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<p>3. During the German occupation of Rumania, the fascist Iron Guard organization led by <u>Horia Sima</u>, then a cabinet member of the Antonescu Government, was perhaps the most important tool in the hands of the Germans in Rumania. Upon the withdrawal of German forces from Rumania after the signing of the armistice between Rumania and the Allies in 1944, the German Government invited Horia Sima to establish a Rumanian National Government-in-exile in Vienna. The capitulation of Germany brought about the collapse of this body and its members scattered over Europe and South America.</p> <p>4. In April 1949, Horia Sima sent a memorandum to King Mihai which stated that the Iron Guard was being formally disbanded by Sima. However, subsequent events indicate that the Iron Guard has once again launched a program to re-organize the movement. To accomplish this it seems that Spain was considered to be the logical choice as the center of Iron Guard activity. There was a considerable number of Iron Guardists already well established there, the political atmosphere was not unfriendly, and a certain amount of official support could be counted upon.</p> <p>5. While the Iron Guard in Spain is at present split into two factions, the most important of these at the present time is the "Freedom Front" (Frontul Libertatii), headed by Horia Sima, who divides his time between Austria and Spain. His chief lieutenants, presently in Spain, are Vasile Zesinschi, former Minister of Health and Vice President of the Council in the Government of Horia Sima and later in the puppet Government in Germany; (Prince) Mihai Sturdza, Rumanian Foreign Minister during the Horia Sima regime (1940-1941) and again in the Rumanian puppet government set up in Austria and Germany after the Rumanian armistice of August 1944; and (Major) General Flatau Chiriac, Minister of War in the Sima Government in Vienna in August 1944. This group claims the approval of United States authorities in Germany.</p>			
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