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Personalities

OERIU's Simon real name is SCHAEFER Simon. He is hated and despised by the students who avoid him as much as possible, as it is known that he has achieved his present position over the dead body of his predecessor Professor CIOCALTEU V.

CIOCALTEU, apart from his scientific qualifications, was also a fairly good poet. For some years he held the post of Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

For obvious reasons, the Communists decided to remove him from his job; it was then, however, only in 1947, and they did not yet dare act too ruthlessly. They made the university authorities to accept OERIU Simon vel SCHAEFER as professor, on the grounds of the article 46 bis of the Law on Universities, authorizing the Ministry of Education (then directed by the socialist, in fact a Communist, VOITEK Stefan,) to appoint professors at its discretion.

SCHAEFER-OERIU under ANTONESCU's regime had been imprisoned in VACARESTI for Communist activities. He pretended to be a serious socialist and to have discovered the 96th element which he called "S₂", and which in fact was some sort of a composition of streptomycin and salicylic acid. He guarded this scientific "secret" carefully at his home, and the Communists were obviously very impressed by his scientific standing.

As university professor OERIU at once attempted to take over the laboratory of Professor CIOCALTEU which the latter had created through much work and effort. CIOCALTEU refused to give way and, at a meeting of the Faculty Council, he accused OERIU of "having stolen his laboratory" by entering it by force in the company of two outsider agents. At this, OERIU shouted: "Keep silent, you war criminal." Professor CIOCALTEU instantly had a heart attack and died of it half an hour later.

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All this is still remebered against OERIU who for the whole year 1947/48 did not dare come to lectures, probably for fear of the student's anger. Even now he is boycotted as far as possible, On the top of all this, he speaks a very poor Rumanian, which does not commend him as a lecturer. Students organizations at BUCHAREST university have repeatedly attempted to popularize this professor by all possible means, but is was of no avail.

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