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Personalities
Inner Life

The Former Home Of PAUKER Ana.

SOURCE ISTANBUL: Refugee of foreign origin who left Rumania in 1950.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 1949

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Toward the end of 1949 I was assigned to work on the refrigeration plant of the home of PAUKER Ana.

The residence was situated on Zoe Alley, covered a surface of approximately 550 square meters, and was surrounded by a small, well-kept garden where there were fir trees rooted up and transplanted from the forests of SINAILA. Around the garden was a concrete wall upon which was an iron grill one meter high. From the main gate, a rose walk led to the three-story building with a single apartment, which was approached by an interior stairway.

The basement was divided in two parts: on the left was the room with hot air furnaces and electric injectors. The boiler had a capacity of approximately 500 liters. Further on, down a corridor, were the cold storage rooms: a dry chamber of 50 cubic meters and a humid chamber of 100 cubic meters. On the right side of the basement were the dormitories for the guards, selected from among the most trusted Party members and paid a salary of 30,000 Lei a month, with the finest food. For example, in winter they received varieties of fruits, foreign wine and great quantities of meat. Their quarters were even air-conditioned. The official guard at the main gate was from the Militia, and the total number of guard on the property was 16.

On the first story was the secretary's office, a sitting-room elegantly furnished with Persian tapestries, a library well stocked with volumes on political ideology and with walls covered with photographs of Rumanian Communist leaders and their disciples. On the second floor were the bedrooms and private rooms.

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I had no occasion to observe the third story of the house.

The house was well illuminated by numerous windows on the eastern side. An elevator accommodated up to three persons at a time. In general, the house was tastefully laid out, with foreign-made furniture and paintings of great value, aside from those with ideological and proletarian themes. PAUKER Ana owned a "Zis" automobile, colored green, but this was primarily an official car which she rarely used. She seldom left the house at precise times, yet her habit was to depart around nine o'clock in the morning. About that time the "Zis" stopped before the main gate with curtains drawn, and after it had waited some minutes for her, a "Skoda" automobile would turn up, and it was in this car that she used to leave.

She was always elegantly dressed, preferring somber colors. She looked like a sick person. It was rumored among the guards that she had an amorous affair with a former Regonnaire.

EVAL. COMMENT: Outdated;

According to a previous report (see item 10113/52,) repairs were carried out in 1950 at the building of the Medical Consulting Office of the Central Committee housed in the elegant villa in Parcul Pulipeanu, Aleca Zol, at the corner of the Alua Alexandru.

The food cooperative of the Central Committee had refrigerators built in marble in the neighborhood (Aleca Alexandru.)

PAUKER's home, until her purge, was at Kisselef and Ady Endres Street in BUCHAREST.