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RED ARMY MEN SAY GOOD-BYE TO BUCHAREST.

SOURCE ROME: Italian worker recently repatriated from Rumania.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: December 1955.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: Source said that in the summer of 1954 Soviet officers and their families evacuated the apartments they occupied in various points of the Rumanian Capital. Prior to their departure the Soviet officers sold furniture and other looted objects. Rumanian officers installed themselves in some of the buildings in the center of the city previously occupied by the Soviets.

EVALUATION COMMENT: The information available here on the withdrawal of Soviet Military Forces from BUCHAREST is contradictory. Therefore, the present contribution should be considered with caution. RFE ROME Item No. 2988/56 substantiates the information that some apartments of Domeniilor Park and Filipescu Park had been evacuated by Soviet officers' families, while RFE ROME Item No. 1187/56 stated that in September 1955 Soviet units from Austria were brought to Rumania, and some of them were billeted in BUCHAREST. The apartments assigned to the new arrivals were situated between the Ministry of Armed Forces and the Cismigiu Park, also on Brezoianu Street at the north entrance of the park. Source of that report personally saw a school bus calling in the morning for the children of Soviet officers.

Concerning the selling of belongings of Soviet families, please see ATHENS RFE Item No. 764/56, which stated that leaving Soviet families sold on the market various items taken with them from Austria.

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Evacuarea ofiterilor sovietici din BUCURESTI.

Sursa declara ca incepand din vara anului 1954 treptat-treptat ofiterii sovietici si familiile lor au evacuat apartamentele ocupate dupa razbou in cartierele dela sosea si in diferite blocuri din centrul Capitalei. In 1955 se mai vedea foarte rar cate un ofiter rus pe strazile Bucurestilor. In schimb ministerele si institutiile economice sunt inca intesate de consilieri sovietici.

La plecare-sursa nu stie cu ce destinatie-militarii sovietici au vandut o multime de lucruri la Talcioc sau, prin intermediar, in oras. Covoare persane, mobile de lux, masini de cusut, butelii de arataz, tacamuri, cristaluri, erau oferite pe preturi de nimic. Lumea, vazand ca rusii cauta sa se debaraseze in graba de aceste lucruri jefuite din locuintele pe care le ocupasera pana atunci, era sigura ca ei plecau in URSS. Sursa a vazut cum familiile militarilor sovietici au evacuat blocul "Lido" din bul. Ana Ppatescu si blocul "Astoria" din bul. 6 Martie /fost Bd. Elisabeta/. Imediat, in blocul "Lido" au fost instalate familii de ofiteri si subofiteri ai armatei RPR. In camioane ale armatei, prin centrul Capitalei, noii locatari veneau cu mobile saracacioase, cu cotese cu gaini, cu custi de porci si lumea se uita amuzata si revoltata.

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