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Curt - Yugo paper on Stalinist terror in (A)

Munich, November 30 -- (GENERAL DESK) -- This is the full

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(two sentences of which were published in the CNR item A-3 of

+20 Nov. 28) under the title "Teror Is Being Renewed". Borba's

special correspondent in Tirana M. PASKUCHI said: CSB

"The news of three more executions in Albania, as published several days ago, has deeply shocked the citizens of Tirana and other places in the country. The greater part of the Albanian population received the news from Radio Tirana with sad hearts and visible excitement. It is also clear that the Albanians await the coming days with great fear because even before the executions took place one could hear rumors of mass arrests and crowded concentration camps and prisons. After the above-mentioned executions these rumors are circulating more than ever.

"Judging from everything the fear which is now prevailing in Albania is not at all groundless. It seems that the terror is being revived again and that new victims will suffer in an even more merciless way than was the case seven or eight years ago.

"Last week Ndreu DALI (former member of the Central Committee of the Albanian Communist Party - Gen. desk), his wife Liri GEGA (former Politburo member - Gen. Desk) and Petar BULATOVIC (a Yugoslav citizen - Gen. desk) were shot. The first two were arrested in the beginning of September and the third as early as July of this year. They were already sentenced,

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+20 although no reports from their trial were published at all, to the penal servitude for terms of 10, 15 and 20 years respectively. However, the Supreme Military Court in Turana quickly changed the original sentences to death. The executions were carried out promptly. C59

"New arrests and deportations to the concentration camps are sweeping through Albania. These are mass arrests. Some of them, however, are dismissed from their posts and 'transferred' to other towns, for instance to Valona. There, as is well known, there is a large concentration camp.

"Secret party conferences are being held throughout Albania at which only one thing is being discussed: 'What are the Yugoslavs doing?' In prepared speeches Yugoslavia is attacked and slandered in the sharpest terms. Thereby various falsehoods are propagated.

"The present campaign was prepared well in advance. As we have already said Liri Gega and Ndreu Dali were arrested as early as September and our (Yugoslav) citizen Petar Bulatovic in July. At the same time many Albanian citizens accused of being 'Yugoslav sympathisers' were also arrested. Many of our citizens who have been living in Albania since before the war or during the war were sent to concentration camps in the latter part of August. At about the same time the Albanian papers ceased publishing any reports or news from Yugoslavia. But not until the speech by Enver HOXHA (Secretary General of the Albanian Communist Party - Gen.Desk) made at the Tirana conference were slanderous implications against Yugoslavia clearly noticed.

"People in Albania are now anxiously asking where this situation can lead them to".
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