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Persecution Of Catholics

SOURCE PARIS: PARIS News Bureau.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Up to 10 November 1952.

EVAL. COMMENT: Information is available here only on Mons. PRENNUSHI's and Bishop VOLAJ's fate. It was reported that the Catholic Church in Albania lost four bishops out of six and 56 priests out of 86.

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According to information reaching PARIS through letters to Albanian refugees, the following Catholics died or were executed by the Communists. Death following torture include:

Mons. PRENNUSHI Vincenc, poet and well-known man of letters, died at the age of 70, while serving a forced labor sentence in the swamps of MALIQ.

Don SHANTOJA Llazer, Catholic writer.
At PALAJ Bernardin, Catholic writer ("at" means Father.)

Persons executed or shot:

VOLAJ Gjergj, bishop (shot.)
Don ZEDEJA Andrea, poet (shot.)
At HARAPI Anton, orator and author of philosophic studies (shot.)
At SHLLAKU Gjon, well known priest.
At NIKA Ciprian, well known priest.
At PRENDUSHI Mati, well known priest.