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In order to increase his influence in Armenia, Beria skillfully took advantage of the Armenians who received his protection and were employed by the Transcaucasian Federation in Tbilisi. Beria occasionally moved them in small groups to Armenia, where as trusted subordinates, he employed them in senior government and party posts. Well-known figures from Beria's so-called "Tiflis" cadres included Communist Party of Armenia Central Committee secretaries Amatoun Amatouni and Stepan Akopov; People's Commissar of Internal Affairs Khachik Moughdousi, his deputies Ivan Gevorkov and Georgi Tsaturov. A. Amatuni became first secretary of the Central Committee of Communist Party of Armenia.