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REPORT OF LIQUIDATION OF FORMER EXARCH,
NEW PARTY PURGES IN BULGARIA

PRIESTS REPORTED SENT TO CAMPS -- Paris, La Bulgarie Libre, 15 Sep 52

According to information still unconfirmed, the former exarch of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Stefan I, has been liquidated. He had been placed under surveillance in a monastery near Karlovo. We are informed that he has died.

A group of Bulgarian Orthodox priests from different parts of Bulgaria have been sent to a forced labor camp in the Tvarditsa Mountain. Some others were arrested by Militia authorities in Sofia. Their only crime was celebrating Easter Mass. In prison they crossed themselves before eating and for this gesture the Communists broke their wrists. Since then, nothing further has been heard about them.

PURGE OF CHANKOV SUPPORTERS -- Izmir, Anadolu, 3 Oct 52

Alexandroupolis, 2 October (Ankara Agency) -- Premier Chervenkov is conducted a new purge within the Bulgarian Communist Party to eliminate Communists who have taken a stand against him, chiefly supporters of Georgi Chankov, Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers. The Chankov supporters have begun a campaign against the premier and other politicians; they resent the fact that a majority of the country's present leaders are men who fled to the USSR after the 1925 revolution. A large segment of the party supports Chervenkov, but the Bulgarian people hate him and other Communist leaders. According to well-informed and reliable sources, party courts have expelled 200,000 members.

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