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NEW ARMY POLITICAL DIRECTOR IN RUMANIA

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24 Radio Bucharest listed Colonel Ion Dinca as chief of the High Political Directorate of the Army. This was in the context of a report describing the celebrations in Bucharest to mark Army Day. It was the first time Dinca had been mentioned as holding this post.

Dinca's predecessor was Major-General Ion Gheorghe, a former deputy Minister of the Armed Forces and a full member of the Party Central Committee. He was completely removed from the Central Committee at the third Party Congress in June. His release from his position in the Army political directorate was, therefore, expected. Gheorghe, according to reliable reports, is aged about 40 and is the son of a Communist oil worker. He has two brothers, one of whom is a secretary in the RPR Legation in Rome. The other brother, Petre, is a former secretary and member of the Central Committee of the Union of Working Youth. "Scinteia", of 17 September 1958, reported his release from these posts and his transfer to Party work.

According to reports, Ion Gheorghe, though a major-general, had no real military training but had had political courses in the Soviet Union. He is also reported to be a personal friend of Party Secretary and Politburo member Nicolae Ceausescu who is himself a former head of the Army's political directorate.

No information is available on Gheorghe's successor, Ion Dinca. (A Lieutenant-Colonel Tudor Dinca was mentioned in the press in 1949.)

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