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RUMANIA

PURGES

Regional and rayonal
Communist councils

It appears that the BUCHAREST Ministry of Interior has ordered the compilation of lists of inefficient and unreliable members (socalled deputies) of the regional national councils. The accusations against them will include mismanagement of funds, lack of work discipline, inefficiency and dereliction of duty. The first victims are among the people entrusted with the application of agricultural measures. Some arrests have already been made in the CONSTANZA region and in STALIN-Town (SRASOV.) The purge has been entrusted to regional Party HQ assisted by militia.

It is reported that in several regions some deputies have resigned for health reasons. Many cases have been genuine, but there were also people who resigned duties imposed upon them.

It is stated that the purge is connected with the intensifying of the indoctrination campaign. Several recent Soviet delegations are said to have complained that "the teachings and experiences of USSR are not taken into account in the Rumanian People's Republic." The greatest efforts of the government now tend to appease the workers, in order to have a free hand with the peasantry.

It is also reported that the Rumanian farmers, who are far from being content with collective farming, try to form simple "peasant associations" in order to appease the authorities and to escape the heavy taxation of individual farmers.

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Information : confirmed by other sources.

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