

# SOFIA SAID TO FOIL PRO-PEKING PLOT

## 2 High Bulgarians Linked to Anti-Zhivkov Group

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 15 (UPI)—Security policemen have thwarted a plot by high-ranking pro-Peking Communists to overthrow the Government of Premier Todor Zhivkov, informed sources said today.

The sources said the plot was disclosed April 7 when Ivan Todorov-Gorunya, a member of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist party,

That same day, the sources said, Gen. Tsvetko Anev, commandant of the Sofia military was found shot to death in his apartment. The sources said he had apparently committed suicide.

district, vanished from his office. The sources said he had gone into hiding but had been tracked down and arrested.

The sources said General Anev and Mr. Todorov-Gorunya were reported to have been in contact with other conspirators

holding high Government, party and military posts.

There was no official confirmation of the reports, and the capital was calm.

While there was no sign that a behind-the-scenes power struggle might be in progress, many political rumors circulated through the city.

The sources said that the plotters had been discovered by Bulgarian security agents before they could make a real attempt to seize power. The conspiracy was said to have involved a number of high officials, but there was no report of whether arrests had been made.

The sources emphasized reports that a clandestine organization hostile to Mr. Zhivkov was being formed. Mr. Zhivkov is both Premier and head of the Communist party, and he has backed Moscow in the Chinese-Soviet dispute.