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A purge of the Communist Party of Albania is now under way in Albania. According to a Cominform information, Giuturi Kolesi, Njasi Islami and Gaxebadi were excluded from the party on charges of Trotskyite and anti-Communist activities. The exclusion of Vincani Nashedin, a member of the Central Committee, revealed serious irregularities in the state and party activities. The four mentioned persons are under arrest in Tirana.

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[Redacted] Comment: Njasi Islami, Deputy Minister of Transport, according to another information, committed suicide on 2 March 1950.

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[Redacted] Comment: The above events were recorded in reports of March 1950; the names given above are somewhat distorted, and should be spelled Shuqri Kellezi, Nhazi Islami, Abedin Shehu (allegedly shot by Major General Mehmet Shehu), and Nexhip Vincani.

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