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## MARSHAL TITO AT MANEUVERS OF YUGOSLAVIA'S ARMY



Returning the salute of Col. Gen. Petko Dapchevitch, left, as the latter reports on the movements of his troops late in September.

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct. 11.—The Government press office announced today that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had demanded the Albanian Government cease repeated border incidents, which, it is asserted here, were being engineered to provoke Yugoslavia.

The situation on the Yugoslav-Albanian border, which has become a dangerous no man's land, is in many respects duplicated by similar conditions on the Yugoslav-Hungarian border, where hundreds of incidents, many of them involving killings, have taken place in the past year.

The depredations reported committed on Yugoslav territory by border patrols of Communist Information Bureau states bordering Yugoslavia have strengthened the belief in Belgrade that they may be a forerunner to guerrilla incursions.

The announcement of the protest to Albania coincided with a categorical assertion today by Borba, the official newspaper of the Yugoslav Communist party, that the special objective of the Cominform bloc was to detach Macedonia from the Yugoslav state. Borba's statement was contained in a front page editorial commemorating the eighth anniversary of the uprising of the Macedonian people against the German and Bulgarian armies of occupation.

The Government press office's announcement said that on Sept. 5 of this year the Yugoslav Government had proposed to the Albanian

Government the formation of a mixed commission to investigate and settle border incidents which had become too numerous. The Albanian Government, the announcement said, not only did not reply to the Yugoslav proposal but continues "through its border patrols to provoke incidents on the Yugoslav border."

Last Friday, the Yugoslavs declared, Albanian soldiers waiting in ambush opened fire with automatic weapons on a Yugoslav patrol well inside Yugoslav territory and killed one Yugoslav soldier named Mitar Vojnovitch. The Yugoslav was shot in the back, it was said.

This latest incident caused the Yugoslav Government to dispatch a note to the Albanian Government stating that "it is high time they cease their provocations through border incidents" and demanding satisfaction in two forms: first, the punishment of Albanian soldiers who killed the Yugoslav; and second, the compensation of 500,000 dinars to the dead soldier's family.

The note said that in its original proposal to create a mixed commission to settle the border incidents the Yugoslav Government had suggested that representatives of the two Governments meet Sept. 20 in Cetinje, Montenegro. The Albanian Government never answered this request which, according to the note, "proves the Albanian Government does not desire normal relations on the border."