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An official communiqué published on 6 March 1952 in BUCHAREST announced that the President of the Rumanian State Bank, VIJOLI Aurel, Deputy Minister of Finance, as well as his colleague, Deputy Minister of Finance, IACOB Alexandru, were dismissed for grave deviations from the laws and decisions of the government in the recent period.

Another Assistant Minister of Finance, MODORAN Vasile, was relieved of his functions as incapable.

The communiqué stated that said deviations damaged the interests of the state and those of the working people.

New appointees are respectively MOISESCU Anton, MANESCU Radu and NICULCEANU Constantin.

COMMENT:

IACOB Alexandru appointed on 4 February 1949.

MOISESCU Anton was vice-president of the State Commission for Planning. At the festival of the Soviet-Rumanian friendship he spoke about: "The result of the completion of the State plan for the development of the national economy in USSR for the third quarter of 1951," see "Scanteia" 2183 of 31 October 1951. He was distinguished with the "Ordinul Muncii" (Labor Award) third class, see "Universul" of 23 August 1949. He was also appointed member of the Olympic Committee on 19 December 1951, see Rumanian Press Review/Am. Leg. BUCHAREST.

MANESCU Radu was General Director of the General Direction of Publications, Polygraphical Industry, Distribution of Books and Press. He was a member of the National Committee for the organization of the Month Of Festivals of the Soviet-Rumanian Friendship, see "Scanteia" of 28 September 1951.

NICULCEANU Constantin was a university lecturer in BUCHAREST; see his article on "Cost price and the factors contributing to its reduction," published in "Romania Libera" (Am. Leg. Press Review No. 1256.)

He was born in 1911 in BOTOSANI. He finished High School and Commercial Academy in BUCHAREST in 1933 on the base of a scholarship. He joined the National Bank in 1935 (Branch Office BOTOSANI.)
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One year later, he was transferred to the Credit Section of the Bank in BUCHAREST. He married in 1940.

VIJOLI Aurel, 48, originates from the FAGARAS District. He got his Law Degree and absolved the Commercial Academy in 1940 with a doctor's degree of Law. He was appointed to the National Bank in 1924 and had an excellent record. In 1934 when the Conversion Law became effective, he worked out, together with SACHELARIE (fnu) the Fables of Conversion Installments. He is energetic and a noted sportsman. His wife, Viorica, was his colleague at the National Bank (Foreign Relations Section) and is also a graduate of the Commercial Academy.

VIJOLI had been appointed Vice-Minister of Finance and Director of the State Bank on 13 November 1948.

MODORAN Vasile was an expert on bookkeeping. During the ANTONESCU regime he was appointed economic delegate of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

This purge which occurred only five weeks after the second currency reform in the Rumanian Popular Republic is the severest blow to the anxious propaganda made by the Communists for the recent devaluation measures.

EVAL. COMMENT: None

NOTE: The Soviet delegation which participated at the session of the Soviet-Rumanian Commission for Technical and Scientific Collaboration in BUCHAREST, left the capital on 8 March 1952.