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The wellknown barrister and playwright VASILESCU-VALJAN Jean, 70, was arrested in BUCHAREST on 18 March 1951. Nothing is known about the present whereabouts of this distinguished man.

The same mystery surrounds the fate of BUZDUGAN Dumitru, former Minister Plenipotentiary, arrested in February 1951.

The Army General SAMSONOVICI Nicolae, former Chief of Staff of Rumanian Royal Army, arrested in 1949, and officially reported dead, is alive in a forced labor camp, and working on the construction of the Danube - Black Sea Canal. The dramatic artist SEPTELICI Mircea, arrested in 1950, is also in a camp.

The former liberal minister BUSILA Constantin and the general VELESCU Nicolae, former deputy chief of General Staff, died in prison.

The wellknown barrister GARGIULANU Emil, specialist in penal law, leader of the National-Liberal Party in IASI, committed suicide. He lived in extreme poverty, to which he was reduced after he had been excluded from practicing his profession.

His colleague POGONAT Petre, former dean of the IASI law court, living in similar circumstances, entered a monastery in the NEAMTZ district.

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