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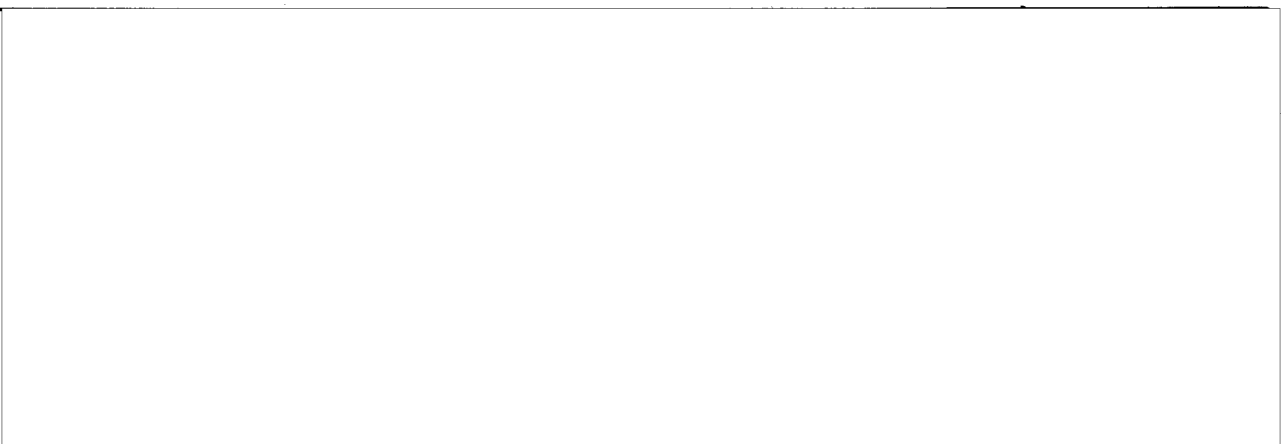
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1. [Redacted] the majority of the Rumanian population dislike the Communist regime and especially the large degree of Soviet control. Even many of the Communists of long-standing, particularly those who worked clandestinely during the last war, have lost faith. They are regarded by the new party leaders as forming a dangerous group, as they claim to be the only true Communists and disagree in certain respects with the present party line. Several of them have been purged and expelled from the party.
2. Nevertheless, [Redacted] the continual Communist propaganda, particularly 25X1 in the sphere of social conditions, is having its effect among some of the workers. One thing that has impressed them is that they have more equality of opportunity and there is less official corruption than under the old regime. It is noticeable also, that the average person, even in remote country districts, is beginning to take a greater interest in international events. These are, of course, always presented from the Soviet point of view and, although there is much skepticism, [Redacted] this propaganda is sometimes 25X1 successful.

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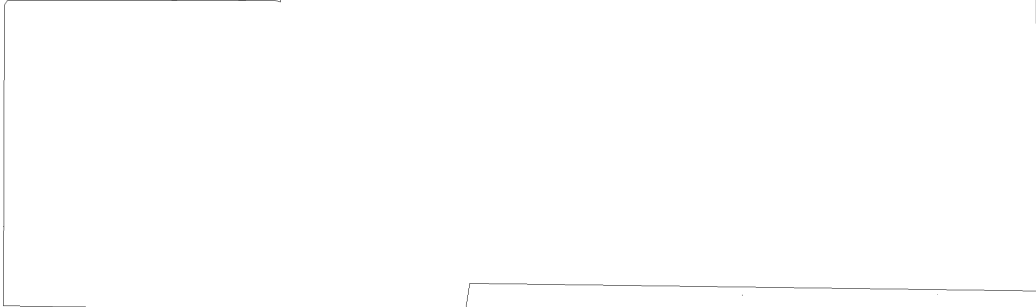
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3. In general, however, Rumanians are looking forward to the day of liberation from Soviet control. They believe that this cannot come about except by war. They realize that this would mean much suffering for Rumania as the Soviet Army is the strongest in Europe and would probably overrun the whole continent in the early stages



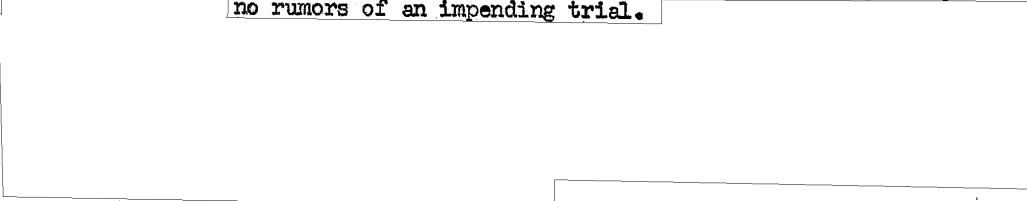
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4. The dismissal of Ana Pauker, Vasile Luca, and Teohari Georgescu from their posts was, in general, viewed with satisfaction in Rumania. The introduction of unpopular measures and the increase of Soviet influence were usually coupled with their names, and they have never been regarded as true Rumanians except by a minority of fanatical Party members. Ana Pauker was the most unpopular, Luca is a Hungarian and Georgescu, although Rumanian



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5. It is widely believed that Pauker, Luca, and Georgescu are now in prison, but no rumors of an impending trial.



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