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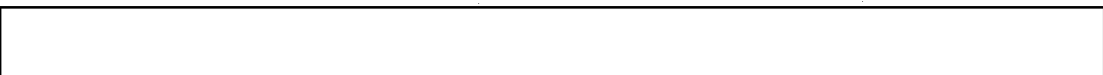
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1. For approximately a year Albanian refugees have been receiving better treatment in Yugoslavia than at any time previously. Formerly they had been subjected to the same kind of torture and imprisonment which they suffered under the Enver Hoxha Government, but recently, motivated by political and economic considerations, the Yugoslav authorities have reversed their policy and are now treating them with consideration.
2. Newly arrived refugees are immediately provided with clothing and lodging. Each refugee receives 3,000 dinars and a ration card providing for meals at a restaurant, for which he can pay in advance each month the sum of 1,500 dinars. Ration coupons for clothing were distributed in proportion to the trust that the UDB placed in each individual concerned. (However, the clothing ration coupons have recently been eliminated and a list made of those individuals lacking a winter overcoat.) One unidentified individual also receives 400 dinars a month for his political activities. Albanian agents working for the UDB are given sums of money sub rosa in payment for secret services assigned to them, and this fact shows up in their attire which is ordinarily quite good.
3. If a refugee is a technician or a specialist and finds employment, he has a salary in addition to the money received as a refugee. One such case cited is that of the dentist H. Begreshi and his wife (sic). In the event of sickness a refugee with a specialty is given medical assistance.
4. The Yugoslav Government will assist in every way those who have helped their families or friends escape from Albania. Since approximately two months ago, refugees are free to travel and visit their compatriots at will. Some of these men live in hotels, others in private homes whose former occupants

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were dispossessed in favor of the refugees, while other refugees are still employed in the mines.

5. It is of significance to note that an Albanian refugee receives on an average a sum ranging from 3,000 to 4,000 dinars per month. This does not cover the cost of living, but is equal to the salary received by common laborers who work eight hours per day.
6. Until recently, no financial assistance was given to refugees who arrived in Yugoslavia through the intermediary of the various missions sent across the border into Albania, because they were considered to be subsidized by  and in particular, by the group of Col Cuni and Gjon Gjinaj.

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