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1. [] the Bacteriological Institute of the Ministry of Public Health at a meeting [] of the State Control Commission in Bucharest. Others present were the Minister of Public Health, the four Deputy Ministers of Public Health, the head of the Factories Directorate of the Ministry of Public Health, the Soviet Adviser to the Ministry of Public Health and Madame Vanda Nikolskij, a Soviet, who is Vice Chairman of the State Control Commission. At this meeting [] had many criticisms to make, the chief of which were as follows:

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Ministry of Public Health Factories

- a. Production at the factories of the Ministry of Public Health, which make surgical instruments, medical equipment, et cetera, was lagging; there seemed to be inexplicable delays and the quality of the articles was poor. This was probably the result of sabotage. It was considered that two persons were chiefly responsible: a chief accountant, a certain Recas, and an Engineer Georgescu. [] asked why it was that Georgescu worked so unsatisfactorily for the present regime, when it was known that

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he had always been a most efficient worker under the Antonescu Government. She suggested that both these men should be dismissed. Recas was in fact dismissed

It was agreed that Georgescu should be removed as soon as practicable.

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Cantacuzino Bacteriological Institute

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- b. most of the staff of the Cantacuzino Institute were regarded as anti-Soviet and anti-regime. The doctors were very reactionary

Everybody concerned ought to be extremely vigilant and attentive, as the Bacteriological Institute would be the most important medical establishment in Rumania in time of war.

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- c. Professor Constantin Ionescu-Mihaesti, the famous Rumanian scientist, was dismissed on Soviet instructions from his post as Director of the Cantacuzino Bacteriological Institute in August 1952.

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He was invited to the Soviet Union in December 1951 but refused on the grounds that he was too old to undertake the journey. He was also not on speaking terms with Pavlov, the former Soviet adviser to the Institute. At the time of his dismissal there were discussions between the Ministry of State Security, who wished to arrest him, and the Ministry of Public Health. The Minister of Health said that if such a respected figure was arrested, many of his colleagues would refuse to work. In order to keep up appearances, a new scientific institute was created for him, he now has little authority.

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