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RUMANIA

PERSECUTION

PURGES

GOVERNMENT

Relative of Vasile LUCA Purged

SOURCE ROME: University student, a relative of the former Minister Vasile LUCA.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Current period.

EVAL. COMMENT: An interesting but not fully confirmed report on the persecution of Vasile LUCA's relatives.

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We were informed that Mrs. Irene LUCACI (Jewish), the cousin of the former Minister of Finance, Vasile LUCA, and Secretary of the Ministry of the Minorities, was "purged." At the present moment she is no longer living in BUCHAREST but moved to PLOESTI where she is doing knitting work and designing material in order to earn her living.

Her husband Umberto CODAGLIO, a former Italian subject who used to be the inspector of all Rumanian school factories, came back to PLOESTI to work as a white-washer.

We were furthermore informed that their relations with the former Minister Vasile LUCA were tense during recent times.

EVAL. COMMENT II: It was learned from item No. 4238/52, emanating from same source, that Irene LUCA is not a member of the Communist Party and broke off relationship with her cousin for this reason. The former Finance Minister Vasile LUCA is reported to have suggested she should be an honorary member of the UFDR (Rumanian Democratic Women Union) in order to contact other bourgeois women to find out their opinion on the Party and

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to get information on their husbands, friends and relatives. Her husband's hardware store was requisitioned, leaving them destitute, so she was obliged to contact friends to try and get her husband the mentioned job. He got a low salary before the monetary reform (about 12,000 Lei per month) because he was not a Party member. After CALOGLIO and his wife were sacked from their jobs for not being Party members, the couple had to return from BUCHAREST to PLOESTI. They were reported to be now very badly off.

It may be pointed out, however, that there is no Ministry of Minorities in Rumania as mentioned in the present report, but a Department of National Minorities, attached to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. Francisc OTROK was appointed its chief with the rank of an assistant minister, on 28 June 1952.

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