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1. In April 1954, (General) Platon CHIRNOAGA, whose permanent address is Paris, France, called a meeting in Lunich, Germany, of local Iron Guardists. Among those accepting this invitation were (Dr.) APOSTOLESCU, Gheorghe SACOVEANU, Laurian TALNARU and G. CARSTEANU. The General stated that he had called this meeting on his own initiative and that he had no orders from anyone to attempt to regroup the Guardists who were being split asunder to the profit of their enemies. However, he "personally" urged all present to rally around the "Commandant" (SIIA) and lend their support to the Liberty Front, the only activist organization for the liberation of Rumania.

2. Many of those present maintained that SIIA was trying to conceal his shameful past life by hiding behind the Liberty Front. When General CHIRNOAGA insisted on a regroupment of Legionnaires, the meeting became disorderly with Dr. APOSTOLESCU pounding on the table and TALNARU declaring that he would personally take care of SIIA if he could lay his hands on him.

3. During the discussion the General made it known that H. SIIA was recognized by certain Western personalities and he alone was the man with whom these personalities would deal. He himself (CHIRNOAGA) could testify to the good relations SIIA enjoyed with a high American personality, influential enough to bring considerable support for the liberation of Rumania. In reply, his audience stated that they knew this American personality to be (Mr.) John IRVING and because of his attachment with SIIA he had lost the respect of the entire Rumanian emigration.

4. Some days later, V. KALAT, faithful SIIIST leader in the Salzburg area, visited the British Zone of Germany to attempt to rally Guardists to the SIIIST cause. He met with little success and found Legionnaires in northern Germany already forming anti-SIIIST organizations.

5. On his way back to France General CHIRNOAGA held another meeting of Guardists in the Fribourg area but met with the same lack of success. The Legion Commander, Mircea ORENDOVICI, in particular, and (Lt. Col.) MIULESCU (Major) MAURESCU and (Capt.) DREVE all refused to compromise with SIIA. ORENDOVICI said he had decided to actively combat SIIA and his organization and regretted that General CHIRNOAGA was still representing him.

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