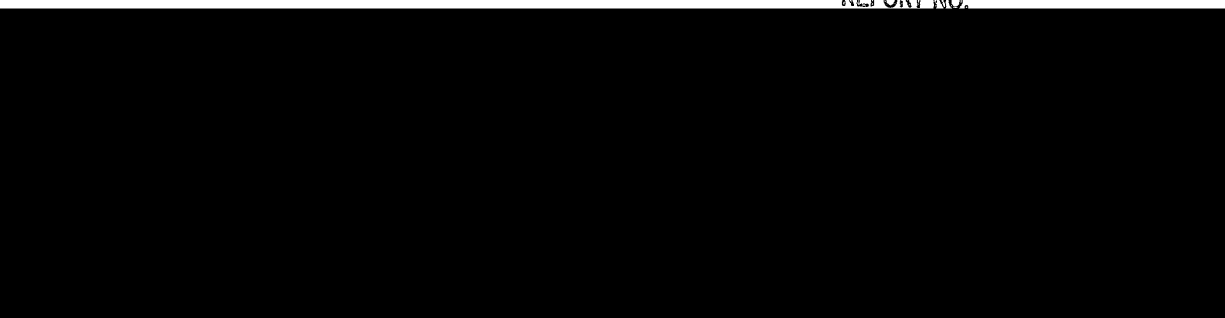


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1. The Communist Deputy for Mirdita, Barihok Biba, was killed near Shpate. He fell into an ambush laid by three Albanians of the nationalist group of Dous Bairaktari, cousin of Gjon Marka Gjoni, Prince of Mirdita, who is living in Rome as a political refugee and who is the sworn enemy of Biba since two of his sons were killed by Biba's orders.
2. The Minister of the Interior Mehmet Shehu officially attended the funeral and declared that the Government will avenge the murder of Biba.
3. Following the announcement that reprisals would be made a great number of Mirdites have fled to the mountains. The reprisals may well have the effect of accelerating in northern Albania the action of nationalist groups, which had never entirely ceased.

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