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(Note, 2 August 1961, Rumanian Unit) "Agerpres" reported on 1 August 1961 that Constantin Nita has been appointed ambassador to Prague. Nita, who replaced Ion Hasieganu, was listed as Secretary of the Party Committee of the City of Bucharest (one of the secretaries) in "Informatia Bucurestiului" of 2 February 1957 and 7 December 1957. Until December 1958 he was secretary of the Bureau of the Party Committee of the University of Bucharest.

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"Agerpres" announced the same day that Gheorghe Diaconescu has been appointed ambassador to Poland, replacing Dumitru Praporgescu who died in Warsaw last spring.

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Gheorghe Diaconescu was appointed Minister of Justice on 26 May 1954. ~~was re-appointed on 20 March 1957 and became a~~

It happens now that Barbu Zaharescu, to date ambassador to Peking and Hanoi was recalled in March 1961 ("Scanteia" of 30 March 1961). Since then there has been no word of a successor. This formally leaves open the question if an ambassador other than Pogaceanu will be appointed to Peking. Judging however by the low level of Pogaceanu in the Party (he is not a CC member like Zaharescu) and the importance of the Peking post, it seems extremely unlikely that Pogaceanu will be appointed also to Peking, the more so as he normally would have in this case to be accredited first in Peking and then in Hanoi.

Taking as granted that North Vietnam will have for the first time a Rumanian ambassador specifically accredited to Hanoi, it is of interest to note that this development would fit in the recent development of relations between North Vietnam and the East European countries. One should mention in this connection the economic agreement concluded in Bucharest on 9 February 1961, by which Rumania granted a 225 million lei credit in hard currency (six lei to the dollar) to be reimbursed by deliveries of apatite (raw material for phosphatic artificial fertilizers) amounting to 630,000 tons by 1965 and one million tons by 1970. The trade agreements for 1961-63 and the protocol for 1961 provided also for an increased volume of goods to be exchanged between the two countries.

The above diplomatic changes seem to be part of the general reshuffle which has been going on since the third Party Congress in June 1960. Among the most recent notable changes have been the switching of CC member Mihail Rosianu from the embassy in Sofia to that in Budapest; the appointment to Sofia of Mihail Marin, who lost his position as Secretary of the Central Council of Trade Unions in March; the appointment of Ion Obradovici to Japan; and of Mircea Balanescu to Cyprus in addition to his Athens post.

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