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THE COMMANDERS OF THE S.R.T. (SOVROMTRANSPORT) SHIPS

SOURCE TRIESTE: Letters from Rumanian sailors.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Until mid-October 1953.

EVALUATION COMMENT: No information is available here regarding the reported names.

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When the new company "Sovromtransport" was formed under Russian control, a large number of the commanders who had been in charge under the old company, were dismissed. The new commanders were selected without consideration of their technical qualifications, from among elements who were devoted to Soviet Russia. It was important that goods could transit Rumania on their way to Russia more easily, and all the new commanders were chosen from among the most fanatical Communists, whose job it was not only to be commanders, but also to act as spies for the Securitatea.

Following, we are giving the names of these commanders. According to letters which we received from VIENNA in October 1953, all of them are apparently still in service.

IOVANELLI Victor: Captain of the motorship "George Doya." He is married but without children, 49 years old, born in TURNU SEVERIN. He was formerly a captain of the N.F.R. and is a most dangerous Communist.

ROGOLETI Aurel: Captain of the M/S "Pecs." He is married and has three sons. He is 46 years old and was born in TURNU SEVERIN; a Social Democrat, but at the service of the Communists.

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DRACEA Vasile: He is the captain of the M/S "Arad," 38 years old and has a baby-girl. He was born in TURNU SEVERIN and is an ex-helmsman of the N.F.R. He is a convinced Communist and a well-known Securitatea spy.

VANICA Dumitru: Captain of the M/S "Alba Julia," 51 years old, married and the father of two sons; born in HARSOVA and resident of TURNU SEVERIN; a Social Democrat and a confirmed drunkard.

BULIGA Ioan: Captain in the reserve, 44 years old; married and has three children. He was born in BATOTI MEHEDINTI and is a resident of TURNU SEVERIN. He is a former N.F.R. captain, and a very good man with a good and docile character. As he is suspected of nationalistic feelings, the government never allows him to get out of Rumanian territorial waters with his ship.

ANTONESCU Florian: Captain of the M/S "Craiova," 43 years old, married and the father of a son. The captain was born in GALATI. He is a former 2nd N.F.R. captain, with a rather inoffensive character.

ANTONESCU Ion: He is the captain of the M/S "Sovrom," age 48 years, married but without children, born in GALATI and formerly a helmsman. He is a dangerous Communist.

GALATEANU Ioan: Captain of the M/S "Galati," 50 years old, married with no children. He was born in GALATI and was a former N.F.R. helmsman. He has a rather weak character and is well-known "Lady's man."

CAZAN Alexandr: Captain of the M/S "Abrud," 45 years old, married and the father of two children. He was born in BATLAD and has his present residence in TURNU SEVERIN. He was formerly a helmsman in CATARACE and TURNU SEVERIN, is a Communist who does not have the Party's confidence, thus he is not allowed to leave Rumanian territory.

NICHELESCU Iacob: Captain in the reserve, 39 years old, married and the father of two children. He was born in BRAILA and is at present living in TURNU SEVERIN. He is a former First Officer of the N.F.R., and does not take an active part in politics. His wife is from LINZ, Austria. He, too, cannot navigate outside Rumanian waters, because he is suspected by the Communists. He is a man with a good character.

SATIR IAMANDI: Captain of the M/S "Decebal," 48 years old, married and the father of two sons. He is from

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GALATI, and resides, at present, of TURNU SEVERIN. He is an ex-Captain of the N.F.R., and an ex-Social Democrat. At present he is a dangerous Communist and a confirmed drunkard.

DUMITRU Vasile: 2nd Captain of the M/S "Crisan," 38 years old, born in GALATI. He is not interested in politics, and has a very good character.

CALIN Ioan: Captain of the M/S "Horia," 47 years old, married and has a son. He was born in the village of GOGOSI MAHEDINTI and lives in TURNU SEVERIN. He is a former helmsman of the N.F.R., a convinced and dangerous Communist.

CORNEANU Vasile. 2nd Captain of the M/S "Cituz," 38 years old, unmarried, He was born in TURNU SEVERIN and was formerly a N.F.R. helmsman. He is a Social Democrat and a very bad man.

CUEN Marian: He is the Captain of the Russian M/S "Cernigov," 47 years old. He is unmarried, born in TURNU SEVERIN. He was formerly a helmsman of the N.F.R.; a convinced Communist and a very dangerous person.

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