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The University Sports Club in CLUJ

SOURCE TRIESTE: A 25-year-old baritone from CLUJ, who served in the artistic group of the border guards troops.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: November 1952.

EVALUATION COMMENT: This is a detailed report on sports activities at the CLUJ University, the organization of the Communist-sponsored sports club and the most prominent members of the university teams. The reported names are unknown here.

In line with many similar contributions, the present report stresses the known Communist method, which consists of hiring professional sportsmen (even some known for their anti-Communist feelings) with a view of strengthening, for propaganda purposes, the various amateur sports teams, sponsored by the regime.

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All sports activities of the students of the University of CLUJ excluding those of the medical school, the arts and technical institutes and the Hungarian BOLIAJ University are directed by the C.S.U.C. (Clubul Sportiv Universitar Cluj) which has its offices on former Regina Maria street, at the corner of Unirea Square where the Balcescu book-shop used to be.

The C.S.U.C. has its sports grounds in an old park (parcul Scimilor) where there is also a hotel for sportsmen from out of town, as well as rings for boxers (on the grounds of the former park for children) and a swimming pool; moreover, there are grounds for football, volley-ball, tennis, basket ball, races etc. These grounds were set up a long time ago and the new regime added only the hotel and the

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rings for fighters.

Every university student automatically becomes a member of the CSUC without having to pay a membership fee and without receiving a membership card. He has the right to use all the sports grounds.

The most developed and most active section of the club is the football section which has become quite famous and is frequently mentioned because it has members of old international teams, such as the physicians LUCA and CORAGU and UANOVICI (or IOANOVICI) and CRISTEA. The football team of CLUJ managed to keep its place in series A of the national teams. Two of its players are particularly famous: ROVAC (fnu) of the right wing, age 24, 170 cm tall, weight 70 kg with wavy chestnut hair and black eyes. He is a student of the BOJAJ University; and COPILU (fnu), age 20, 165 cm tall, weight 60 kg, from TURDA. He became a member of Dr. LUCA's team when he was still a student of the Lyceum. At present he is studying at the school for juridical and administrative sciences. The authorities do not like him and he was admitted to the university, although he is an anti-Communist, only because he is such a good player. Our source adds that there are other such cases and that the Communists, generally even accept a sportsman, who is an enemy of Communism, in case they need him.

Other distinguished sportsmen of the CSUC in CLUJ are:

Flaviu ULEU, 27, 178 cm tall, weight 85 kg, with black hair and black eyes; national swimming champion, originally from SIBIU, living in CLUJ on Rusciurului street. He is the son of a former pensioned official and has two brothers: Octavian, 24, studying at the Arts Institute in CLUJ, and Nicolae, 23, studying at the Polytechnic in BUCHAREST; and a sister Elena, employed at the Arsenal of the Ministry of Armed Forces in SIBIU. Flaviu was also a medical student in CLUJ and was known to be quite opposed to the Communist regime. Nevertheless, thanks to his talents, he was recommended to go to the Military Medical School in BUCHAREST. He accepted and in 1952 he was living in BUCHAREST and was a lieutenant at the abovementioned school. (Our source asks us not to mention his name because it is most likely that he will manage to leave Rumania for an international sports competition and then seek refuge in the West).

MOINA (fnu), a very famous, 100-m race sprinter champion, who has retired from sports. In 1952 he was

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sports teacher at the No.2 Lyceum in CLUJ (former Baritiu)
and is occasionally seen on the sports grounds of the
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