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the New York City area felt that if Bishop LIPA could have continued to gather together a strong enough following, he would have been in a position to have assumed spiritual leadership of the Albanian-Americans on Bishop NOLI'S retirement which is expected sometime in the near future. They feel, however, that the unfavorable publicity given to Bishop LIPA in the "Liria" and the "Dielli" and also by Bishop NOLI and his close followers accusing Bishop LIPA of being an agent of the Greek Government, which accusations have never been publicly proven false by Bishop LIPA, have practically nullified his chances of becoming the spiritual leader of the people after NOLI'S retirement.

C. National Committee for a Free Albania

T-2 advised that the Executive Committee of the reconstituted National Committee for a Free Albania, which Executive Committee administers the affairs of the National Committee under the policies set down by a General Committee, is at present comprised of fourteen members as follows:

MILHREM BAJRKTARI
SELIM DEMANI
VASIL GERMENJI
NDUE GJOMARKAJ
GAGO GOGO
ALI KERCYRA
ATELANT KOCI
S. ID KRYEZIU
KOCO MUKI
THEODHOR P. PALILO
NEXHAT PESHIKEPIJA
ISMAIL VERLACI
H. S. IN DOSTI, Chairman
ABAS KUPI, Vice-Chairman

T-2 advised that the hope for immediate effectiveness of the reconstituted National Committee for a Free Albania after the admission of the Balli Kombetar Organization and the Balli Kombetar Independent as member organizations has not as yet materialized. He stated H. S. IN DOSTI, Chairman of the National Committee, has spent most of the past several months in Rome attempting to reconcile the differences that have arisen between him and other prominent leaders of their Party, the Albanian Democratic Agrarian Party (Balli Kombetar.) For this reason the

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National Committee has not had any executive meetings in New York City, although they have had a few meetings where a majority has been present in Rome during the past two months.

The Informant stated that VASIL ANTONI, the recognized leader of this party, and his close followers are strongly opposed to the admission of the Balli Kombetar Organization and the Balli Kombetar Independent as member groups in the National Committee for a Free Albania. He said that in the subsequent elections after the admission of these two organizations and the formation of the reconstituted National Committee, ANTONI and his followers refused to take part or to recognize HASAN DOSTI as having been legally able to represent their party in the elections and formation of the reconstituted committee. The Informant stated that despite the differences DOSTI and ANTONI, he, DOSTI, struggled to hold the committee together and to unite all the party elements and felt compelled to assume the leadership of his party and to do everything he could to have all the various Albanian emigre groups participate as member groups in the work of the National Committee.

The Informant stated that VASIL ANTONI in order to show his complete break with HASAN DOSTI and his objection to the National Committee as reconstituted, sent a secret ballot to the membership of the Agrarian Party. According to the Informant, the following individuals who were closely associated with VASIL ANTONI in this party, were listed on the ballot to be voted on as the representatives of this party:

ZEP PALI
ABAS ARIFENJI
VASIL ANTONI
LUFTO TOTO
DOR ZEP SHESTANI
BILAL TOPULLI
SULEJMAN MECO
MILIT MILICI
HASAN MENIKU
JEP BINAKU
VASIL DHIMETRAJ
MIRI PROBANI

He stated that all of those mentioned on

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this ballot were elected as representatives of the Albanian Democratic Agrarian Party (Balli Kombetar). He described each of these individuals as being pro-British in their political ideologies concerning the future of the Albanian state. He remarked that they are in accordance with the British conception of a free Albania as a member-state of a Federation of Balkan States under the leadership of Yugoslavia. The Informant stated that although the great majority of the Albanian emigre groups and individual emigres are agreeable to the inclusion of a free Albania in a Federation of Balkan States, they nevertheless strongly oppose such a federation being dominated by and under the leadership of Yugoslavia. He further stated the British conception of such a federation follows that of MARSHAL TITO of Yugoslavia who has proposed that Kosovo, which is at present a part of Yugoslavia, be annexed to Albania, and that Albania become the seventh republic in Yugoslav Federation of Balkan States.

The Informant stated that VASIL MIRONI and ZEF PALLI and their followers have in the past and still continue to strongly oppose the Balli Kombetar Organization and particularly the Balli Kombetar Independent, claiming these two organizations are and have been strongly pro-Italian and therefore unacceptable to the Albanian people. He said they have claimed that the admission of these two organizations into the National Committee for a Free Albania would give the Communist Government of Albania an excellent chance to create fear in the minds of the Albanian people, and that their liberation would mean a return of Albania to a Fascist state.

The Informant stated he sincerely believes the claim of these individuals and their objections to the admission of these organizations into the National Committee was merely used as a pretext to cover up their real reason for refusing to have the organizations admitted to this committee. He explained he feels that their real objection is predicated upon the fact that the National Committee, as reconstituted, contains a majority element favorable to American political ideas as compared to those of the British and Yugoslavian ideas and policies. He stated of the present Executive Committee of the National Committee only MEHMET BAJRAKTARI, SAID HRYZIU, Independents, not representing any particular political group, and ABAS KUPI, the leader of the Legality Party (Legalists), Vice-Chairman of the National Committee, can be considered as being pro-British and favorable to their policies.

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This Informant stated that due to the existing split in the Albanian Democratic Agrarian Party, funds formerly furnished the National Committee by the Free Europe Committee have been withheld. He stated he feels that without these funds the National Committee would be ineffective in its work and very likely would cease to exist as an Albanian emigre movement. He feels that such an unfortunate occurrence would be a great blow to the Albanian emigre groups fighting Communism and possibly result in the complete disintegration of these groups. He further stated that if such happened it would be an enormously strengthening effect to the Communist regime in Albania.

D. Albanian Democratic Union (Union of Honor)

T-2 advised that the Albanian Democratic Union is still active in its fight against Communism and the Communist regime in Albania. He stated that the Balli Kombetar Organization and the Balli Kombetar Independent are the only two Albanian emigre groups in this union at the present time. He said that although the other Albanian emigre groups are not as yet represented in this union there have been a number of other individuals in these groups who have affiliated themselves with the union.

According to the informant, the Albanian Democratic Union does not conflict with the work of the National Committee in Albania as the overall Albanian emigre movement but supplements the work of the National Committee in its fight against Communism.

E. Balli Kombetar Organization

T-2 advised that the Balli Kombetar Organization still to exert powerful influence on the Albanian emigres in their fight against Communism and the present Communist regime in Albania.

The informant stated that ALI KLISSURI, the recognized leader of this organization, was considering coming to the United States to promote the activities of this organization, and that of the National Committee for a Free Albania, of which Klissuri is now a member. He stated that KLISSURI has postponed indefinitely this visit because of

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the differences that exist between HASAN DOSTI and VASIL ANTONI and other prominent leaders of the Agrarian Party. He said KLISSURI, who is at the present time in Rome, feels he can be more useful abroad in attempting to reconcile the differences that exist in the Agrarian Party and thereby advance the work of the National Committee in its fight against Communism.

F. Balli Kombetar Independent (National Independent Bloc)

T-2 advised that the Balli Kombetar Independent (National Independent Bloc) still continues to be a strong influence in advancing the fight against Communism and the Communist regime in Albania.

The Informant stated that the claims of VASIL ANTONI, ZEF PALI and other prominent members of the Albanian Democratic Agrarian Party that the American and British sponsorship of the admission of the Balli Kombetar Independent as a member group of the National Committee for a Free Albania is a serious mistake and false. He stated ANTONI and these others have been claiming that the Balli Kombetar Independent is a pro-Italian party, and that its admission to the National Committee would give the Communists an excellent chance to create fear in the minds of the Albanian people, and that the liberation of their country would mean the return to a Fascist state.

The Informant explained that the contrary is the fact that the Balli Kombetar Independent represents the majority of Albanian people in Northern Albania of wealthy Catholic families, and that the leaders of this organization have renounced their claim to any land which was owned by them and are willing to accept any reasonable settlement which might be decided on by the Albanian Government after it has been liberated from the present Communist regime.

G. Legality Party (Legalite)

T-2 advised that the Legality Party (Legalite) still is under the leadership of HAS KUPI in sponsoring the restoration of former King ZOG as a leader of the Albanian people and the liberation of that country from the Communist regime. The Informant stated that the Legality Party continues to be a member of the National Committee for a Free Albania, although it is not representative in this country in this committee.

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The Informant advised that although King ZOG and GAGO GOGO, one of the leaders of the party, are definitely pro-American in their political ideology and sympathy, KUPI is the actual leader of the party, is pro-British in his feelings. He said that as a matter of fact KUPI on learning of the demand of the American and British delegates who sponsored the admission of the Balli Kombetar Organization and the Balli Kombetar Independent into the National Committee for a Free Albania wrote a letter to the American Ambassador in London, England, expressing his and his party's objection to the proposal of these two delegates to such admission of these organizations. He mentioned that in his opinion KUPI'S objection was actually directed to the American delegate and was based on KUPI'S insistent wish that the majority of the Executive Committee of the reconstituted National Committee for a Free Albania be composed of members who were sympathetic to British rather than American views.

The Informant stated he has heard from sources abroad that King ZOG, who has been in Alexandria, Egypt, is planning to come to the United States in order to carry out the Albanian program to fight against Communism.

H. Albanian Democratic Agrarian Party (Balli Kombetar)

T-2 advised that as a result of the admission of the Balli Kombetar Organization and the Balli Kombetar Independent groups into the National Committee for a Free Albania, which was sponsored by American and British officials, there presently exists a split in the Albanian Democratic Agrarian Party. The Informant stated that VASIL ANTONI, the actual leader of the Albanian Democratic Agrarian Party, opposed the admission of these two organizations into the National Committee and after their admission he refused to recognize HASAN DOSTI as having the legal right to have continued the Agrarian Party in the National Committee. He said the difference that exists between ANTONI and HASAN DOSTI is unfortunate and was detrimental to the work of the National Committee and could possibly cause the complete disintegration of this committee and other minor groups in their fight against Communism. He stated that HASAN DOSTI has assumed leadership of the party and claims that he is rightfully a member of the National Committee as reconstituted.

The split exists between ANTONI and DOSTI and the split

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existing in the Albanian Party of Labor, as set forth on page six and the reasons therefor submitted for a Free Albania.

I. Albanian-American Organization

T-5 advised that the Albanian-American Organization is still active as such and continues to exert influence on the Albanian-American people. He stated this organization is composed of the younger element of the Albanians, some of whom have served in the armed forces of the United States, and that their influence on their elders in pointing out the evils of Communism and how it has affected their native country has been noticeable over the past year or more. He stated some of the older Albanian-Americans, being strong nationalists, were inclined to feel that the Communist regime in Albania was benefiting their native country, particularly as Albania was able to maintain its national integrity against the claims of Greece to the southern portion of their country. He stated the members of such an organization as the Albanian-American Organization have been able to educate their people in the falsity of such belief. He said the organization has made them realize that the future of Albania and the national integrity of that country is dependent on those forces that oppose the Communist state.

III. MOSLEM ALBANIAN ACTIVITIES
IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA

T-6 and T-7, of known reliability, both of whom are well acquainted with activities of the Moslem Albanians in this area, advised that the Albanian Center, 126 East 4th Street, continues to be the social, recreational center of Moslem Albanians in this area. These informants feel that this center has had a unifying effect on the Moslem Albanians in this area and is an influence in educating them to be better American citizens. They stated the center has been particularly careful in refusing membership to those Moslem Albanians in this area who have been in the past considered to be sympathetic to Communism and the Communist regime in Albania.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

T-8 advised that they attended a showing of

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