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Munich, September 9 (Evaluation and Analysis Note -- Gheorghe). Radio Bucharest announced on 30 August 1960 that the session of the Grand National Assembly which "elected" the Rumanian delegation to the UN General Assembly session in New York (to open on September 20) was opened by the Chairman of the Grand National Assembly, Constantin Parvulescu.

It may be recalled that the Nestor of the Rumanian Communist Party, Constantin Parvulescu was dropped from the Politburo and as Chairmanship of the Party Control Commission at the Third Party Congress in June 1960 and appointed Chairman of the Party's Central Commission of Revision (Auditing Commission). Parvulescu had not been mentioned in the Rumanian press in the period from 9 March 1960 (when he was reported to have attended the Regional Party Conference of Constanta -- February 27/28) to 26 June 1960. Western correspondents in Bucharest attributed his absence (he did not attend the proceedings of the Party Congress either) and his release from the positions of member of the Politburo and Chairman of the Party Control Commission to illness. The post of Chairman of the Party's Commission of Revision has a rather administrative character.

The question was raised by students of Rumanian affairs at the time of the Party Congress whether Parvulescu would continue to hold his third position of Chairman of the Grand National Assembly (not to be confused with the position of Chairman of the Presidium of the Grand National Assembly or nominal chief of state held by Ion Gheorghe Maurer.)

The August session of the Grand National Assembly appears to confirm the position of Parvulescu as Chairman and shows that his illness does not hinder him to appear occasionally in public. It should be noted however that this session (August 30) was an extraordinary one dealing only with a statement by Dej of allegiance to Khrushchev's present policy of coexistence. It is not excluded that a future working session of the National Assembly may bring changes in Parvulescu's status as Chairman of this body.