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Collectivization

A very rich harvest has been reported in 1951 from the Southern districts of Rumania; even the properties which had neither shared in collective farming nor taken advantage of state machine stations, had crops well above the average. Peasants in the collective farms generally expected larger quotas from the crops.

The Communists, however, without any previous warning, suddenly reminded the peasants that the state had given them special emergency quotas of grain in the bad years of 1947 and 1947, and that now they had to repay these quotas. This came as a shock, the more so, as in those years the peasants were not yet collectivized, and many present members of collective farms had received no help from the state. Nevertheless, they all had to repay, which greatly reduced their quotas.

The peasants resent this confiscation. It is reported that farmers in southern Dobrudja openly expressed their indignation. In settlements near TATARUL, several peasants were arrested. Similar reports of confiscation, discontent and arrests come also from the Rumanian Moldavia.

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