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1. MAJOR GENERAL RAMOKHITO, THE ALBANIAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN MOSCOW, IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM MOSCOW AT THE END OF MAY BECAUSE HE WAS OPENLY CRITICAL OF KHRUSHCHEV IN CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIET CITIZENS.

2. THE SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE AND HIS STAFF REPORTEDLY LEFT TIRANA AT THE END OF MAY.

3. SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FIRYUBIN REPORTEDLY HEADED A DELEGATION TO TIRANA AT THE END OF LAST MONTH. FIRYUBIN'S MISSION WAS TO WARN THE ALBANIANS AGAINST GOING TOO FAR IN THE SPY TRIAL. IT IS SAID THAT GIRYUBIN WAS UNABLE TO SEE ANY MAJOR ALBANIAN LEADER AND HE RETURNED TO MOSCOW WITH EMPTY HANDS.

4. ALBANIAN STUDENTS ATTENDING SOVIET MILITARY ACADEMIES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN.

5. THERE IS ALSO A REPORT THAT FOUR SOVIET GENERALS WERE PUT ON BOARD A PLANE FLYING FROM CAIRO TO MOSCOW DURING A TIRANA STOPOVER THE END OF MAY.

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