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EDUCATION

In every school in Rumania, there has to be a "Red Corner" (Colțul Roșu). Usually, the "atemists" of the class take care of this "Red Corner." On the background of a Soviet flag there is a large photograph of young STALIN, surrounded by other photographs representing life in Soviet Union, scenes from the life of the Komosol and Soviet pioneers. The Rumanian national flag appears in the "Red Corner" only two or three times a year, on festive days celebrated in common by Russia and Rumania. Under the photographs there are articles written by pupils about their own activities and about the political behavior of the teachers.

The boys in the class rarely read these articles which they consider dull, unless prompted by the teachers, who have to watch that their young charges show proper interest in the publications of the "Red Corner."

There is also a strong pressure on the boys to subscribe to "Scanteia" the official organ. The subscribers wear a special badge. Three times a week all boys are obliged to gather at 0730 hours a.m. for listening to the reading of the "Scanteia" editorial.

DATE OF OBSERVATION:

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EVAL. COMMENT:

Source : usually reliable
Information: true, confirmed by
other sources.

It is a known fact that in all satellite countries, the Soviet element tries to dominate in culture and education at the expense of national tradition.