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CREEK NATIONAL WAR CRIMES OFFICE

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΝ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΝ ΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ ΕΓΚΛΗΜΑΤΩΝ ΠΟΛΕΜΟΥ

G R E E K

Charges against RUMANIAN

War Criminals

Κατηγορία κατά

εγκληματιών πολέμου

Charge No. 270/46.

Αριθ. κατηγορίας

GR/R/I

Name of accused, his rank and unit, or official position.

(Not to be translated)

Όνοματεπώνυμον κατηγορουμένου, βαθμός, μονάδα ή επίσημος ιδιότης αυτού.

(Να μη μεταφρασθῆσι)

Date and place of commission of alleged crime.

Χρονολογία και τόπος τελέσεως απροδιδουμένου εγκλήματος.

Number and description of crime in war crimes list.

Αριθμός και περιγραφή εγκλήματος εις κατάλογον εγκλημάτων πολέμου

Referances to relevant provisions of national law.

Καθορισμός πινσβιασθέντος κανόνος δικαίου.

1. ALKIVIADI DIAMANTI
agent of the Rumanian Propaganda in Larissa.

2. KOUZAHOTA
diplomatic official of Rumania in Greece.

L A R I S S A area.

1941 - 1943.

Const. Act 73/1945 (Gov. Gaz. 250)

Art. 1 Par. 2 No B. 1,3,5,6,9,13,17.

SHORT STATEMENT OF FACTS

ΣΥΝΤΟΜΟΣ ΠΕΡΙΓΡΑΦΗ ΠΕΡΙΣΤΑΤΙΚΩΝ

Murder.- Torture of civilians.- Imprisonments.-
Looting.- Attempt to uproot the national feeling.-

Transmitted by

Διεβιβασθη δπό

PARTICULARS OF ALLEGED CRIME
ΛΕΠΤΟΜΕΡΕΙΑΙ ΤΟΥ ΑΠΟΔΙΔΟΜΕΝΟΥ ΕΓΚΛΗΜΑΤΟΣ

The Rumanians Alkiviadi DIAMANTI, agent of the Rumanian Propaganda in Larissa and KOUZAHOTA, diplomatic official of Rumania in Greece, are responsible for the following war crimes

Having in their mind that in Thessalia lives a minority speaking Rumanian (Koutsovlachi), believing in the victory of the Axis, they tried to prepare the annexation of Thessaly to Rumania in due time. For this aim they organized the "Fifth Roman Legion", the members of which they armed and organized military with the aid of the Italians (occupying then Thessalia). The members of this legion committed many atrocities.

With the aid and approval of the Italians they closed most of the schools of the area, and replaced them by Rumanian schools.

They made a strong pro-Rumanian propaganda, trying on the other hand to uproot the national feeling of the inhabitants by various means, (promesses, threats, illtreatment, imprisonment). They imprisoned many people among whom Averof, Spays, Bobanidis, Raptis.

The Roman Legion organized and directed by them looted the villages Kerassovon and Zouzouli and then set them on fire, tortured and executed several people among whom were the 3 brothers Argyriou, the old woman Pantazopoulou and the priest of the village Morfovouni.

PARTICULARS OF EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT
ΑΠΟΔΕΙΚΤΙΚΑ ΣΤΟΙΧΕΙΑ

Witness Zissis D. VEROS testifies that DIAMANTI and KOUZAHOTA organized the Roman Legion, and through this they terrorised the Thessalia area. By their orders, members of this legion arrested and imprisoned many Greeks, closed the Greek schools and opened Rumanian ines, murdered several people, looted and burned down the villages of Kerassovo and Zouzouli. The accused had the approval and support of the Italian generals Rugiero and Benelli commanders of that area.

Witnesses Dem. HADJISPYROS and Michael SOTIRIOU testify that DIAMANTI and KOUZAHOTA, helped by the Italians were the organizers and directors of the Roman Legion in Larissa in 1941-1943. The members of this Legion were mostly liberated convicts and criminals and on orders of the accused terrorized the whole Thessalia area. They imprisoned and illtreated Greek civilians, closed down the Greek schools, murdered several people and looted and burned down the villages Kerassovo and Zouzouli.

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NOTES ON THE CASE
ΣΗΜΕΙΩΣΕΙΣ ΕΠΙ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΟΘΕΣΕΩΣ

(Under this heading should be included the view taken as to (a) the degree of responsibility of the accused in view of his official position, e.g., was offence committed on the offender's own initiative, or in obedience to orders, or in carrying out a system approved by authority or legal provision; (b) the probable defence; (c) whether the case appears to be reasonably complete).

(Υπό τόν τίτλον αυτόν δεόν να περιληφθῇ ἡ σχηματισθεῖσα γνώμη (α) περί τοῦ βαθμοῦ τῆς ἐπιτιμότητος τοῦ κατηγορουμένου ἐν σχέσει πρὸς τὴν ἐπίσημον δίοτητα αὐτοῦ π.χ. εἰάν τὸ ἐγκλημα διεπράχθη τῇ πρωτοβουλίᾳ τοῦ δράστου ἢ κατ' ἐφαρμογὴν συστήματος ἐγκεκριμένου ὑπ' ἀρχῆς τινός, (β) τῆς πιθανῆς ὑπερασπίσεως, (γ) εἰάν ἡ ὑπόθεσις ἐμφανίζεται ἀρκούντως πλήρως).

The crimes appear fully proved and are proportional to the official position of the accused.

Athens, September 2, 1947.

The Director

(Sg) A. TOUSSIS.