

(ADPZ-8017)

Information Desired on Resistance Organizations

1. Name ALBANIAN LEGALITY PARTY (Zogist Movement)

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2. Leadership Sali YETIJA (or Balli YETIJA), Mehdi MOLOVA, Selim DAKILI, Lazër KRISTINA, Janz ANDRINI, Kendr PALLOSMI, Mysen PRISHTINA, Aella ERSTINI, Ferid DERVISHI, Ibrahim STARKA, Hasan XUPI

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a. The Zogist Movement, later called the Legality Party was organized in November 1943. The Party has no definite program and no directive council. Its main purpose is to effect the return of King Zog to power in Albania. After 1939 many of Zog's supporters fled from Albania and others joined the Communist Party. A number remained inactive until 1943. Thus the Legality Party never had an opportunity to become well organized.

In November 1944 a few members of the Legality Party escaped to Italy. There these exiles began to disseminate monarchic propaganda and to send telegrams to King ZOG swearing allegiance to their ruler.

The legality Party is bitterly anti-Communist. It maintains a courier service with King Zog in Cairo (1946). The group is beginning to get politically active. The first step is to rally all political emigrants around King Zog. For this, some organization of material help for emigrants is to be formed. The step is to form a "National Committee", which may eventually become an exile government.

2. d. Persons listed above do not work in unity.

e. h. The Legality Party has refused to cooperate with other Albanian groups. The Balli Kombetar tried on several occasions to work with the Legality Party for the welfare of Albania, but failed. On 25 March 1944, the Balli Kombetar and Legality Party signed an agreement, but the latter group did not abide by its terms. Another attempt was made by Balli Kombetar in September 1944 to join forces with the SAS NIPF, but at that time the resistance was attacked by both the Communists and the Germans and the Zogists were forced to flee.

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Information Desired on Resistance Organizations

1. Name ALBANIAN INDEPENDENT PARTY (or Bloc)
2. Leadership (Prof) Ernest KOLIQI, Xhemil DINO, Mustafa KRUJA, Kole BEXHIRAJ, Gjoni ARBANA, (Prof) Enik HRESULI, Gazim XULLETI, Pandeli KALILLO, Ismail VERLACI

a. Formed in October 1945 by those who favored the Italian occupation of Albania. This group did not participate with the other political parties then in existence in Albania; namely the Balli Kombetar, the Communist Party and the Legality Party.

The group was headed by Mustafa KRUJA, President of the Council of Ministers in Albania from 1942-43. After the Italian defeat and the rise of the Communist regime in Albania in 1943 and 1944, a group of these Independents escaped to Germany, and then came to Italy.

Adherents of the Albanian Independent National Bloc are anti-Communist, but pro-Italian. Membership is composed mainly of intellectuals, politicians and aristocrats.

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