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RESISTANCE

The methods applied to persuade the population to join kolkhozes are broken or empty promises and ruthless force by special Party agents, who are paid 10,000 to 15,000 Lei monthly, and an additional 500 Lei for each journey.

The agents for NERAU, district Timis-Torountal are DEJU Teodor, of SANNICOLAU-MARE, district Timis, and two Communist peasants from NERAU: ANDRAS Gheorghe and CHIPEL Gheorghe.

The four kolkhozes known in the Timis-Torountal district are:

1. Cenadul Mare - organized in 1948, consists of 24 members
2. Sannicolaul Mare - organized in 1950.
3. Beba Vecke - organized in 1950.
4. Teremia Mare - organized in 1950.

After one year's experience some members of the kolkhoz Cenadul Mare discontinued, because the promises of the Communist agents were not kept, and all members of the kolkhoz were left without food and clothing. The names of the peasants who had left the kolkhoz in December 1949 are: PAPES Jon, STAVA Mita, POPOVICI Jon, UROS Mihail and others.

The Communists immediately applied force and confiscated the land of these peasants for a sovkhos.

At NERAU, district Timis, the population strongly opposed the formation of a kolkhoz. On 22 and 23 March 1949, the authorities of SANNICOLAU-MARE and NERAU called the peasants to the District Board and asked them to give their land voluntarily to the state for a sovkhos; in exchange they were offered some other less fertile land. The following peasants openly opposed the collectivization: TISAN Jon, house number 87; FLESENIC Gheorghe, No.43; DAJU Gheorghe, No.16; FISAN Nicolae, No.47; TEMPRANU Eremia, No.82; BRATU Leonte, No.84; BRATU Silvius, No.64 and SARBU Gheorghe, No.34.

On 28 April 1950 the National Peasant Association warned four of its members to avoid their home for the next night, otherwise they would be arrested. The four were: TISAN Jon, FLESENIC Gheorghe, BRATU Leonte and BRATU Silvius. Police came that night. As the husbands were absent, the wives were arrested:

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TISAN Marta, FLESER Florica, BRATU Emilie and BRATU Silvia. Police brought the women to the prison of SANNICOLAU MARE and left a message for the men to report to police, otherwise their wives would be illtreated. To protect their wives, the four men reported to police. They were badly beaten and compelled to declare that they would voluntarily donate their land to the sovkhos, which now covers an area of over 450 hectares.

Some three weeks later an engineer arrived to settle the confiscation formalities. He assigned to the four peasants pasture land, at 10 km from the village in the direction of BEBA VECHE.

The officials who had issued the order for their arrest are: CHIPEI Gheorghe, secretary of the Party in NERAU; DEJU Teodor, deputy of the provisional committee, and DEJU Felon, secretary of the District Board.

Another case of general resistance was registered in COMLOSUL MARE, district of Timis-Torontal, where the state confiscated the peasants' best tillage land for a sovkhos.

In December 1950 the peasants were ordered to cede voluntarily their fields to a sovkhos. Those who protested against were: CIOLAC Gheorghe, CIOLAC Jon, CEREANU Simeon and DESPOI Teodor. They were taken to the prison at JIMBOLEA, where they were cruelly beaten for six successive days, until they agreed to sign a statement that they were willing to give their fields voluntarily to the sovkhos. Eventually they were released, but their grounds were confiscated.

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