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PERSECUTION

Illegal Arrests  
Forced Labor

Arrests Continue To Take Place In The Town Of TARGU JIU

SOURCE ROME: Refugees

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Current period.

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CERNATEANU Anghel, a 35-year-old tradesman, living in TARGU JIU at Unirii street, corner of 14th of October street, was arrested in March 1951. He was a capable and enterprising young man and ran a hardware store before the war. In 1941 he built a new store and a house, on his own property. As an anti-Communist, he was not in the good graces of the Party.

He was arrested for the first time in June 1950 and sentenced to two months imprisonment and a 200,000 Lei fine for sabotage. This sentences was issued by the Popular Court.

He was driven out of his home and the Party Youth Organization took over his apartment.

When all private propterty was nationalized, CERNATEANU was expropriated too. In March 1951 he was arrested one night under the usual pretext of "reporting" to Police.

He was sent to work on the Danube canal.

EVAL. COMMENT: Unconfirmed.