

*Thru July 1949*

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KANIAN (KANAYAN), Drostamat or GANAIAN, Trostamad (alias DRO)  
KANIAN is an Armenian national, a former officer in the Armenian army who fled from the country in the middle 1920's and lived for a while in Rumania and then moved to Germany. During the war he supposedly held the rank of a General in the German Army, being known as General ~~EREM~~ DRO.

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( RECW-341)

Early in 1941, Gideon SCHULER, a German Intelligence officer in Bucharest, was introduced by DE SANDRO, the Italian Naval Intelligence officer there, to two Armenian merchants, ~~Araratian~~ ARARATIAN (believed to be a cover-name) and General DRO (believed to be a cover-name). These persons were members of the Armenian DASCHNAKZUTIUM. SCHULER attempted to carry out internal activities in Russia with their help.

General DRO, sometimes reported as General Chanaian DRO, had lived for sometime in Rumania, occupying a high administrative position with the Astra-Romana Oil Company, a German -controlled organization.

At some period prior to his establishment in Bucharest, he had lived in Paris where he worked with General Kutieпов. The latter, who died in 1930, had for a brief period been leader of the international White Russian General Staff (the ROWS). An event or events involving KUTIEPOV ~~has~~ has been referred to, as "The Affair Kutieпов". A Colonel TURKUL who was involved in this "Affair" was expelled from France in 1937 for pro-Nazi activities.

Sometime between December 1943 and April 1944, Joseph AIGNER, German Intelligence officer, made two trips from Vienna to Bucharest to investigate the possibility of finding agents among the "Armenian Colony of General DRO's organization". The agents were to be employed in connection with the advance of Russian forces upon Rumania.

In June 1946, the ABN (Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations) dispatched a representative named SHADOV to Stuttgart to contact General DRO there and to enlist his interest and support in the work of the ABN. The head of the ABN is reported as a Don Cossack General, Ataman Chariten Potapovitch POPOV (or Ataman Peter Caritenovitch POPOV). It was reported that General DRO at that time was working for British Intelligence.

In early November 1947, General DRO was reported to be in Munich acting as head of the Daschnak Party. He had Armik DJAMALIAN expelled from the Party, considering him to be a Soviet agent. DJAMALIAN was a collaborator of KEDIA's in Germany in the Armenian section of the "Kaukische Verbindungsstab." (DJAMALIAN is also known as ISSAHAKIAN). DJAMALIAN went to Switzerland with KEDIA in April 1945 and is working for him now. His wife is an Armenian Rumanian whose uncle is the Rumanian Consul General in Paris.

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KANIAN, Drostamat

OUT 56131  
To: [ ]  
17 Dec 47

Answer to traces TROCHANIAN. May be id/w Subject: Pro-Nazi TASHNAK leader, former administrative officer in Astra-Rumana Oil Co. Reported in 46 working for RIS in Stuttgart, last reported in Munich. Had connections with White Russian emigre General Staff in Paris. May have contact with ANTIBOLSHEVITSKI BLOCK NARADOV".

Out 56201  
WASH 0418  
To: [ ]  
18 DEC 47

TROGANAIAN, Tashnak leader reported leaving Cairo for BEIRUT may be identical with Subject, pro-Nazi Tashnak leader and former admin. officer in Astro-Rumana oil company in Rumania. Reported in 1946 working for British I. S. in Stuttgart, last reported in Munich.

MUNI 367/27444  
28 Mar 49

Schneider informed [ ] DRO requests April meeting Switzerland. Schneider aware DRO contact Americans. What is position with us. Request guidance for Schneider.

WASH 1440  
78901  
31 Mar 49

DRO conferred Army State officials. No commitments made. No intelligence offers made. Suggest inform [ ] continue explore exploitation.

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DRO is now in Stuttgart. He lived for a long time in Rumania where he held a high administrative position with the Astra-Rumana Oil Co. He works for British Intelligence and he once worked for Gen. KUTIEPOFF, head of the ROWS in France from 1928-30, in Paris.

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SCHULER  
3/1/46

An attempt was made by Ast Bucharest to carry out intelligence activities in Russia, with the help of the Armenian freedom organization DASCHNAKZUTIUM. Two of its leaders, **ARARTIAN** ARARATIAN (perhaps a cover-name) and Gen DRO (cover-name) were at that time living in Bucharest. Subsequently when the German advance into Russia took place, this contact was given to Maj BAUN of Stab "Walli".

RLB-81  
[ ] B-3  
27 Oct 47

Tashnak leader who formerly worked with the Germans with the Soviets. Due in Beirut from Cairo end of October-- has been attending Tashnak conference. Headquarters apparently in Paris. accompanied by a Varhan Papassian.

RLB\*-150  
[ ] B-1  
11-15 Dec 47

Subject will round up as many Tashnaks as possible in Lebanon and Palestine in order to combat Armenian Soviet influence. His activities in Palestine will also be for the Arabs against the Jews. [ ] Reports that subject was a ranking General in the German army during WW II. Was in American zone when hostilities ended. Crossed into France and found his way into Egypt.

Subject was in command of the forces of the independent Armenian Republic during its brief existence after world war I. Escaped after Soviet occupation and worked in Rumania for an oil company. Went to Germany to persuade the Germans that the Armenians were opposed to the Soviets and became attached to the German Army.

AZTAG  
13 June 1948

Gen. TRO mentioned as present at the Tashnak holiday on 28 May in Beirut.

*Sources*  
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KANAYAN, Drostamat

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10/23/45

An original German document translated into Armenian and published in France, translated into English and published in the Armenian MIRROR\*SPECTATOR, for Sat. Sept 1, 1945; shows the connection of subject with the Armenian National Council and the agreement made with the ARF. the COUNCIL appealed to Alfred ROSENBERG, Nazi Minister of the Eastern Occupied Areas (Russian) to turn Soviet Armenia into a German Colony. The Council was composed of the following Tashnag leaders: Pres. Prof. Ardashes ABEGHIAN; Vice-Pres. Abraham FULKHAN\* DANIAN; Sec'y Haroutune BAGHDASARIAN; Members--David DAVIDKHANIAN, Garegin NUSDEH (founder of Tzaghagrons), Vahan PAPAIZIAN, (Count) Dro Ganayan, and DERTOVMASIAN.

The Armenian MIRROR\*SPECTATOR also published a photo showing DRO GANAYAN, ARF leader, posing with high-ranking Nazi official BULOW, together with PENO, DRO's lieutenant and a Nazi propagandist in his own right, Tigran Beg PAKTASARIAN, head of a special unit of spies, Karo KARKHANIAN, former colonel in Dashnag army, entrusted by Nazis to train Dashnag Spies to operate behind the Red army, together with six others ~~named~~ unnamed.

ONI 268-45  
N.A. Istanbul  
Nov. 30;45

It was learned that as soon as the Germans occupied the Caucasus the former Armenian Minister of Finance ARARATYAN and Gen. Tro KAMAYAN (probably the same as Dro GANAYAN) ( who were both living in Rumania) visited Berlin to negotiate with the Germans in order that the Tashnak Committee might take over the administration of the country.

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"In Bucharest Dr. ARARATIAN and General KANAJAN were the most important." Statement made by Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL in commenting on collaboration of the SD and the Abwehr with the Armenian Nationalist Party.

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Report lists General DRO and his collaborators as being in contact with CAPRIFORM.

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