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PERSECUTIONS

New mass arrests took place in the district of GORJ in Rumania, between 20 June and 3 July 1951. Peasants, workers, employees and people of the middle classes were arrested indiscriminately for reasons yet unknown. The Securitatea and the militia who conducted the arrests, took these people to TARGU-JIU, where they put some of them temporarily in the main prison on Vladimirescu street, others were kept at the headquarters of the Securitatea and the remainder in a building close to militia headquarters, which occupies a villa on Victorial street.

About 300 of these arrested people were later transferred to CRAIOVA, so that they could be formed into forced labor cadres, and made to work at the new electricity center of VALBEA SADULUI.

About 200 detained people are now prepared for interrogation at TARGU-JIU. They are subjected to inhumane physical torture. The people of TARGU-JIU often hear the desperate screams of these tortured victims. Their voices seem to come from the dungeon under the offices of the militia headquarters.

The recent large scale arrests remind people of the victims of former years. During the past two years, a number of people who had been arrested and imprisoned at TARGU-JIU disappeared. Among them were RASOVICIANU Solomon, brother of General RASOVICIANU, DAVITOIU Nicolae, CERTNEZEANU Anghel, DO-CULESCU Gheorghe, BANU Ion, CALINOIU Grigore and others. The 80-year old general who was arrested in 1949 because he had a small collection of shields, spears, and oldfashioned pistols, is still serving his sentence at the central prison of TARGU-JIU. He is in extremely poor health.

HAUSOTTER Emil, the parish priest of the Roman Catholic Church in TARGU-JIU, who was arrested in January 1951, has now been set free.

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