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QUISLING VOLUNTARILY RETURNS TO SARAJEVO

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[Text] Belgrade--It has been announced here today that Dr Krunoslav Draganovic, a 64-year-old priest, emigre, and one of the aides of Ante Pavelic, the Yugoslav quisling, has voluntarily returned to Yugoslavia. Draganovic, who is living in freedom in Sarajevo, is under investigation for past hostile activity. This has been announced by Acting Federal Public Prosecutor Vladimir Zugic, who placed Draganovic's statement before journalists at a press conference.

Dr Krunoslav Draganovic was a professor at the Faculty of Divinity in Zagreb before the war. During the war he was in charge of the office for resettlement in the Pavelic government. Since 1945 Draganovic was a delegate of the so-called independent state of Croatia to the Holy See. During the past few years Draganovic had been living in exile in Austria, near Vienna.

Draganovic may be sentenced for hostile activity to a maximum of 12 years of rigorous imprisonment. But it is not unlikely that Draganovic will be released. There is also indication that he comes under the amnesty of 1962.

Dr Draganovic returned to Yugoslavia on 16 September. He contacted Yugoslav representatives in Italy, whence he had come from Austria, and was helped to return to Sarajevo, his diocese before the war. According to Yugoslav law, Draganovic is regarded as a citizen of Yugoslavia, for he had never renounced his citizenship nor had it been denied him. The acting public prosecutor has denied reports that Draganovic was kidnaped.

In a statement he made himself, which the acting prosecutor showed to the press conference, Draganovic stated that his decision to return to Yugoslavia was due to the "democratization and humanization of the Yugoslav community," peaceable Yugoslav policy, and the position of the Vatican toward the "states of progressive democracy in the East." Draganovic took exception to the terrorism pursued by the Croatian quislings during the World War II and to the terrorist acts of the emigre organizations. He expressed confidence that he would be granted amnesty and would live the life of a free man.

[The Belgrade Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian at 1400 GMT on 10 November adds that since emigres have spread the news that Father Draganovic was abducted by Yugoslav state security organs, he has written a letter to the Sarajevo district public prosecutor. "I consider it my duty," the letter says among other things, "to publicly declare that my return to the country has not been caused by force, or by any political or police schemes (?of any kind)."]

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