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All private workshops and small artisan shops were closed. This is typical for the conditions in BACAU where all equipment, tools and machines of small artisans were expropriated. Some of the former owners were allowed to remain in their shops, and to work for a small salary until "new cadres" of Party-trained workers would replace them.

Also in administrative and technical offices old employees were kept in their position for some time because of lack of new experts. The regime expects such lucky exceptions to express proper gratitude. A technician in BUCHAREST had to demonstrate his gratitude to the people's regime publicly for having been left in his employment owing to his experience, while all other employees of bourgeois class origin were dismissed. This man had worked for 15 years with his firm until it was taken over by the state.

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EVAL. COMMENT:

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