

RUMANIA

HEALTH

CORRUPTION

The Scandal At The Children's Hospital "Emilia Irsa" At  
BUCHAREST

SOURCE ROME: From recently arrived refugee

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Middle of October 1951

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Since 15 October 1951 the Children's Hospital belonging to the "Confederatia Generala a Muncii" in BUCHAREST, has been the center of a scandal, which will not be passed over easily. This is one of the newest hospitals, inaugurated in April 1951. The patients are workers' children needing special cures or undergoing surgical operations.

The hospital equipment is excellent and modern, even though the medical service caused repeated complaints regarding the competence and professional zeal of its doctors. But the scandal has nothing to do with this. The general administrator of the hospital and the head of the kitchen service are accused of having regularly taken foodstuffs away from the little patient's special rations. Thus, great quantities of foodstuffs were taken from the patients and sold on the blackmarket.

Seven persons two of them women, were arrested.

The temporary office head briefly states that measures will be taken to punish the eventual culprits.

EVAL. COMMENT: Possibly true, unconfirmed

CORR. COMMENT: Source did not know names.