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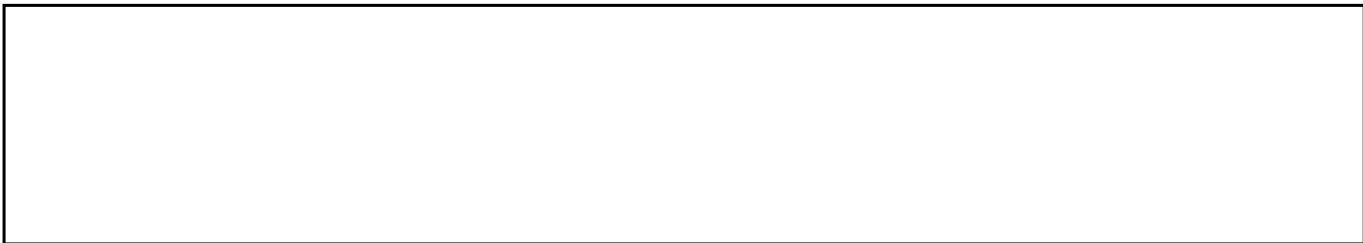
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1. "In Bucharest there are seven raions: Gheorghe Gheorghui-Dej, Stalin, Lenin, Tudor Vladimirescu, 23 August, Grivita Rosie and Nicolae Balcescu. This administrative division of the city replaces the old system of four city sectors. This administrative division was necessary as certain state stores existed only in certain city sectors, while others existed only in the city center.
2. "A correct list of food prices in Rumania should show various prices for each item according to the outlets, grouped, for instance, as below:
 - a. Prices in State Stores, for ration card holders.
 - b. Prices in State Stores for goods available to any citizen.
 - c. Prices in State administered Cooperatives. (These are about 20% higher than prices in item above.)
 - d. Black market prices. (Black markets are illegal, and dealings with them are punishable by imprisonment for three months to two years. Dealing in black markets is considered 'sabotaj economic'.)
 - e. Prices in Bucharest's markets, for instance: Libor State Market, 6 Martie (this was formerly the Piata Mare market), Ilie Pintilie (formerly Matache Necelaru) in the ex Buzesti Square, Vitan (formerly Ciocanul, on Dudesi Street, where, apart from the State administered markets, Communist authorities have reopened private shops. These are called Tarabe. They consist of a table covered with tarpaulin to prevent rain damage. These markets, although private, are under State control as far as taxes on commodities are concerned, but not with regard to prices.)
 - f. Prices of various food commodities offered for sale by farmers in the State markets (where a special space is set aside for them), or delivered to the homes of Bucharest clients. (State control on this type of sale is exercised primarily in the interests of sanitation, rather than control of price, etc. At the city limits sanitation checks are made. The control of product quotas due the State is not exercised by officials in Bucharest, but by officials in the villages wherein the farmers reside. They cannot even

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go to Bucharest to sell their products until they have delivered their quotas to the State.)

3. "Below is a detailed list of food commodities (and prices) available to any citizen freely, and sold in the State Stores called 'Magazin de Stat, Alimentara' (these are the State administered stores throughout the Bucharest city sector only) and in the stores called 'Comaliment' (these exist only in the city sector):

<u>Sugar:</u> (two qualities)	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price in Lei</u>
Zahar tes (powdered sugar) (made at Arad)	kg	9.60
Zahar cubic (loaf sugar) of the Popa Sapca sugar mill which was formerly the Danubianca sugar mill of Giurgiu.	kg	16.00

(Remarks: if sugar is in abundance it is sold up to 1 kg per person; if not, it is sold by the 1/2 kg or 1/4 kg, per person. There were long lines for sugar which was placed in paper bags in advance. Very often the amount of sugar found in the bag did not tally with the amount paid for. Lines used to start at 0500 hours for sugar which became available during periodic distributions arranged by the People's Board of the City-Sector concerned. Any citizen may purchase at these distributions, regardless of whether or not he resides in the sector involved. The procedure for lining up is as follows: a. line to enter store; b. line inside the store in front of the Department of Food Commodities, where patron receives ticket indicating quantity required; c. third line up [perhaps the patron receives his ticket in this line; text is not clear]; d. fourth line, at cashier's booth, where payment for item is made; and e. fifth line where consumer hands his ticket, stamped paid, back to the seller, and collects his sugar. The whole operation lasts hours, but people are used to it and do not complain.)

<u>Butter:</u> (three qualities)		
1st quality	kg	27.00
2nd quality	kg	21.00
3rd quality	kg	19.00

(Remarks: distribution is made in the quantity of 200 grams per person. 1st quality is, of course, the best butter and comes from the Banat region; it is pressed butter; 2nd and 3rd quality are less good, as they contain more water. The quality butter received by the consumer is rarely the quality paid for. The practice of swindling customers is endorsed in the State Stores by all employees, and even officials of the Stores. By preparing in advance the butter packets, store employees (sellers) manage to pass off low quality butter. In this way, the employees of State Stores try to round out their salaries. It is generally accepted that this does go on, and no one complains.)

<u>Cheese:</u>		
Telemea (or Braila), 1st quality	kg	11.00
Telemea, 2nd quality	kg	9.00
Roquefort	kg	27.00
Trappist	kg	19.00
Cascaval	kg	20.00
Gruier Poiana	box of six pieces	15.00

(Remarks: Telemea cheese is not always available. There are long lines for it when it is available. Roquefort, Trappist and Gruier Poiana cheeses were available without lining up at any time. There were long lines for Cascaval.)

* These State Stores had centers. An 'Alimentara' was located on Serban Voda No. 1. Each of the stores had certain departments: 'alimentare,' 'pescarie' (fish), 'Bauturi' (drinks), 'rationate' (rationed items), 'branzeturi' and 'Mezeluri' (cheese and salami), etc.

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<u>Salami (Mezeluri):</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price in Lei</u>
Russian salami	kg	27.00
Italian Salami	kg	22.00
'Vanatoresc' salami	kg	16.00
'Popular' salami	kg	12.00
Pressed cooked ham	kg	27.00
'Muschi Tiganesc' salami	kg	27.00
'Toba' type salami	kg	18.00
'Leberwurst'	kg	20.00
(Cow) 'Debretin' salami	kg	16.00
(Pork) 'Debretin' salami	kg	22.00
'Crenwurst' (American hot dogs)	kg	13.00
Boiled round of pork	kg	16.50
Smoked pork cutlet	kg	27.00

(Remarks: items above are usually available in any quantity desired, with no lining up - except for 'Crenwurst' which is available only periodically, and for which there are long lines. There are, however, times when some of the items above disappear completely from the stores, and then when they do reappear the lines are very long.)

<u>Farinaceous Pastes:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price in Lei</u>
Maccaroni, Spaghetti type from 'Steaua Rosie' Plant in Sibiu	kg	9.00
Maccaroni, -normal type	kg	7.00
Soup type maccaroni (melcisoare, Stelute)	kg	9.00

(Remarks: available at any time, any quantity, everywhere.)

<u>Rice:</u> (without lining up, available at any time)	kg	9.00
<u>Semolina:</u> (without lining up, available at any time)	kg	6.00
<u>Corn Flower</u> (00 quality. Same remarks as for rice)	kg	4.00
<u>Sun flower seed oil</u>	L	12.50

(Remarks: this is the official price, but item is not available in any State Store. Actually is offered in 1/2 liter bottles selling for 15.00 Lei. The last time I saw it on the market, there was great trouble lining up as so many wanted the product.)

<u>Stockfish</u> (congealed / frozen? / fish imported from Great Britain, and sold from December 53 to early January 54, with long lining up)	kg	16.00
<u>Halva:</u> (Turkish sweet)	kg	6.50
<u>Olives:</u>	kg	25.00

(Remarks: both above items are available without lining up).

<u>'Cicoarea' brand, ersatz coffee:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price in Lei</u>
1/4 kg. boxes	each	2.50
1/2 kg. cardboard boxes (approximate quantity)	each	6.00

(Remarks: ersatz coffee was available at any time in any quantity.)

<u>Coffee (pure):</u>	kg	160.00
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(Remarks: coffee was not available in State Stores during the last period I was in Bucharest.)

<u>Cocoa:</u> (imported from Holland. Van Houten and Dezan makes)	kg	140.00
<u>Chccolate:</u> (imported from Holland). Sold in 50 gram packages	each	6.50
<u>Chocolate</u> ('Faramaturi'):	kg	130.00
<u>Candy:</u> (local product. Price depends on quality)	kg	12.00, 14.00, 18.00, 26.00.

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(Remarks: above items were available at any time in any quantity needed without lining up).

<u>Fish:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price in Lei</u>
Carp		
weighing over 1 kg	kg	13.60
large fishes	kg	8.60
small fishes	kg	6.50
Stuca	kg	7.60
Salau	kg	6.50
Lin	kg	4.60
Ciortan	kg	4.60

[redacted] the English names for the last four categories of fish above.

(Remarks: there were unusually long lines for fish, a less expensive food than most. Fish was fresh, due to the fact that it was never in the market long enough to be old. Quantities of fish purchased were so small that when wrapped in paper the item could easily have been lost. Most people brought their own paper from home. The lining up took the same form as in the case of sugar. [see above])

There existed in certain State Stores (Alimentara and Comaliment Stores), a food section for the re-sale of bread. [Perhaps this means 'retail' selling of bread.] Prices for bread in these stores follow:

<u>Bread:</u>		
white, corn-flower bread	1/2 kilo [kg]	2.18
black bread (rarely available)	kg	2.00
Chifle (cake of breakfast bread)	each	0.33

(Remarks: these State Stores did not have bread for sale to ration-card holders; these made their purchase of bread through the Bread Centers; [see below]).

4. " Bread, besides being sold at the 'bread raion' of the 'Alimentara' and 'Comaliment' State Stores, was sold also through the following State Stores:
- State Bread Centers, called 'Centre de Paine'
 - State Bread Centers, called 'Spicul', which also sold other flour products. (One of these centers is located on Blv. 1848, formerly Coltei Street, opposite the State Unified Hospital, No. 2; another was [sic] located at No. 15 Calea Serban Veda.)

Following is a list of breads and similar specialities on sale in these stores:

black, corn-flower bread, on sale in round forms, weighing either 1 or 2 kgs	kg	2.00
white bread, 'Franzela', sold either in a round or long form, either weighing 1/2 kg	kg	4.36
'Chifle', corn, white flour	each	0.33

(Note: these prices correspond exactly with those given above.)

'Paine Intermediara', corn, half-white	kg	3.22
'Cornuri' (long breakfast bread), corn, white	each	0.50
'Japoneza', corn, white flour (available only in 'Spicul' Bread Centers)	each	1.00
'Impletitura', corn, white flour (available only in 'Spicul' Bread Centers)	each	3.20
'Graham' special bread made for diabetics, each piece weighing 1/4 kilo [kg], (available only at 'Spicul' Bread Centers)	1/4 kg	1.00
Biscuits, standard type and shape (available only at 'Spicul' Bread Centers)	kg	9.90
'Napolitane' biscuits (with cream or chocolate) sold by the package	package	6.00

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The 'Spicul' Breed Centers also sold various flour products other than breads, but neither the 'Spicul' Bread Centers nor the Bread Centers sold flour itself. This was purchased at the 'Alimentara' and 'Comaliment' State Stores.

5. " Milk: there was no re-sale / sic / milk center in Bucharest. There were, in the city, two or three so-called 'Centre de Lapte' Stores, which were actually milk-bars. (One of these is located opposite the Spitalul Unificat No. 2, on Blvd. 1848; another is located near the 'Teatrul Municipal' on Dinicu Golescu Blvd. near the 'Lazar Lyceum' street-car station (behind the RPR Ministry of Construction). The sign on these milk-bars reads: 'Centru Lapte si Derivate'. No milk was on sale by the liter. One could purchase the following, ration-free:

	Quantity	Price in Lei
Glass of milk	glass	1.00
Glass of 'lapte batut' (sour milk)	glass	0.50
'Chifla' bread	each	0.50

Note: during the summer, Rumanians are apt to drink milk, but usually sour milk and a 'chifla'. It is noteworthy that the price per 'chifla' increased in milk-bars to 0.50 Lei, from 0.33 Lei in Bread Centers. The sale of milk, in quantities larger than above, is effected through private transactions between farmers and citizens of Bucharest. State Control is exercised at the city limits, but only for sanitation reasons. At the city limits, milk is checked to see that it has not been watered and that it corresponds to standard milk. It is checked with a lactometer. The price at which farmers sell milk depends upon the clients and the current Bucharest free market milk price; this price is established and enforced by all milkmen and women in a fraternal way. Following are the prices usual for milk and cheeses sold directly to consumers by the farmers:

good quality milk (but definitely watered)	L	4.00
'Smantana' (milk-cream / light cream? / (Price depends upon quality).	Kilo	18.00 to 20.00
'Branza de vaca' (cow-cheese), sold by the piece, each weighing 100-125 grams	piece	3.00

There were also State Milk Centers which received the milk from farmers in surrounding cities and villages and from the State Administration Farms. One such Center is located at Martie Square (formerly the Piata Natiei) at the corner of the Serban Voda Bridge on the Dambovitza River. These Centers serve as distribution centers for all state institutions, enterprises, etc., and all state employees. Each state employee is entitled to 1/2 liter of milk per day. Each member of his family is likewise entitled to 1/2 liter of milk per day. Each morning the state institution collects, by its own means of transportation, the milk it needs for its employees that day. Distribution takes place at the place of work after the working day begins, so that it is impossible for the employees to take home their milk. Employees' wives are permitted to come to the factory to pick up the family milk ration. Distribution delay at the factory, however, causes these families to buy from the farmers in their locality, when they can obtain milk early in the day, instead of making use of the privilege offered them because of the laboring status one member of the family has. Usually the milk offered at a State Enterprise was better quality than that of the farmers; however the quality depended somewhat upon the scruples of the State Milk Center employees, since they were easily able to water the milk. The milk provided the State factories was priced at 1.50 Lei per liter.

6. " Meat: the 'Comcar' ('Comertul Carnei' - Meat Commerce) Centers have been out of existence since spring 1953. They were replaced by Meat Centers called 'Centre de Carne', each one of which bears a distinct number, and numbers are in sequence in any given city-sector. (Meat Center No. 30 is located on Calea Serban Voda No. 11, Raion N. Balescu.) Prices of meat are indicated below, in three columns; prices indicated are in Lei; quantity is the kilogram:

	Black Market	Coupons	Free
Cow-meat (vaca)			
1st category, 'Specialitati', which were 'Muschi' and 'Antricoate'	25.00	7.50	12.00
2nd category, meat with bones	16.00 to 18.00	5.60	7.60
3rd category, mostly bones	10.00	4.50	6.50

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	Black Market	Coupons	Free
Pork-meat (pore)			
1st category, 'Specialitati'	25.00 to 26.00	9.60	14.00
2nd category	20.00	8.00	10.00
3rd category	16.00 to 18.00	6.00	8.00
Male-sheep meat (berbec)			
1st category	14.00 to 15.00	6.50	9.00
2nd category	12.00	3.60	7.00

(Remarks: Black market meat is sold either illegally by the Meat Center employees who steal it from the Meat Center, or it is brought illegally into the city by farmers. There is always a line for meat. One can check the weight, but meat is not wrapped at the stores, so purchasers must bring their own paper. Lining up takes the same form that it takes in the sugar outlets. Meat is also sold in the private 'Tarabe' markets. [See page 1.] Prices on meat sold here are the same as black market prices, the difference consisting, only, in the fact that these farmers are authorized to sell meat as long as they have fulfilled their quotas and had the cattle slaughtered in the State Slaughter-house ('Abator', at Obor). This ensures that the farmer meets the established sanitary conditions; however, there is no sense in this very often, as the meat sold in the 'Tarabe' markets is often exposed to the sun for hours at a time. No State price controls are exercised. In the new 'Obor' Market (open market), there is a special area for farmers who bring produce in horse-driven carts; in the closed 'Obor' Market, there is a special section for 'Tarabe' sellers.)

7. "Fish: separate from the fish sections of the 'Alimentara' and 'Comalinent' State Stores, fish is sold at the State Fish Centers (called 'Compescara', or 'Comertul Pescariei') located in the markets of Bucharest, [see Para. 2, e, page one.] There were also two or three 'Compescara' Centers in the city-center which sold fish derivatives as well as fish and ready-made fish courses (at the annexed restaurant). One of these centers, No. 1, is located at the corner of '6 Martie' Blvd. and Calea Victoriei (a former Herdan-owned bar), opposite the 'Alcalay' Library (now the 'Libraria Noastra'). Fish Center No. 2 is located on Calea Victoriei opposite the 'Biserica Alba' (White Church). Fish qualities and prices are indicated below. Items were on sale freely:

	Quantity	Price in Lei
Black caviar (local product)		
'Netescuite' type	kg	250.00
'Tescuite' type	kg	300.00
'Batoc' (Stockfish)	kg	32.00
'Chefali Afumati'	kg	18.00
'Scrumbie Afumati'	kg	32.00
The ready-made fish courses were such as 'Ciorba de Peste' (fish-soup) and fish sandwiches. Sandwiches cost:		
Caviar		5.00
'Batoc'		4.00

8. "Vegetables: the sale of fresh vegetables and fruits takes place only in the Bucharest markets (referenced under fish above), and in the State administered 'Aprozar' ('Aprovizionarea Zarzavat' - Vegetables Supply) stores, and through the private 'Tarabe' located within the markets and legally authorized by the Communists. Prices are indicated below in two columns; one refers to 'Tarabe' (privately run) sales, and one to the State 'Aprozar' vegetable stores. None of the items below require ration cards. Prices are in Lei:

	Quantity	Private	'Aprozar'
Cabbage	kg	4.50	0.80 to 1.50
Red cabbage ('Varza Rosie')	kg	6.00	4.50
'Praz' (type of long onion)	bunch	2.50 to	1.75
Cauliflower (rarely available, and then only with long lines. Price depends upon size)	--	3.00	
		5.00 to	not available
		6.00	
Carrots	bunch	1.50 to	2.00, 0.75 to 1.00
Parsely	--	0.25	0.10
Monthly radish [sic]	--	1.00	1.00

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	Quantity	Private	Aprozar
Green tomatoes (for pickling) and green peppers	--	25.00	3.50
	--	(for 100)	(per kilo)
Beetroots	kg	2.60-3.00	1.50
Onions	kg	2.00-4.00	0.65
Potatoes	kg	2.00-2.50	0.40-0.50
(Remarks: potatoes are obtainable at the 'Aprozar' State Stores only with a ration card. The limit per person is 25 kg.)			
Garlic	rope	15.00	?
Fruits:			
Apples, Jonathan type	kg	5.00-10.00	1.50-2.00
Pears	kg	5.00-10.00	1.50-2.00
Oranges (sold only in Dec. 53, and early Jan. 54, imported).	kg	not available -	20.00
Lemons	kg	not available -	20.00
Walnuts	kg	32.00-36.00	not available

(Remarks: occasionally the 'Aprozar' offered apples, not of Jonathan type, for sale at 2.00 Lei/kilo; when this occurred, people lined up for a long time to get a kilo. State stores always have a lower quality of goods; therefore, when people have the money, they do their shopping at the private 'Tarabe', where there is a greater choice.)

9. "In addition to the above items, the 'Tarabe' sold the following goods:

	Price in Lei
Sun-flower seed oil	20.00-25.00
Fork fat (per kg). (Price was lowered in the last period; formerly was 40.00-45.00)	25.00-32.00
Smoked meat (per kg)	40.00
Cheese	
Telemea type (per kg)	24.00
Taraneasca type (equal to that of 2nd category type sold in 'Comaliment' and 'Alimentara' State Stores - price per kg)	18.00
Eggs, per piece	2.00
Butter, per kg	35.00-40.00

In the area assigned to them, farmers sell live fowl. No live fowl is sold in State Stores. Farmers' prices for fowl are listed below:

	Price in Lei
Live chicken, each	40.00-50.00
Pullet, each	25.00-30.00
Turkey, each	90.00-100.00-130.00
Goose, each	80.00-90.00
Duck, each	60.00-70.00

25X113. [see page 1, para. 2, c.], that there was another category of prices: those in the Cooperatives. Anyone could join a Cooperative if he paid an initial 10.00 Lei and a yearly due of 30.00 Lei, payable in installments, which installments were receipted by an affixed stamp on the 'Carnet de Cooperator', (Coop membership card). Cooperative benefits were represented in a greater variety of foods than those in the State Stores, and greater availability of foods, but at prices 20% higher than State prices. (However, in December 1953, when an egg sold for 3.00 Lei in farmers' markets, and consumers fought for one egg in the State 'Alimentara' and 'Comaliment' Stores, eggs were distributed in Cooperatives, to members, at 0.65 Lei per egg. In the Cooperatives, cheese which sold in farmers' markets for 24.00 Lei/kg, could be had for 11.00 Lei/kg.) No all Cooperatives sold the same type of merchandise; i.e., one sold sugar, biscuits, oil, etc; others had fish and wine only, others even meat. There were people, in the field of labor for instance, who belonged to the Cooperative of the enterprise in which they worked and to three or four other cooperatives as well. This way they and their families had access to various kinds of food not obtainable in the State Stores and markets. The Cooperatives, actually called 'Cooperative de Consum', belonged to a central Cooperative,

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('Centrocop'), located at the corner of Sarindari and Calea Victoriei (Streets). The Cooperatives have been located in various city sectors; i.e., the 'March' Cooperative is located on 30 December Street opposite the 'Dambovita' Store, the 'Victoria' Cooperative is located on Bibescu Voda Street, No. 16. (The 'Dambovita' Cooperative occupies what was formerly the Stelian Petrescu privately owned food store); the 'Flacara' Cooperative, which was formerly the Banca Republicii Populare Romane (RPR's Bank) employees' Cooperative, is also situated on 30 December Street opposite the 'Piata de Flori' (flower market).

11. Clothing prices in Bucharest. Clothing is sold in Bucharest in the following State Stores:

- a. I.C.S.-Confectia (State Commercial Enterprise, Confectia), located at the corner of Victoriei and Doamnei Streets (where the 'Zuessman' privately owned jewelry store used to be). It has sub-stores, also in Bucharest; this is strictly a luxury State Store.
- b. Romarta (Rumanian Art) State Store on Calea Victoriei (Street), (where the 'Dragoii Niculescu' Store used to be).
- c. I.C.S.-Confectia sub-stores (of 1, above), which are of two types:
 1. selling ladies' men's and children's clothing. There are two or three of these I.C.S. stores in each city sector.
 2. selling ladies' underwear, silk items, cosmetics, etc., ('Galanterie si Marantisuri'). There are ten or twelve of these stores in each city sector.
- d. I.C.S.-Textila, which exist only in the city sectors, and sell mostly yard goods. No ready-to-wear or manufactured clothing items are sold here.

Following are clothing prices, in Lei, in the I.C.S. stores referenced in c., 1, above:

	<u>With Coupons</u>	<u>Free</u>
'Sapca' (typical proletarian cap), grey, summer weight; black, blue, dark brown (for winter), prices depend on quality.	does not exist	60.00-120.00
'Basc' (round cap), blue, black (for men), red, white (for ladies); price depends on quality.	does not exist	18.00-36.00
Man's ready-to-wear winter coat, inferior quality, 50% wool, mixed with cellofiber, [sic]; brown, black, grey with brown stripes, poorly finished, tailored in typical poor taste ('fara gust'). (Buttons must be re-sewn immediately.) Two qualities, difference in finishing. Price depends on quality.	368.00-422.00; superior quality: 460.00-500.00	600.00 780.00
Man's ready-to-wear top-coat ('pardesiu'), lighter weight; same quality, color, and materials as above	280.00-342.00 superior quality: 400.00-520.00	680.00-720.00
(Remarks: prices depend upon size, in above item; note only superior quality is on sale freely.)		
Raincoat ('Balonside'); local product, poor quality has only exterior of raincoat. Colors, grey, brown; prices depend on quality, not sizes (except for children). Raincoats are only for men.	does not exist	360.00-430.00
Man's raincoat, CSR product; same colors as above; cotton-rubber material mixed with silk. Relatively good quality. Prices depend on quality, not sizes (except for children).	does not exist	760.00-980.00
Man's suit, local product, poor quality; probably 30% wool, remainder 'Deseuri'. Poorly tailored and finished; grey, brown, black. Material is heavy, rough (actually a winter suit). Prices depend on sizes.	242.00-280.00	not available
Man's suit, local product, lighter weight and better quality than above; better colors, but poorly tailored and finished. Prices depend on sizes.	380.00-445.00	680.00-760.00

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Man's trousers, heavy material (30% wool, remainder 'Deseuri'); brown, blue, black grey, also striped; manufactured, tailored and finished badly. Prices depend on sizes.	85.00-110.00	110.00
Man's trousers, local product, better quality than above, lighter weight, same colors, finished and tailored less badly. Prices depend on sizes.	220.00-260.00	320.00-280.00
Man's pullover, local product, cotton material, blue, grey, brown, red; light-weight, finished poorly. Price depends on style: sleeves, or sleeveless, high collar or not.	does not exist	70.00-95.00
Man's pullover, local product, superior quality, 70%-75% wool, better colors and design, better finishing; prices depend on style, (as above.).	does not exist	180.00-280.00
Man's suspenders, local product, poor quality elastic, iron-nickel fasteners. (No one used to wear suspenders, but people have become thinner, and now require suspenders.)	not available	30.00-35.00
Man's elastic belt, local product of poor quality. Elastic lasts only four to five months.	not available	20.00
Man's leather belt, local product, sufficiently good, well finished	not available	80.00-100.00
Man's necktie, local product, cotton; usually red, or predominating red in design, also blue, grey, brown, (Papillon does not exist); they are shorter than formerly, in Rumania, or than in the West. Prices depend on design.	not available	30.00-40.00
Man's shirt, local product, made of so-called 'America' cotton material, white with various type collars. Prices for each style did not vary with sizes.	not available	36.00
Man's shirt, local product, made of poplin, supposedly, but far from the quality of real poplin; grey, white, blue (also with stripes), uniform price, not dependent on sizes.	not available	80.00
Man's shirt, local product, called 'Ecoassaises', various colors, quite good cotton material, well made. Prices depend on sizes.	not available	42.00-52.00
Man's underwear, local product, cotton, white only; prices depend on sizes.	not available	9.00-14.00
Man's drawers, local product, cotton, called 'Gradel', white; price depends on sizes.	not available	17.00-21.00
Man's socks, local product, cotton, various colors and designs (black, grey, brown), prices do not depend on size... per pair	not available	6.00
Man's socks, local product, called 'Ciorapi mercerizati', same colors; prices do not depend on size...per pair	not available	9.00
Man's handkerchiefs, local product, cotton, blue, brown, white, etc., various designs; prices depend on quality.	not available	10.00 superior: 12.00
Ladies' hats, local product, 'Base' shape, imitation felt, black, blue, white, brown, grey; prices depend on design.	not available	60.00-75.00
'Basma' or 'Baticuri', local Rumanian product (handkerchief worn over the head [bandana]), cotton, various colors and designs, price depends on size.	not available	25.00
'Basma', on sale only during the 4th Youth Festival of Busharest. This product was on sale only one night, (11 or 12 August 53); Bandana had the inscription: 'Traiasca al 4-lea Festival al Tinetului Democrat din Intreaga Lume'; cotton	not available	30.00

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	<u>With Coupons</u>	<u>Free</u>
'Barma' of Crepe-de-Chine material, various colors and designs, each	not available	60.00
Ladies' winter coats, local product, 50% wool, 50% cellofiber [sic], rough material; crudely tailored and finished, various colors; (actually fashion is standardized with dark grey basic color); price does not depend on size.	328.00	not available.
Ladies' winter coats, local product, 70% wool, 30% cellofiber, poor tailoring, but better finishing; blue, black, grey, brown. Price depends on style.	not available	650.00-750.00
Ladies' 'pardesiu' (light weight coat), local product, 50% wool, 50% 'Deseuri'. Same colors as above, poor tailoring, poor finishing, one price	280.00	not available
Ladies' 'pardesiu', local product, better quality, (probably higher wool content), same colors, but old styles. Prices depend on style (amount of material in coat).	not available	500.00-562.00
Ladies' rain coats local product, cotton, poorly tailored and finished, light grey, price depends on hood ('Gluga') or not	not available	300.00 (without) 348.00 (with)
Ladies' rain coats, CSR product, good quality, well tailored and manufactured, light grey and brown; prices depend as above	not available	560.00 (without) 618.00 (with)
Ladies' dresses, local product, cotton material, (max. 30%-35% wool, remainder cotton), various colors and designs, dominating color being red, simple fashion, badly tailored and finished; prices depend on quantity of material in dress.	200.00-248.00	not available
Ladies' dresses, local product, summer weight, made of 'Barchet' (cotton), all colors and designs, simple tailoring and poor finishing; price depends on quantity of material in dress	162.00-180.00	not available
Ladies' winter dresses local product, 50% wool, 50% 'Deseuri', various colors and designs; better styling and tailoring; price depends on quantity of material in dress.	not available	300.00-400.00
Ladies' dresses, local product, 'Barchet' material, various colors and designs, carefully tailored, nicer styling. Prices depend on amount of material. (This is a summer dress).	not available	260.00-292.00
Wetticoat ('Fusta'), local product, 50% cotton, various colors and designs, tailored hastily, and ('terminate in ritmul intreacerilor socialiste' - 'finished in the Socialist competitive rhythm' [sic]). Price depends on material used.	not available	120.00-130.00
Wetticoat, local product, made of 'Barchet' cotton, various colors and designs, finished and tailored poorly	not available	68.00
Ladies' woolen blouses, local product, various colors, styles, etc.; predominating color red. Good quality, but badly manufactured	not available	228.00
Ladies' blouses, so-called 'Jerseu', local product, cotton, various colors and styles, poorly made	not available	85.00
Ladies' underwear (so-called 'Combinezon'), local product, artificial silk, various colors, black and white predominating, well enough tailored	not available	75.00
'Soutienne' (brassiere), local product, artificial silk, rose, black, white, price depends on sizes.	not available	25.00
Ladies' drawers, local product, artificial silk, blue, black, rose, white, quite well finished; price depends on size.	not available	50.00

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	With Coupons not available	Free 18.00-25.00
Ladies' drawers, local product, cotton, poorly finished, various colors, price depends on size.		
'Port-jartiere' (garter-belt), local product, artificial silk and elastic. Not bad quality, white, blue, black	not available	45.00
Stockings, local product, cotton, grey, black, brown	not available	22.00
Stockings, local product, artificial silk, various colors	not available	35.00
Ladies' socks, local product, cotton, red blue, white	not available	18.00
Ladies' so-called 'Tailleur', local product, 50% cotton, 50% 'Desouri'; dark colors, some striped, poor quality, badly tailored and finished	368.00	not available
Ladies 'Tailleur', 50% wool, 50% cotton, local product, greater choice of color, better finished and tailored	not available	560.00
Ladies' 'Jachete' (jacket), local product, cotton and wool material, brown, green, rose, black, red; rather well finished	not available	220.00
Man's overall ('Salopeta'), local product, 'Doc' material (cotton), khaki, dark blue, brown, good and strong material, mostly used by workers	162.00	not available
Man's overall, same as above, but free	not available	220.00
12. "The following items were sold in the I.C.S. State Stores referenced above (page 8, para. 11, c., 2) under listing of state Stores:		
'Ace de Cap' (ladies' hair pins), local product, iron and steel, poor quality, enamelled, per dozen	not available	3.00
Man's comb, local product, made of ordinary bone, roughly finished, unpolished; price depends on size.	not available	15.00-20.00
Ladies' comb, local product, same as above, but curved shape; price depends on size.	not available	10.00-15.00
Men's and Ladies' hair brushes, local product, made of pig hair [?], good quality, simple shapes	not available	60.00-100.00
Shoe and Clothing brushes, local product, horse-hair, wooden handle, price depends on size.	not available	20.00-70.00
Lipstick, local product, 'Centrofar' make, cardboard tube, various shades	not available	50.00
Lipstick re-fill, same as above	not available	30.00
Ladies' powder, local product, still called 'Coty', 'Piver', or 'Bolero', but manufactured in RFR, price depends on quantity.	not available	25.00-35.00
Perfume, local product, (same makes as above, plus 'Chat Noir', 'Old Gold', etc.) Sold by gram. Price unknown.	not available	?
Eau de Cologne, local product, (same makes as perfume, plus 'Hanser and Mosser', Hungarian brand, but made in RFR). Sold by 50 gram bottles (weight) up to 1/4 liter bottles. Price depends on quality.	not available	50.00-60.00 per 100 grams
Razor blades, local product, 'Bucuresti' brand, very poor quality	not available	1.00 each
Razor blades, 'Star and 7 Blue' brand, made in Israel, good product	not available	1.25 each
Toilet soap, local product, 'Stella', 'Diana' brands; quite good soap; price depends on size cake.	not available	3.50-6.00
Razor, local product, make unknown, made of iron and tin-plate	not available	20.00
Shaving-brush, local product, manufactured	not available	25.00

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	<u>With Coupons</u>	<u>Free</u>
of horse-hair; wooden handle, only one size and price.		
Shaving-brush, local product, good quality, pig hair (bristles), wooden handle, one price and size	not available	70.00
Shaving cream, local product, 'Nivea' brand; one size (tube) and price	not available	12.00
Tooth-paste, local product, 'Kalodent', 'Odol', 'Nivea', and 'Dissiol' brands, (all produced in RPR); price depends on size of tube.	not available	3.60 (small) 6.00 (large)
Elastic, local product, poor quality, white, price depends on thickness and breadth of elastic; sold per meter	not available	1.00-3.00
Haircream (Brilliantine), liquid, usual quality, 'Nivea' brand; sold in 50 gram bottles.	not available	12.00
Sewing needles, CSR brand, and East German makes as well; sold by the 'Testea' (packet) containing various sizes, 24 needles.	not available	8.00
'Ace de Siguranta', local product, poor quality, manufactured at Arad; sold per 'Testea'.	not available	5.00
'Ace cu Gamalie' (pins), manufactured at Arad, poor quality; sold by paper containing 100 pins.	not available	5.00

13. "The following items were sold in the Luxury State Stores listed above (page 8, para. 11, a. and b.) under listing of State Stores:

Man's winter coat material, manufactured at Buhusi (Moldavia), 50% wool, various colors, sold only in 'Romarta' Store, good material; sold per meter	not available	175.00
Material for men's and ladies' winter coats, CSR product, grey, black and blue, good product, sold only in the 'Romarta' Store, per meter	not available	350.00
Man's suiting, either Polish or CSR product, approximately 75% wool, quite good quality, various colors and designs		
Polish product, per meter...	not available	225.00
CSR product, per meter...	not available	250.00-275.00
(Note: the variance in prices for CSR material depends on design.)		
Ladies' dress material, local product, approximately 50% wool, fair quality, various colors, sold only in 'Romarta' store, per meter	not available	150.00
Ladies' dress material, CSR product, 75% wool, good quality, various colors and designs, sold only in 'Romarta' store; price depends on color and design, per meter	not available	300.00-350.00
Ladies' dress (two piece), made of CSR material, quite well tailored and finished, various colors and styles; price depends on quantity of material used in dress; sold only in 'Romarta' store.	not available	1500.00-2000.00
Ladies' dress material, foreign makes (unknown), good colors and designs (styling good), good quality, sold only in 'Romarta' store; price depends on quality, per meter	not available	350.00-400.00
Ladies' nylon stockings, imported from Israel, good quality, sold in 'Romarta' and I.C.S.-Confectia Stores, one price, per pair	not available	225.00
Ladies' nylon stockings, RPR nylon called 'Coprone' (made by former Adesgo Stockings Plant which is now the Flacara Plant), two quantities:		
1st quality, per pair...	not available	80.00
2nd quality, per pair...	not available	60.00

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Note: these stockings were sold in both the 'Romarta' and Confectia Stores (the main Confectia Store and some sub-stores too). In the last period they began to appear in many I.C.S.-Confectia Stores at the prices given above. The quality of this RFR product is incomparably bad. The sale of this product started in December '53.

Ladies' natural silk 'Baticuri', sold only in 'Romarta' store, regardless of color each	not available	150.00
'Crepe-de-Chine' material for ladies, foreign (unknown) brand, good quality, blue, white, rose, etc; sold only in 'Romarta' store, per meter	not available	150.00
Ladies' nylon-type raincoats (transparent), foreign (unknown) make, good product, two qualities; sold only in 'Romarta' store: transparent type, each...	not available	160.00
opaque type, each...	not available	1000.00
Man's leather belt, local product, pig-skin, well finished, sold only in 'Romarta' store.	not available	150.00
Wallet, leather, local product, imitation crocodile, sold only in 'Romarta' store.	not available	500.00
Ladies' hand-bag, local product, made either of crocodile or Chevreaux/ ? leather, various colors and fashions, prices below: crocodile leather, each...	not available	1200.00-1500.00
Chevreaux leather, each...	not available	700.00-1200.00
'Fled' travel blankets, local product, wool with Scotch type designs and colors; 2 by 1.5 meters each, sold only at 'Romarta' store.	not available	375.00
Neck-tie, local product, various colors, pure silk, sold only at 'Romarta' store.	not available	150.00
Set of ladies' underwear (brassiere, underwear and drawers), pure silk, local product, sold only at 'Romarta' store, complete set	not available	1100.00
Man's scarf, local product, wool, various colors and designs, sold only at 'Romarta' store, each	not available	150.00
Man's leather gloves, local product, fur-lined, sold only at 'Romarta', each	not available	300.00
Ladies' leather gloves, local product, usual type, sold only at 'Romarta', pair	not available	200.00
On the first floor of the 'Romarta' store are various goods, such as carpets, flower pots, etc., typical Rumanian products, priced as follows:		
Carpet, price depending on size and quality	not available	2500.00 minimum
Persian-type Rumanian carpets, per square meter	not available	3500.00-4000.00
Flower pot, antique, each, approximately	not available	3000.00-5000.00

In addition, the I.C.S.-Confectia State Stores, selling luxury items, (page 8, para. 11, a.), has the following ready-made goods:

Man's hat, imitation felt (local felt), best RFR material, made at Arad, grey, black, brown, one price, each	not available	150.00
Man's suit, CSR and Polish wool materials, and suits manufactured with RFR material, nice colors and designs, well tailored and finished, price depends on material.	not available	700.00-1200.00
Man's winter coat, made of materials above, good colors and tailoring, price depends on quality of material.	not available	800.00-1400.00
Ladies' and Men's antelope leather winter coats, trimmed with white sheep fur, well made, local product, brown		2300.00

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	With Coupons not available	Free 980.00
'Raglane' and 'Pardesiuri' (Spring or Fall weight coats), for ladies and men, made of 75% woollen material, local product, well tailored and finished		
Ladies' and men's raincoats, CSR material, well made, variety of colors	not available	1050.00
Ladies' Tailleurs, made of good local material, 75% wool, good colors, tailoring, (modern cut), one price	not available	900.00
Ladies' night-robe [nightgown?], local product, 75% wool, well tailored and made, various colors, one price	not available	500.00
Man's shirt, made of 'bumbac mercerizat' (cotton), local product, Scotch designs and colors, quite good quality	not available	65.00
Man's poplin shirt, local product with good design and various colors, well made	not available	95.00
Ladies' and men's gloves, fur-lined, local product, brown and black	not available	300.00
Man's underwear, wool, local product, white and grey	not available	30.00
Man's socks, made of 'bumbac mercerizat', local product, various colors and designs, good quality	not available	20.00
Ladies' stockings, Rumanian nylon ('caprone'), 1st quality, per pair...	not available	80.00
2nd quality, per pair...	not available	60.00
Man's wind-breaker, made of CSR material, brown, one price	not available	400.00
Man's pajama, local product, pure silk, various colors and designs, one price	not available	360.00
Ladies' night-shirt, local product, pure silk, various colors, one price	not available	280.00
Ladies' and men's handkerchiefs, poplin, ('Olanda'), local product, various colors and designs	not available	14.00
Ladies' and men's handkerchiefs, CSR make, cotton, various colors and designs	not available	35.00

14. "The following items were sold in the I.C.S. Textila Stores (page 8, para. 11, d.), and prices for these items:

Cotton material; formerly called 'America' cotton, now called 'Panza Taraneasca' ('farmers' material'); local product, white, one price and quality, per meter	price unknown	16.00
'Barchet' cotton material, local product, used for ladies' night-dresses and ladies' dresses, various colors and designs, one price	?	25.00
'Doc' cotton material, local product, made of 'bumbac mercerizat', brown, blue, used for men's summer trousers and workers' overalls, one price, per meter	?	65.00
'Ata pescareasca' ('fisherman's thread'), per kg	?	65.00

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15. "Shoes are sold through the following State Stores:

a. 'Lucrul Manual Kirov' State Store, located just opposite the former Prefectura Building, which is now the C.M.O.E. ('Comandamentul Militiei Orasului Bucuresti' - Hq. of the Militia of Bucharest), on Calea Victoriei Street. This Store sells only men's and ladies' shoes, no children's shoes. Items are not rationed. Shoes sold here are all hand made and manufactured by the shoe plant called 'Kirov', in Bucharest. This is the only store of its kind in Bucharest. It is considered a luxury store.

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- b. I.C.S.-Incaltaminte (State Commercial Enterprise Shoemakers), State Stores, located five or six in any given city-sector of Bucharest. Some of these are located as follows:
1. Raion N. Balcescu, store situated at No. 20, Calea Serban Voda
 2. Raion T. Vladimirescu, store located on Lipsicani Street (occupying the former Dermata shoe store)
 3. Raion C. Rosie, store located on Calea Grivitei, almost opposite the main railway station (Gara de Nord), near Polizu Street, exactly opposite the Engineering Faculty (Politechnica).
- Shoes sold at these stores can be purchased with coupons, as well as without. They are manufactured by the Arad Shoe Factory (The former Dermata Shoe Factory) and by the Gralex Shoe Factory in Bucharest. (Latter is located in Bucharest on Spaiul Unicei - Raionul N. Balcescu).

The 'Lucrul Manual Kirov' State Store sells the following shoes; prices are in Lei; (no coupons needed)

	Lei
Man's half leather shoes, local product, hand-made, black and brown, made in the 'Kirov' (formerly 'Mociornita') Shoe Factory located on Strada Putu cu Apa Rece, city-sector T. Vladimirescu	247.00-315.00
Man's 'Bocanci' (high shoes), local product, leather, red only, only one style made, of 'Juft' type leather, per pair	268.00
Man's leather sandals with leather soles, or antelope leather sandals, with leather soles, local product, brown or black	167.00
Ladies' leather shoes, local product, leather soles, grey, green, black, brown, various styles, well made; price depends on size and style.	234.00-320.00
Ladies' leather sandals, local product, leather soles, same colors as above, various styles, price depends on quality of leather and style of sandal.	180.00-230.00

The I.C.S.-Incaltaminte State Stores sell men's women's and children's shoes. As stated above they are sold with, and without, coupons. [redacted] prices with coupons, or the number of coupons required, so, below, free prices are given, in Lei:

Man's half leather shoes with rubber soles, local product, manufactured in quantity, relatively good for price; one price, brown or black	142.00
Man's half leather shoes with leather soles, local product.	187.00
Man's half antelope leather shoes, with leather soles, local product, relatively good, brown and black	187.00
Man's 'Bocanci', high winter shoes, local product, leather with leather soles, black or brown, price independent of size, per pair	216.00
Man's leather, manufactured, 'Bocanci', rubber soles, local product, black and brown	195.00
Man's winter boots, worn over half shoes, boots called 'Sosoni', felt with rubber sole, local product, one price	147.00
Man's galoshes, called 'Galosi', local product, rubber	67.00
Ladies' 'Sosoni', made of felt, with rubber soles, local product	197.00
Ladies' half leather shoes, rubber soles, local product, black or brown	119.00
Ladies' half leather shoes, leather soles, local product, black or brown	132.00

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Ladies', men's and children's tennis shoes, rubber, local product, price depends on size.	Lei 36.00-52.00
Children's leather shoes, leather soles, local product, price depends on size.	72.00-85.00
Men's leather sandals, leather soles, usual type, local product.	130.00

16. "Listed below are several of the 'Magazin Universal' State Stores which sold all types of merchandise, including clothing, etc.; also listed below are prices, in Lei, of some of the items offered for sale at these stores:

a. stores, and locations:

1. Magazin de Stat, 'Victoria', located on Calea Street, and occupying the former, private-owned, 'Galleries Lafayette' or 'Socec' shop.
2. Magazin de Stat, 'Bucuresti', located on Sf. Gheorghe Square, and occupying the former, private-owned 'Pop & Bunescu' textile shop.
3. Magazin de Stat 'Gara de Nord', located opposite the main railway station, Gara de Nord, on the premises of the former, privately-owned, 'Sora', on Grivitei Street.
4. Magazin de Stat, 'Centrala Textila', located opposite the main post office, on Calea Victoriei, occupying the former, privately-owned 'Prager' (afterwards 'Sora') shop.
5. Magazin de Stat, 'Textila', located on Baratiei Street, occupying the former, privately-owned, 'Vulturul de Mare' shop of Teodor Atanasiu.

These were the principal stores of this group, but there are [redacted] not locate or remember. These stores sold, in various sections, such items as men's and women's hats, textile goods, ready-made clothing for men, women and children, shoes for men, women and children, perfumes, books, sporting goods, photographic materials, radio sets, toys, carpets, bicycles, motorbikes, tobacco, pans, dishes, etc.

b. Merchandise in these stores did not exist for ration coupons. They were all sold freely. Clothing and shoe items are the same, in price, as referenced above (I.C.S.-Confectia,-Textila,-Incaltaminte stores). Below are listed a few items sold in these stores, with prices given in Lei:

Radio Sets

<u>Orion</u> - 7 tube set, 3 frequency bands, with a short wave extension; East German make	Lei 2850.00
Note: This set was not always on sale; it was usually on sale during festivals, or historic anniversaries, such as the May 1 celebrations, etc.	
<u>Figa</u> - 8 tube set, 3 frequency bands; made in occupied Latvia	2200.00
<u>Standard</u> - 4 tube set, 3 frequency bands, a short wave extension; local product	841.00
<u>Popular</u> - 3 tube set, 2 frequency bands (short and medium), local product	582.00
<u>Fionierul</u> - 4 tube set, number of frequency bands unknown, local product	800.00
<u>?</u> - Hungarian make, probably 2 frequency bands	653.00
Note: No spare parts were sold in these stores, for the radio sets above. Tubes, etc., were sold in the Ferometal State Stores.	

Photographic Equipment

<u>?</u> - Soviet camera, imitation of the German Leica; considering the price, and the Soviet make, people did not buy this item.	2560.00
<u>?</u> - also a Soviet make; camera made of plastic material; no one bought this set; they preferred even an old (used) camera which was trustworthy, and could be bought at the I.C.S.-Consignatie (State second-hand goods store) State Stores	162.00
Roll of Agfa film, East German make	65.00

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Bicycles and motorcycles

	Lei
<u>Czepel</u> - Hungarian make bicycle	720.00
<u>Czepel</u> - Hungarian make bicycle, sport type, ('Cursa')	1150.00
Note: there was also an unknown CSR make, priced about the same as above.	
<u>Jawa</u> - CSR motorcycle, 250 cu. cm.	11,750.00
<u>Jawa</u> - CSR motorcycle, 125 cu. cm.	6,700.00
<u>Czepel</u> - Hungarian make motorcycles, 350 cu. cm.	12,300.00
<u>Czepel</u> - Hungarian make motorcycles, 250 cu. cm.	9,600.00
<u>E. M. W.</u> - East Germany make, motorcycles, 350 cu. cm.; this product was on sale rarely.	15,000.00
Note: there were also bicycle and motorcycle tires and inner tubes; I do not know the prices of these, however.	

Books and Stationery

School text-books, prices unknown	unknown
Copy-book, approximately 25 pages	1.50
Copy-book, approximately 50 pages	3.00
Pencils, local product; each	3.00-12.00
Fountain pens, local product; each	45.00-400.00
Erasers; each	1.20-3.00
Ink, local product, poor quality, per bottle, 50 gram weight	6.25
Works of Soviet and Rumanian Communist authors were also on sale, in two categories:	
political and technical books	2.00-35.00
novels	5.00-70.00

Toys

Dolls, local product, made totally of rags	15.00-120.00
'Calut' (wooden horse), local product, poor	75.00
Tricycle, local product, poor quality, badly made	300.00
'Trotinete' [translation unknown] with two wheels, wooden, local product	90.00
Note: there exist no tin plate toys, and no spring type motor-driven toys which used to be on the market in the old days; no foreign makes.	

Carpets

RPR product, plant manufactured, various sizes and colors	300.00-800.00
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Handbags and Valises

Ladies' handbag, local product, antelope or leather, various colors and styles, price depends on style and quantity of leather used	500.00-700.00
Leather valise, local product, price depends on size. (In this price category are included ladies' vanity cases).	600.00-1200.00
Valise, of pressed cardboard, local product, poor quality, price depends on size.	90.00-300.00

Household goods

Enamelled iron pots, local product, various sizes, colors, etc.	22.00-72.00
Note: there were no aluminum pots except for the 'Wundertopa' (wonder-pot for cooking bread and various sweets), local product, price depends on size (65.00-85.00).	
'Plite de Aragaz' (methane gas burners), local product, (two burners)	385.00
Note: this product was also sold with 'Butelie', a metal bottle containing methane gas. This cost an additional 700 Lire. [sic].	
Dishes and plates, not of porcelain, local product, usual type; various sizes	6.00-22.00

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17. "Sports items were sold through the I.C.S.-Sport State Stores, some of which were located as follows:

- on Sf. Gheorghe Square, near the former 'Zemfirescu' candy store, (now a State, numbered, candy store).
- on Blvd. N. Balcescu (formerly Bratianu), opposite the Italian Catholic Church; opposite the so-called Wilson Building.
- on Doamnei Street
- on Campineanu Street, near the former 'Universul' printing house.
- on Grivitei Street, in the vicinity of the Main Northern Station; occupies a formerly private owned shop, name unknown.

Following is a list of items sold in these State Sport Stores, prices are given in Lei; no coupons required:

	<u>Lei</u>
'Sapca' for skiing: blue, black, brown, water-proof material; in non-waterproof material, in white. Local product, quite good quality	50.00-120.00
Wind-breaker, local product; made of 'drac' cotton (waterproof material); red-brown, and brown; price depends on size	210.00-245.00
Waterproof ski jacket, 'Canadiene' type, local product, made of tenting, khaki and brown, price depends on size	265.00-335.00
Ladies' waterproof ski jacket, with hood, local product, same colors as above, price depends on size	220.00-265.00
Pullover ski sweater, pure wool, local product, various colors and sizes, good quality	380.00-480.00
Men's and ladies' 'Tricouri', wool-flannel sleeveless pullover, local product, Scotch designs, etc.	80.00-140.00
Men's and ladies' cotton shirts, sport, local product, various colors and sizes	37.00-60.00
Men's and ladies' underwear, wool and cotton mix, local product	22.00
Ski-pants, for ladies and men, brown and black, local product, medium quality	120.00-142.00
Short trousers (camping trousers), for men and ladies, local product, blue and black-red, made of 'Doc' material (Note: also in khaki)	42.00
Short trousers, same as above, 'Drac' material, local product	90.00-140.00
Ladies' so-called 'shorts' (petticoat with trousers, / sic /), white and black	42.00
Bathing pants / trunks? / for men and ladies / ? /, ordinary type, cotton, local product, black, red, brown, grey	45.00
Woollen bathing pants / trunks? / for men and ladies, / sic /, good quality, local product, violet, black, dark green	130.00-200.00
Golf trousers, (knickerbockers), local product, cotton mixed with wool, various colors and designs	268.00
High cotton stockings (for sport), men's and ladies, various colors, local product	130.00-200.00
Ski boots, leather with leather soles, local product	268.00-315.00
Football	230.00

There are in Bucharest only two or three I.C.S.-'Pionierul' State Stores, which sell, aside from the sports items above, pioneer's uniforms. One complete uniform, for a boy or a girl aged 7 - 14 years, ranged from 260.00 to 290.00 Lei, depending on size. The uniforms consisted of a white 'basc' for girls, black for boys, white shirt with epaulettes, red tie, short pants for boys, petticoat / skirt? / for girls, (blue). Two I.C.S. 'Pionierul' State Stores which I know are located as follows:

- opposite the former Royal Palace, now the RPR Palace.
- near the Lazar Lyceum, in the former Omnia cinema, on Dinicu Golescu Street.

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18. "In the fall of 1953, a new State Store was opened called the I.C.S. 'Raiul Copiilor' (Children's Heaven), which sold clothes, shoes and toys for children only. Toys were priced as indicated above, [p. 17]; below, are prices of some children's clothing items:

	<u>Lei</u>
Baby's dress (female), cotton and wool, various colors and sizes	80.00-150.00
Boy's suit, cotton and wool, various colors and sizes, local product	100.00-160.00
Children's shoes, leather, white and black, local product	69.00-110.00
Socks, local product, cotton, various colors and sizes	12.00-18.00
Children's winter coats, local product, various colors and sizes, mixed cotton and wool material, quite well finished	180.00-300.00

Note: this State Store was located on 6 Martie Boulevard, (formerly Elisabeta), occupying the former, private owned Cadeca store, next to the Compescara Store.

19. [redacted] the location of one I.C.S.-Textila 'Arta Nationala' State Store on Calea Victoriei Street, near the Centrocop 'Alimentara' Food Commodities Store (the latter occupying the formerly private-owned Neumann clothing shop). This store sells national Rumanian suits and dresses, national blouses and shirts (so-called 'II'), small national carpets, linen, table cloths, etc. I do not know the prices of any of the foregoing.

20. "Throughout Bucharest there are various I.C.S.-'Ferometalul' State Stores, which sell metal goods and radio sets, etc. The principal General Supply Depot for its merchandise is located on Soseaua Viilor, next to Chirigiu (Rahovei). Below are the locations of a few of these stores, which have various sections (raioane); not all the stores have the same number of sections:

- on Lipscani Street, opposite Sf. Gheorghe Church (Orthodox, Saint George).
- on Victoriei Street, the corner of Nicola Beloianis (formerly Atena Street).
- on Boulevard 1848 (formerly Coltei), occupying the former Comanescu private owned store.
- on Grivitti Street, near the main railway Station, opposite Polizu Street.
- on Boulevard 1848, opposite the No. 2 Unified Hospital, occupying the former 'Jalea' private owned store.
- on the right hand side of the Sf. Gheorghe Church, on Boulevard 1948.

The following items were sold at these stores:

	<u>Lei</u>
Radio sets, [see prices listed for these items, page 16].	
Radio tubes, unknown Hungarian make, believed to be Standard, each; (available, no shortage)	182.00-230.00
Glow lamp, Orion make, local product	
40 w	65.00
60 w	75.00
100 w	110.00

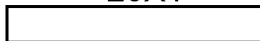
(Note: nails, padlocks, metal tools, carpenters' tools, tires, bicycles, etc., are also sold at these stores. I do not know the prices of these items.)

21. "Radio repair store, a State Cooperative, also exists. It is called 'Cooperativa Reparatiuni Radio - Progresul', and is located on N. Balescu Boulevard (formerly Bratianu), almost opposite the university. (There were a certain number of private shops which were used, together, to house the cooperative. This cooperative does not sell radio sets, but makes repairs on sets for anyone. Prices are established by the State for repairs and depend on the repair job required. I do not know what these prices would be."

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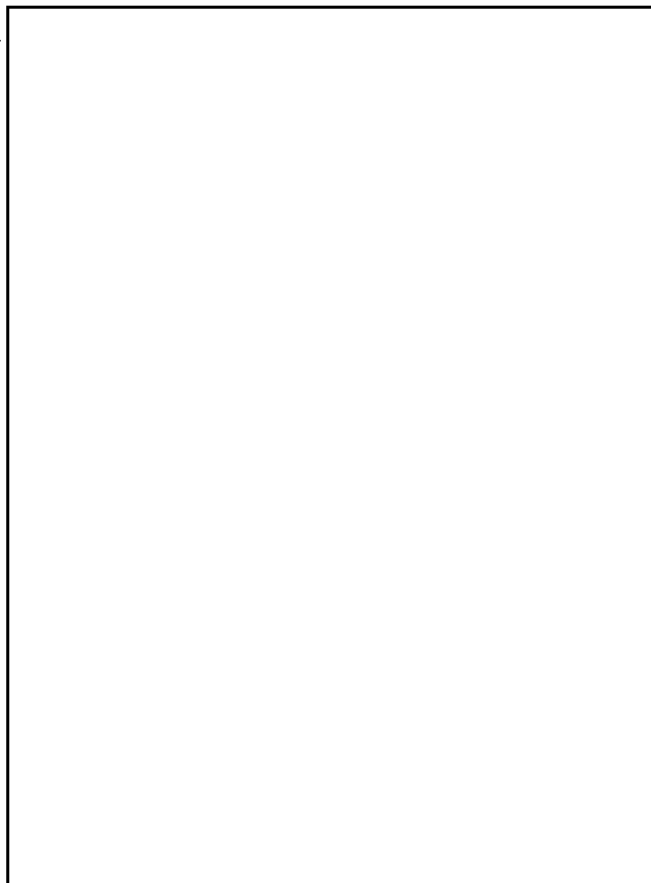
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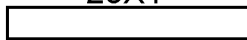


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