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DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTRY

Report On The Village Of ALUNIS (OLT)

SOURCE TRIESTE: 30 km southwest from PITESTI a Rumanian peasant from the village of ALUNIS (OLT) who was arrested on 12 April 1951, because he was considered a "kulak," and was sent to the JILAVA prison. Two months later he was transferred to the prison in GHERLA, and after 10 days in this jail he was sent to hard labor at the Danube-Black Sea Canal. He worked there for four months and in October 1951 he was again brought to the JILAVA prison. He managed to escape from this prison and fled to Yugoslavia on 10 October 1951.

DATE OF OBSERVATION:

October 1951.

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The village of ALUNIS (OLT) has 700 inhabitants living in five sections: ALUNISUL DE JOS, CATANOIU, NABODESTI, OPTASANI and GRUIUL. The population is composed of peasants, the richest of whom own up to 20 hectares; but most of them own only from five to six hectares. There is a kolkhoz (Gospodarie Colectiva) in the village and three State farms (Gospodarie de Stat.) The kolkhoz has 30 members and was set up in 1950 on 60 hectares of land. The headquarters of the kolkhoz is in the home of the late BECA Nicolae, a peasant who died in 1950. His land was confiscated because his widow could not work it. President of the kolkhoz is the peasant STANESCU Gheorghe, a former porter in the city of SLATINA. He is a very harsh, fanatical Communist. The kolkhoz possesses a tractor and the members must work eight hours a day. Members cannot withdraw from the kolkhoz before three years have lapsed. In 1951, the peasant woman, MUSAT Ioana refused to work on the kolkhoz and for this she was sentenced to a year in prison and to the confiscation of the two hectares of land with which she entered the kolkhoz.

On the 900 hectares of land formerly belonging to VLADESCU Jancu the first State farm was set up in 1948. In 1949 his three-storey house was demolished and the tiles from the roof were distributed among the poor of the village. In 1950 VLADESCU died in SLATINA.

The director of the State farm is ENACHESCU Marin, and the administrator is ONDALAG Constantin, both fanatical Communists. They know how to make Communist propaganda, but know nothing about agriculture. The farm possesses two tractors, but farm production is not even half what it was during the administration of the former proprietor.

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The second State farm was organized in 1949 on the 200 hectares of land confiscated from ANDREESCU Florian. The director of this farm is the peasant STOICESCU Ilie, former secretary of the Peasant's Party and today a fanatical Communist. The administrator is the former veterinary agent BADESCU Gheorghe, who is also a fanatical Communist. This farm only has one tractor.

There is a third State farm in the village and it was organized on 40 hectares of land voluntarily handed over to the State by the former Orthodox priest, GIORICEANU Nicolae, who became the farm administrator. This farm has today about 70 hectares, because land which during the past few years had been confiscated from peasants sentenced for sabotage, etc. has been added to the original 40 hectares. The administrator of the farm is the discharged same STOICESCU Ilie. GIORICEANU, who is now a fanatical Communist, was the priest of PROFA village, but was in 1939 when it was discovered that he was having intimate relations with a woman of the parish.

President of the Popular Council of the village is the peasant DRAGUTIU Constantin, a Communist informer. In 1950 he denounced the peasant MARINESCU Ioan to the Securitatea and in March 1951 the peasant FILIP Gheorghe, for showing an anti-Communist attitude. Both were arrested and their whereabouts is unknown. Even source was denounced by DRAGUTIU.

Secretary of the Popular Council is the former swineherd DRAGOIU Nicolae who is also a fanatical Communist.

Secretary of the Party cell of the village, which numbers about 20 members is the peasant NICULESCU Florea who returned to the village in 1946 after having worked in BUCHAREST. He is 40 years old, single, a heavy drinker and is well known for his love moral. Among others, the peasants SARBU Nicolae and LICA Florea, both Iron Guard members have been expelled from the Party cell, but two of the most active former followers of the Iron Guard. MUSAT Gheorghe, president of the village cooperative, and MARIN Nicolae, veterinary agent, are still members of the cell and are today most fanatical Communists.

Among the village Communists the three "popular judges" of the CHILIA (four kilometer from ALUNIS) district court are very well-known. They are STANCULESCU Gheorghe, STANCIU Petre and the peasant woman DUMITRESCU Florica. All three are fanatical Communists: STANCIU is a heavy drinker and the DUMITRESCU woman, who is only 28 years old, is noted for her immoral way of living.

There are two elementary schools with seven grades in the village. The teachers TOPOLOGEANU Ioana and BESLIU Lenuta are Communists.

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There are three churches in the villages: at ALUNIS, CATANOIU and OPTASANI. The pastor of ALUNIS, RADULESCU Vasile, rarely celebrates Mass because he is afraid of Communist reprisals. Only a few old men and women go to the priestless church to pray. The pastor of CATANOIU-OPTASANI, the Rev. PANICA (fnu), was arrested in 1950 and is now in the prison of PITESTI. The peasants say that he was denounced by OTOBACU Florea of OPTASANI, known as a Securitatea spy.

In 1948 three young men, DUMINECA Florian, STANCIOIU Nicolae and BADESCU Ion, disappeared from the village and it was reported that in 1949 they were hiding in the SEACA forest with a group of partisans. DUMINECA's father was arrested by the Securitatea and tortured in an attempt of getting him to reveal his sons whereabouts. As he knew nothing about his son he was released. DUMINECA, together with the other two, is now reported to be with the partisans in the VALCEA mountains, but they are not in contact with their families.

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