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RUMANIA

STANDARD OF LIVING

Food

The following report has reached us from Rumania:

"We eat meat only once a week. First of all you do not get any and then it is very expensive. Everything is very expensive now and sometimes my head aches where I should get everything. The rent, water, electric light, taxes, daily one liter of milk. Life is very expensive. You must stand in line for everything: bread, potatoes, butter, meat. We are lucky when we have lunch in the canteen and then eat very little in the evening. Very often I only have coffee for lunch, or boiled potatoes. How is the food situation abroad. Do you still have cards?"

This is one of the many sad aspects of the life of deported people who are compelled to do either forced labor or live under even more strained conditions in resettlement camps of southern Rumania.

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