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POLICE
Personalities
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Securitatea Officers And Agents In GALATI

SOURCE ATHENS: A Greek who emigrated from Rumania in December 1951.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: December 1951

EVAL. COMMENT: A very good list of Police officers, spies and agents; it may be of some use to the population if broadcast as a warning. The report successfully depicts the intimate cooperation between the Party and Police, which gives to the latter the character of a spying and terrorist system instead of an organ entrusted with the protection of the population.

The name of the most important police officer mentioned in the report, namely Lt. ISPAS is confirmed here.

Source seems to be reliable and competent. Following are some additional names of the city's police officers, from our files: Colonel BABEI (fnu) a former railway worker, Lt. Major NEDELCU (fnu), Lt. Major PZSCASZ Ion, Lt. NEACSU, Lt. SCHWARTZ. See for reference Item No 2373/53.

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A former resident of GALATI, who emigrated to Greece in December 1951, is the source of the following details on Securitatea agents and informers who were active in GALATI up until the source left Rumania:

(1) Mihail ISPAS, 29, a Securitatea lieutenant. He is a native of Bessarabia and an ex-confectionery worker. In December 1951 he lived on Strada Morilor, near the "Azuga" brewery. He denounced his father as an anti-Communist in 1947 and caused his arrest. Before beginning his career in the Securitatea, ISPAS was a common chief. It is known that in 1943

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he used to pillage in the GALATI railway station German freightcars en route to Germany with plunder from the U.S.S.R. The end of the war brought little change to his activity; he continued to steal from freightcars on the station's sidings - except that now they were east-bound Soviet freightcars laden with booty from defeated Germany. His partners in thievery were the two Communist police officers, MANOLACHE and BUTACU, who shared the loot. At the beginning of 1946 the racket began to play out as the number of Soviet freightcars transiting GALATI from Germany decreased, and ISPAS sought new fields for his talents. With the help of MANOLACHE and BUTACU he secured an appointment to the judiciary police. One night in the autumn of 1947 ISPAS, MANOLACHE, BUTACU and another police agent named LEFTER came out of a tavern on Boulevard Take Ionescu, between Strada Mihail Cogalniceanu and Strada Brailoi. They were all drunk. At this moment a cart laden with flour bags happened to pass by. The drunken ISPAS shouted to the carter to halt for a search; whether the carter had something to hide or merely ignored the shouts of an obviously drunken man is unknown. At any rate, he kept going - with the result that ISPAS whipped out his pistol and fired six shots. The carter fell dead with three bullets in his body. Far from getting ISPAS into trouble, this murder brought him to the favorable attention of the Communists as a bold and ruthless spirit. He was transferred to the Securitatea with the rank of lieutenant. ISPAS is big and blond, with blue eyes. His wife is named Eugenia; she is the sister of Valerian RUXANDA, also a Securitatea lieutenant. She is a member of the U.F.D.R. and has the reputation of being an ardent Communist who denounces to her husband everyone she suspects of being anti-Communist. She is a little, dark woman with luxurious tastes in clothes and accessories.

(2) Mitica ADAM, 34, a captain of Securitatea; ex-railway worker and a habitual drunkard.

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(3) Sandu TONI, 24, non-commissioned officer of the Securitate; a habitual drunkard, he likes to dance on tables while drunk. Lives at Strada Tintei No. 15.

(4) Sandi NEACSU, about 30, a militia captain, known under the nickname of "Bulichii." He lives on Strada Agriculturii.

(5) Nelu BIGHIU, 26, lieutenant of Securitate. He lives on "Cartierul Brailei."

(6) Grigore CAPAT, 35, a secret informer for the Securitate; lives at Strada Tintei No. 19.

(7) Vasile RISCA, about 38, secret informer for the Securitate. He is a functionary at the post office, where he works in the Registered Letters section. His wife Tuta, about 36, is also a secret informer for the Securitate. They live at Strada Adormirei No. 6

(8) Ionel HOGAS, 23, a secret informer for the Securitate; he lives on Strada Trei Ierarhi. He is the son of an anti-Communist Orthodox priest.

(9) Gheroghe PATRIKI, a teacher in the village of FARTANESTI, raion of FOLTESTI, region of GALATI. He and his wife Maria, also a teacher, are both secret agents of the Securitate. In order not to arouse the suspicion of the villagers, Maria PATRIKI was "fired" from her teaching post in the autumn of 1951 as an ostensible foe of the regime.

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