and EVRIPAN, and LEONTIES who has not yet definitely decided.

3. In view of the above situation, Horia SIMA is attempting to save his position by the following manner: He has established his headquarters in Bavaria by utilizing as a support point the German-Rumanian Cultural Institute; he is counting on the Rumanian members who belong to the Institute and who have remained loyal - MANOILESCU and SASU. SIMA has been in Bavaria for some time, living clandestinely under MANOILESCU's protection (Hedwigstrasse 2/II, Munich).

4. In Bavaria, SIMA has decided to concentrate on several Legionnaire leaders who have remained on his side. Vasile MILIAN of Salzburg has come to Germany after successfully legalizing his sojourn. Traian FUIU is also now moving to Germany from Salzburg (Elisabethstrasse 55) although he has not yet obtained the approval of his establishment in Germany.

5. SIMA has started a campaign to win over those who are still undecided by sending a few influential individuals of his entourage to Germany. The Legionnaire industrialist, Constantin DRAGAN[1], No. 9 Via Largo, Rome, has

[1] Source Comment: (Dr.) Constantin DRAGAN, counselor delegate of the Italian "Butan-gaz" was sent by the Italian government on an official mission to the United States. DRAGAN has brought about an association (one million francs) with the Belgian and Anglo-Iranian "Petrofina". He is negotiating with the Greek government to obtain sales rights for bottled "Butan-gaz" in Greece.

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recently visited a few Legionnaires in Germany, among whom was Dr. Constantin BASU of Freising. To date, DRAGAN has financed the SIMA movement.

6. General Platon CHIRNOAGA arrived from France the end of March. Colonel Dimitru ALEXANDRESCU, whom the General was to meet, reportedly let it be known that in spite of his esteem for CHIRNOAGA, the latter will not succeed in making him reverse his position against Horia SIMA.

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