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(Rumanian Evaluation and Analysis Note) -- "Romania Libera" announced on October 25 that Isac Martin had been replaced as First Party Secretary of the Timisoara region by Petre Blajovici (Radio Bucharest had reported the news on October 23). Blajovici was elected alternate member of the Central Committee at the Third Party Congress (25 June 1960). He is a former Party Secretary of the Cluj region.

The change does not necessarily indicate a political decline for Martin since the latter was elected full member of the Central Committee at the Third Party Congress.

It may, however, be of interest to note that some criticism has been recently expressed against the activities of the Regional Party Committee of Timisoara. In his speech made at the Regional Party Conference in Timisoara ("Scinteia" of 18 March 1960) Prime Minister Chivu Stoica said the following:

"The Regional Party Committee must control better the way in which the economic cadres are raising their level of knowledge in view of an increasing of their competence. The Regional Party Committee will also have to apply a closer guidance to scientific research work with a view to concentrating on actual problems of industry and agriculture. Greater attention must be paid to the guiding of institutes of arts with a view to improving their repertoire in the sense of increasing the number of themes of actuality. It would be useful if our writers and artists would reflect the transformations of our era, and the building of socialism. There is no doubt that deficiencies exist in the metallurgical plants "Gheorghe Dimitrov" and "Iosif Ranghet" particularly regarding the competent leadership in the technological process and the organization of (the place of) work. The Party organs and organizations will have to give a greater attention to the Marxist-Leninist teaching of its members and of the Party candidates, to follow closer the contents of ideas and the ideological purity of Party propaganda, of the political and cultural work of the masses and of the links with the present tasks of the Party."

In his speech delivered at the Third Party Congress ("Scinteia" of 23 June 1960) Isac Martin himself confessed that "the regional Party organization of Timisoara has to improve the system of development of cadres, whose pro-political and professional qualifications are not sufficiently taken into consideration."

Martin was mentioned as First Secretary of the Timisoara

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region as early as 1952. He was elected alternate member of the Central Committee in June 1958 and promoted to full member of the CC in June 1960.

According to a reliable report he is a former worker of Resita who was active in the Party organization of Severin in the early fifties. He is reported to have taken a course of superior training of cadres in Soviet Russia in 1955. Aged about 47 he is described as disciplined element, deprived of personal opinions and a hard worker. He is a member of parliament.

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