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New Constructions In The ZAVOI Gardens In RAMNICUL
VALCEA

SOURCE ROME: Information received from a foreigner recently expelled from Rumania

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On 15 April 1951 the foundation stone for a new library was laid in the midst of a pine thicket in the Zavoi Gardens of RAMNICUL VALCEA. The building is in cross-form and was supposed to be ready by the 23 August 1951 for the celebration of the liberation anniversary. In order to show their great zeal, the local Communists started the work without awaiting the final approval of the necessary funds, and were not able to pay the workers. Thus the work was not finished by the 23 August and the celebrations had to be held in front of the building with only its front part completed in order to save the face of the Communists. The laborers who had not received their pay for three months complained to the Party who assured them that their wages would be paid to them. At present, however, the building is finished, but the workers are still waiting for their pay.

The same thing happened when the small pavilion in the Zavoi Gardens where the municipal band used to play, was transformed into a small theater. The material for this construction was purchased on credit and neither the workers nor the debts have been paid as yet.

EVAL. COMMENT: Unconfirmed.