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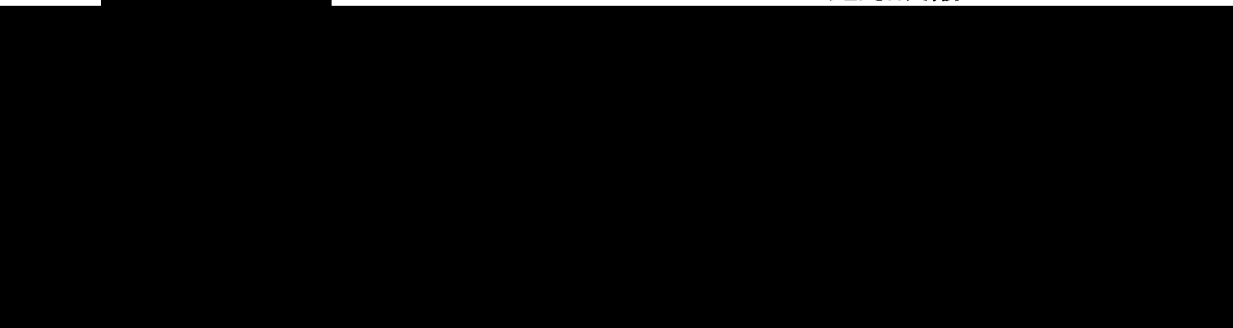
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1. The Iron Guard has managed to maintain its nationalist, anti-Communist, and anti-semitic organization since its collapse in 1940.
2. Up to the summer of 1948 the group was headed in Rumania by Commander Nicolae Petrascu in Bucharest. Petrascu's lieutenant in Bucharest was a lawyer named Ghioranu. The district chiefs were as follows:
 - a. Aurel Calin, for Transylvania;
 - b. Ion Jurubița, for Muntenia and Dobrudja;
 - c. Engineer Ion Constantin, for the Banat;
 - d. Costache Oprisan, for Moldavia.
3. A nation-wide student organization, Fratii de Cruce (Brothers of the Cross), was organized for the education of boys aged 12 to 19. It was headed by Decebal (Cornelu) Andrei, in Bucharest.
4. Another nation-wide group was organized for university students over 19 or 20 years of age. This group was headed by Dr. Anton Ciornei in Bucharest.
5. In the summer of 1948 Petrascanu, Ghioranu, Jurubița, Oprisan, and Andrei were arrested.
6. Calin was free in April 1949 when source last heard of him through a friend in Yugoslavia.
7. Constantin is believed to be free and operating under cover. He was not arrested during the small uprising which occurred in Timisoara in the summer of 1949, although he was known to have been chief of that territorial section at the time.
8. Ciornei left Rumania clandestinely for Yugoslavia in November 1948 and left that country in April 1949 for Austria. He is believed to be in Salzburg at present.
9. Teodorescu, who also used the name of Cerna, succeeded Jurubița in Muntenia and Dobrudja in the summer of 1948 and is now believed to be operating under cover in Bucharest.

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10. The organization outside Rumania is headed by Horia Sima who had been travelling in Germany, Austria, France, Italy, and Spain, and was last heard of in France. Horia Sima's lieutenant, Vasile Iasinschi, a former pharmacist from Radauti, Bucovina, had been in Madrid, but is believed to be elsewhere at present.
11. The organization in other countries is now represented by the following:
- Paris: Professor Protopopescu, Minister of Communications in 1940;
Mihail Sturdza, Foreign Minister in 1940;
Ion Guza, a student who acts as correspondent.
- Madrid: Professor Paul Marin, professor at the College of Santiago Apostol in Madrid. He procured source's Spanish visa.
Uscatescu, a journalist who writes for Ariba, a falange newspaper.
- Rome: Octavian Rogu, a lawyer;
Humita, a student leader.
- Salzburg: Engineer Caraiivan, president of the Asociatia Romanilor Crestini, the registered name of the organization in Austria. Dr. Traian Puiu, secretary of Asociatia Romanilor Crestini.
Vasile Mailat and Engineer Virgil Velescu, who act as couriers.
- Germany: There are other groups operating in Munich, Baden Baden and in Linz, Austria. The only name source recalled was Col. Alexandrescu in Baden Baden.
- Canada: Matei Hojbota, exact city unknown, but source stated that Hojbota has been in Canada for over a year.
- U. S. : Virgil Popa, a D.P. who came to the U. S. from Germany;
Ilie Oltanu, now in the U. S., address unknown.
- Argentina: Ovidiu Ganea, chief of what source believes to be a group of about 400 former members of organization in Argentina;
Teodor Joras, a journalist.
- Brazil: Vasile Mihăiescu, an engineer.
12. The Asociatia Romanilor Crestini in Salzburg publishes a newspaper, Vestitorul.
13. Source further stated that he knew that many former members of the organization who had fought with the German Army in the Soviet Union had escaped to France where they joined the Foreign Legion. They have fought in Viet Nam, Indo China and will soon return to become French citizens.

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