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ADMINISTRATION  
New Legislation

People occupying essential government positions in Rumania, the so-called "incadrati," are now subject to a new bill, which empowers high industrial or economic planning authorities to transfer them anywhere they think the "incadrati" are needed.

According to recent refugees from Rumania, the bill which hits these civil servants was passed about a month ago and is known as Law No. 207. The "incadrati" the informants explained, form the backbone of the country's administration. They are mostly accountants, suppliers, lawyers, experts in different fields, etc. whose number amounts to tens of thousands.

According to the bill, failure on the part of an "incadrati" member to comply with an order for his transfer is cause for a trial for sabotage.

The transferred official theoretically keeps his old grade, but loses the right to his salary. His new pay will not correspond to his grade. It will be the amount determined by regulations for the new position he will take.

As the purpose of Law 207 is to spread efficiency in the administration by sending well-trained personnel from larger and better organized centers to smaller and less organized ones, the case usually observed is that an official with 18,000 Lei in BUCHAREST is sent, for example, to DORCHOI (a small provincial town) to a position with 8,000 monthly.

This situation has created havoc in the finances of many families, the informants maintained.

Another consequence is that the transferred official is automatically separated from his family. His wife, usually working elsewhere, cannot follow him. Even in the case when she and the children can go with him, it is considered unwise to do so. They would have to leave their old house, which would immediately be given to somebody else and have no guarantee that accommodations would be found at the new place. Besides, nobody knows how long the new assignment will last and how long it would be before the head of the family is ordered to still another new position.

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