IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF A PARTY CLAN
IN THE SOCIALIST SOVIET REPUBLIC OF MOLDAVIA IN 1948.
THE BATOV CASE
(Summary)

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In 1947-48 the chief of the republican newspaper “Sovetskaya Moldavia”, I. G. Batov organized a platforma for criticizing “bourgeois-nationalist” elements among the historians, writers, composers and in the theater agenda. In my opinion, this action was the cover of deeper critics of the “lacks and mistakes in “national policy” and of the unfair activity of several composers who copied from Romanian authors. As result, Batov and the newspaper were severely criticized, at Party’s conference and in private. Batov made his second step on the 25th of April, 1948, when he wrote a note to the chief of the Biuro of CC of the C(B)P of All-Union for Moldavian SSR. In this letter, he attacked directly the group (“company”, “saint union”) to which belonged several Party’s members, who protected the men criticized by “Sovetskaya Moldavia” before. Among the members of the group were two CC’s secretaries, the chief of the Presidium of the Soviet Supreme of the Moldavian SSR and chiefs from Party’s committee of Chisinau.