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RUMANIA

PERSECUTION (RELIGION).

The Rumanian regime is continuing its campaign against the Catholic clergy in the country, and is suppressing not only the Hungarian and the Greek-Catholic Rumanian priests, but also representatives of other branches of this faith.

In January 1951 HOREN Clement, the priest of the Armenien Catholic Church at Mihai Bravu street in BUCAREST, was arrested by the "Securitatea", the Rumanian Secret Police. He was taken to an unknown destination.

In spite of the police action, the congregation of HOREN's Church have not been frightened away. Every Sunday the janitor opens the Church doors, and Armenian Catholics pour in in great numbers showing no sign of fear.

DATE OF OBSERVATION : January 1951

EVAL. COMMENT : Source: very reliable;
Information: very probably true.