

Party Control Increases in the Economic Sector

Two recent leading articles of the Party organ "Scanteia" were devoted to problems connected with the increased role of the Party in the economy. Both articles urged the permanent establishment of Party groups or Party members and candidates in the smallest production units both in industry and agriculture -- such as work sections in the mines, permanent work brigades in collective farms, etc.

These measures are a consequence of acknowledged deficiencies in the economic sector and are thought to become, apart from incentives, the principal means in the emulation drive for increased productivity and quality of products.

Article 56 of the Party Statutes specifies that in enterprises, collective farms, institutions, etc. in which there are less than three Party members, but a number of candidates, a group of full and candidate Party members can be established, instead of the usual basic organization. Party groups can also be organized within the basic organization in small production units such as factory sections, workshops, brigades, etc. (Art. 57).

This new move would appear to be in line with amended Party Statutes which tend towards more Party control (see Background Report of 18 November 1960 -- "Amendments to Rumanian Communist Statutes Strengthen Party's Grip on Country").