

Cult of Dej Personlity Continues During Current Election Campaign

In commenting on the election campaign now in progress in the RPR, the January 17 issue of "Scinteia" wrote that "it is with a great sense of uplift, affection and warmth that the working people have proposed as candidates the devoted sons of the working people, the tested leaders of the Party and state headed by Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej". (This despite the fact that Dej holds no state offices.) This comment was also reported by Radio Bucharest. This continues the trend to build up the stature of Rumania's First Party Secretary which has gone on since the Third Party Congress last June when Khrushchev was lavish in his praise for Dej and particularly since the 15th General Assembly of the UN.

The election campaign itself continues in full swing with nominating meetings held throughout the country. In addition a plenary session of the trade union CC was held January 16 in Bucharest to discuss the tasks incumbent upon the union movement, as a member organization of the People's Democratic Front, in the campaign.

Bulgarian Delegation

No commentaries have been published or broadcast on the visit and coverage continues to be confined to quiet factual news reporting of the movements of the delegation which is now touring various parts of the RPR.