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DECOR VARIES FREQUENTLY ON WALLS OF STOCKHOLM
LEGATION.

SOURCE STOCKHOLM: A reliable Swedish businessman.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: April 1956.

EVAL. COMMENT: No confirmation is available here.

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The decorations of the walls at the Rumanian Legation in STOCKHOLM have undergone several changes this April. A person who visited the premises on April 7 could observe that all pictures of Communist leaders had been removed. What is more, not even a poster or a national flag could be seen. Instead, the walls of the Legation were decorated with large photographs of Rumanian landscapes. The trade delegation, attached to the Legation, went even further: its walls were decorated with large sheets of Rumanian postage stamps.

All this had been changed on April 18, when the same person paid another visit to the Legation. The pictures of the leaders, including GHEORGHIU-DEJ, could again be seen hanging on the walls; they were not the same as had hung there in earlier times, but appeared to be new versions of the same faces, apparently recently sent from Rumania.

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