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Great publicity is given to the telegrams sent by the peasants to GHEORGHIU-DEJ Gheorghe, General Secretary of the Communist Party, on the results of the harvest. It is significant that for three consecutive days (on 19, 20 and 21 July 1951) all such telegrams seemed to come from the same province, the Banat on the Yugoslav frontier.

People in Rumania are of opinion that this coincidence proves that the telegrams were prepared on official orders, which apparently reached the Banat province earlier than Dobrudja or southern Moldavia.

A message of working men in the POJEJENA DE SUS and POJEJENA DE JOS villages in the SEVERIN region of 19 July 1951 says: "We have today schools in which our children are taught in their own national language; we have a hospital, a rest-house, a canteen etc. We assure you, comrade GHEORGHIU-DEJ, that, as we have fought for the harvest, we shall fight against all those who want to deprive us of our freedom and independence, against American imperialists and their TITOist servants." Telegrams of similar tenor were sent from villages in the region of SEVERIN and TIMISOARA.

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EVAL. COMMENT:

Source : fairly reliable;
Information: the interpretation of the messages seems to be wrong. It is probable that these telegrams are sent by the population of the Yugoslav border region threatened with evacuation in order to appease the central authorities in BUCHAREST.