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RUMANIA

ARMY  
Equipment (300)  
(316)  
POLICE AND SECURITY (2300)  
TRADE  
Foreign (3300)  
(3305)

MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES

SOURCE ATHENS: A Greek schoolteacher and ex-employee of the Rumanian Foreign Ministry, formerly a resident of BUCHAREST, who was repatriated in October 1954.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: September 1954.

EVALUATION COMMENT: The import of foreign made cars was confirmed by the RPR press. "Scanteia" of April 9 1954 published a picture of trucks and motorcycles destined for the motorization of agriculture. "Romania Libera" of July 13 1954 stated that new bus-lines were inaugurated in CRAIOVA and BUCHAREST. The buses were of the "ZIS" 155 type. Twenty-one new "Pobeda" taxis were put in operation in BUCHAREST, and additional ones are expected shortly. See: "Scanteia", September 7 1954.

Finally, "Scanteia" of October 17 1954 reported that 200 "Pobeda" cars and trucks of the "ZIS-150" and "GAZ-51" type arrived in the RPR at the border crossing points RENI-GALATI and SOCOLA-IASI and the port of CONSTANTA. No mention was made about their distribution.

No information is available in our files on the equipment of Army and Security troops with the recently imported cars. The dismissal of members of Militia and Security troops is UNCONFIRMED here. ATHENS RFE Item No.7396/54 stated that 270 members of the Ministry of the Interior were dismissed for economy reasons. It should be pointed out that the Ministry of State Security was incorporated into the Ministry of the Interior in December 1953.

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A large quantity of Zis, Skoda and East German- manufactured trucks were imported recently for the Rumanian Army. Motorcycles for both the Army and the Securitatea were imported as well.  
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Militia troops were equipped with bicycles, which they use for patrolling the cities and towns at night.

Most of the Rumanians serving in the Militia were discharged and sent back to their homes after the Communist Party alleged that the force was impregnated with "reactionary tendencies." They have been replaced for the most part by men of Hungarian origin, considered by the regime to be a more trustworthy lot.

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