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PersonalitiesHated Members Of The GRIVITA ROSIE Railroad workers
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The railroad workers of the Rumanian railroads workshop GRIVITA ROSIE were among the first to have their Home for Railroad workers built near their workshop.

Among these workers there are still old Communists who fought with GHEORGHIU-DEJ, in the 1933 riots, side by side with the petrol employees of the Prahova valley. This home has among other things, a library containing about 30,000 volumes, where semipermanent exhibitions of works of art are held. The exhibits are selected from among the best works of Rumanian classical art and are taken from the BUCHAREST museums. The Rumanians complain against this continual shifting of pictures and sculptures, which is certainly not the best way of conserving them. Among other institutions in the Home there is also a "children's club," where the children of workers can amuse themselves, read, construct model airplanes, etc.

Naturally the workers themselves run the administrative side of it, especially those old comrades of GHEORGHIU-DEJ who form a sort of "college of cardinals" of untouchables, owing to their precedents. This group of persons, all of them workers, pay more attention to the Railroad workers Home, were they are their own bosses, than to their jobs.

Two men stand out among these, namely RUDESTI Carol and DECEI W. who were given the best paid work in the workshop receiving their wages without lifting a finger for supervising a group of shockworkers.

They are the most hated persons of the whole industrial plant. Over and above this they are regularly given prizes on every festive and commemorative occasion, etc., for their efficiency. This is being expressed in fantastic figures representing their output, for which they are certainly not responsible. And this is only half of the story! Out of the stores of the Home administered by them, the two bosses spirit away food-

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stuffs and rations to replenish their own larders and to sell them at black market prices inside their own organization.

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