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Captains, First Engineers, Helmsmen And Second Engineers
Of The S.R.T. On The GALATI-TURNU SEVERIN-BUDAPEST-VIENNA
Line.

SOURCE TRIESTE : Letter from a Rumanian sailor.
DATE OF OBSERVATION : Until mid-October 1953.
EVALUATION COMMENT : The names of the better part of
the reported Danube ships are known here. No information
is available here regarding the listed captains and engineers.

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The m/s Republica: Captain PROCOP Ioan, age 48, born in GALATI; from 1926 until 1945 he worked for the N.F.R.; he is a non-Communist and one of the trustworthy captains of the company. He is married and has a son.

The first Engineer is CRISTEA Ioan, born in GALATI, 44 years ago; he is a non-Communist and a reliable employee of the company. He is married and has a son.

The m/s Gergore Manu: Captain NIKITOVICH George, age 51, born in TULLEA, residing in GALATI, and of Russian nationality. From 1928 until 1946

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he worked for the N.F.R. and from 1946 he has been employed by the S.R.T. He is a Communist, married, but has no children.

The m/s Astrahan: In 1950 this boat was repaired in a VIENNA shipyard. BADESCU Ioan, who was Captain during that period, left his ship and asked the Allied authorities for political asylum. After his escape, the ship was commanded by Captain MARCULESCU Constantin, age 44, born in TURNU SEVERIN. He has a first engineer's license, and been working for the S.R.T. since 1945, and is one of the company's trustworthy dependants. MARCULESCU is a non-Communist, is married and has two children.

The m/s Carpati: Second Captain STANICA Sticcha, age 42, born in TURNU SEVERIN, married and the father of two children. From 1934 until 1945 he worked as a helmsman on board ships of the N.F.R. Since 1945 he has been employed by the S.R.T. He is a convinced Communist.

Helmsman: TPMULESCU Ioan.

Second Engineer: PETRIA Ioan, age 42, married and the father of 2 children. From 1931 until 1946 he worked for the N.F.R. and henceforth for the S.R.T. From 1945 until 1946 he belonged to the Social Democratic Party, but then he joined the Communist Party. He is also a collaborator of the Securitatea of TURNU SEVERIN.

The m/s Bega: Captain STANESCU Ioan, born in SCHELA CLADOVE, a village in the Mehedinti Province, 40-years ago; he is married and has no children. From 1935 until 1946 he worked for the N.F.R. and then he was transferred to the S.R.T. He is a social-democrat.

Helmsman: DOROBANTU Ioan, age 54, born in SIMION, Province MEHEDINTI; from 1923 until 1946 he worked for the N.F.R.; from 1946 until 1948 he was unemployed; in 1948 he applied for employment with the S.R.T. and was engaged by this company. He is a Communist, married and has two children.

Second Engineer: EPURAN Gheorghe, age 38, born in MAGERU, Province of Madedinti; he is married but does not have any children. From 1936 until 1945 he worked for the N.F.R. Upon intervention of the Communist Party of TURNU SEVERIN, he was employed by the S.R.T. in 1945. He is a Communist, and a heavy drinker.

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The m/s Timisoara: Captain SURA Vasile, age 32, born in Bessarabia. He lives in GALATI and is single. In 1944 he was Captain of the French boat, "Paris" which was confiscated by the Soviets. Ever since 1949, he has been a convinced and servile Communist.

The m/s Crisan: Captain MOROIANU Alexandro, age 44, born and residing in GALATI, married. From 1932 until 1945 he worked for the N.F.R., first as a helmsman, and then as a Second Captain. In 1945 he was engaged by the S.R.T. as a second captain, and was later promoted on length of his service. He does not occupy himself with politics and is watched by the Securitatea.

The m/s Voronej: Captain DUMITRUSCU Constantin, age 46, born in TIGANUSI Province of MEHEDINTI, residing in TURNU SEVERIN, married and the father of two children. From 1934 until 1945 he worked for the S.R.D.; from 1945 until 1948 he worked for the Soviet S.D.G.P. Company and from 1948 until now with the S.R.T. He has Communist tendencies.

The m/s Smolensk: Captain PANAIOTIS Piru, age 52, born in BRAILA, married, without children; he used to be a Captain on board Greek motor-ships navigating on the Danube. After the nationalization in 1946 he was engaged by the S.R.T. He does not carry out any political activities, is a heavy drinker and has been divorced four times.

The m/s Severin: Captain FICSMAN Ioan, age 40, born and residing in TURNU SEVERIN. He used to be Second Captain on board ships of the Austrian D.D.S.G. Company; when the Russians arrived in 1944 he lived in hiding in GALATI under a false name. In 1946, when he had made sure that he was not wanted by the Soviets, he returned to TURNU SEVERIN and was unemployed until 1948, when he was engaged by the S.R.T. as a First Captain. He is an excellent Captain and does not have any political activities. He is a heavy drinker.

The m/s Iasi: Captain VERMAN Nicolae, age 46, born in OSTROVA SILISTREI in Dobrogea, married and the father of two children. From 1934 until 1945 he was helmsman of the N. F.R., in 1945, being a sympathizer of Communism, he was assigned with his ship to the S.R.T.

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Helmsman: BALICHA George, age 46, born in HALANGA, Province of Mehedinti; married and the father of one son: resident of TURNU SEVERIN. From 1934 until 1945 he worked for the N.F.R. and after 1945 for the S.R.T. Ever since 1945 he has been a dangerous Communist. He personally took part in the arrest of 36 peasants of his native village, including 2 priests. BALICHA gave the arrestees' property, including the cattle, to sympathizers of Communism. He is, moreover, an active collaborator of the Securitatea.

The m/s Novorosisk: Captain MANOILESCU Gheorghe, age 48, born in BRAILA, married but without children. From 1931 until 1945 he worked for the S.R.D., first as a helmsman and then as a Captain, and in 1945 he was engaged by the S.R.T. He does not have any political activities.

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