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PROPAGANDA AT SHORTHAND SCHOOLS

The School of Shorthand and Typing of the General Direction of Publications, Polygraphy and Press (Directia Generala a Editurilor, Poligrafiei si Presei) is located in the Ambassador block, Boulevard Bratianu (now Magheru.)

The pupils of this school, by order of their teachers, are already preparing gifts for STALIN's anniversary on 21 December.

In September 1951, at the opening of the course, each pupil received a shorthand book bound in red, with STALIN's portrait on the front cover. In this book, each pupil has to copy in shorthand the whole text, in Rumanian translation, of STALIN's work "History of the Communist Party" ("Bolsheviks.") Besides helping the students in improving their shorthand, this task is meant to make them memorize almost by heart this holy book of Communists.

Some 200 such books were issued to 200 pupils; each book has 100 pages, which gives about enough space for the text of the work in shorthand. The students were told that the books, when ready, will be sent to STALIN on his anniversary as the gift of the School for Shorthand and Typing.

Teachers supervise and control the work, and they do not let any boy or girl skip any paragraph, not even a line, which the youngsters bored with the task would be very glad to do.

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