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Enlistment of Females

Peace meetings are held under various pretexts once a week. Since the meeting held at Arenele Libertatii on 11 June 1951, such meetings have served practically three purposes: to insult America; to organize gigantic collections of money "spontaneously" offered by women, and to enlist young Communist girls from the various peace clubs for voluntary labor brigades.

Some 150 young girls, teen-agers, enlisted voluntarily after the meeting on 16 July 1951. Such "voluntary" enlistments are organized by a few girls longing for that what they call "freedom." At the proper moment, when a fanatic speaker shouts: "Who of you, girls, will follow the magnificent example of Soviet hero-women?" they rise and shout back: "We, all of us!" By their gestures and shoutings they succeed in dragging many a poor girl along, who really had no intention of joining such brigades. Enlistments are immediately signed up so that parents learn about it only post-factum when it is too late to withdraw, without risking the possible arrest of the whole family.

The speaker of the meeting of 16 July 1951 was GAGARINA Zinaida, vicepresident of the Anti-Fascist Association of Soviet Women. The most excited speaker was CRISTEA Maria ending her speech with an invocation to PAUKER Anna shouting hysterically: "Ana noastra!" Ana noastra!" (Our Ana)

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