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CorruptionEx-Worker. Now Director. Gambles Away State Money

The nationalist weekly "Gorjanul", printed at the MILOSCESCU Nicu printing office and the BARBULESCU Jean office, was discontinued at the beginning of March 1949 by the arbitrary decision of the provincial Temporary Committee. This decision forced the two owners to hand over their premises and entire press machinery to the Committee. A Committee delegation accompanied by police took immediate possession of the printing-office. The two offices were combined and an ex-worker of the local tobacco factory, MILANOVICI Alexandru was made director. MILANOVICI's Communist wife (fnu) is a deputy and a member of the Party.

After eight months of work, the director was unable to meet all the orders owing to great scarcity of paper.

MILANOVICI informed the Committee of the paper shortage and since he was fully trusted by the Party, he was given a million Lei to go to BUCHAREST and personally to buy the paper for the printing-office.

On the ex-worker's arrival at BUCHAREST he was unable to resist the temptation to put 100,000 Lei on the horse races, a sport on which he was very keen. He lost the 100,000 Lei, but the urge to win tempted him to try his luck again. He gambled at the BANEASA horse-races until he had lost 400,000 Lei and he then bet all the rest of the money in order to try and win back what he had lost.

As he was left without any money he did not have the courage to return to TARGU JIU, so he stayed on in the Capital. MILANOVICI's unjustified absence was soon noticed by the Committee as the printing-office urgently needed the paper, so that his case was reported to police.

The ex-worker director was immediately tracked down and arrested. He was tried and sentenced to six months in prison, but he was released after two months because he was a "Party member."

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EVAL. COMMENT: Source : fairly reliable;  
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