

Stenograma discuțiilor din 7 decembrie 1960, dintre Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej, Chivu Stoica, Petre Borilă, Mihail Florescu și Mircea Ocheană, privind vizita întreprinsă de o delegație românească în Danemarca, Finlanda și Suedia

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The Stenographic Records of the Talks between Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej, Chivu Stoica, Petre Borilă, Mihail Florescu and Mircea Ocheană on 7 December 1960, Regarding the Visit of a Romanian Mission to Denmark, Finland and Sweden

Abstract: At the beginning of the 60s, the People's Republic of Romania sought to resume, even partially, the old economic contacts with the Western and Northern European countries. In this regard, several missions made up of PMR leaders traveled to various European capitals to sign economic agreements or conclude contracts with different industrial producers. The main purpose was to bring new technology to the country for the industry to develop as quickly as possible. Such a mission also made a visit to the Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland and Sweden.

The visit had primarily an economic aim. However, the Romanian officials wanted to offer him a strong political weight, being very happy when they were received by superior officials (ministers, members of parliament) and deeply disappointed when they were avoided by them. The published document is the transcript of the discussions between the Romanian mission which visited the northern countries in the autumn of 1960 and Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej. Within the meeting, are presented the details of the visit, the contracts concluded, the meetings and the discussions with the political leaders and businessmen from Scandinavia. The document is important because it describes how the Romanian Communists understood this process of opening up to the West, what their purposes were, and through what means they wanted to achieve.

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