

Corespondenții de presă britanici din România și cenzura sovietică în anii 1944-1945

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British Press Correspondents in Romania and Soviet Censorship in 1944 and 1945

Abstract: During the war, the consumption of print media in Britain exploded. The newspapers competed to provide breaking news from war zones but also from European capitals where various negotiations were taking place. The change that took place in Romania on August 23, 1944, aroused the interest of British newspapers, which immediately sent correspondents to Bucharest, without the prior consent of the Soviets. This created a series of tensions; Moscow imposed a very harsh censorship regime and demanded that some journalists leave Romania. The Foreign Office supported the presence of journalists in Bucharest and tried to support their work, avoiding entering into a direct dispute with the Soviet Union. It was only after the Potsdam Conference that London became heavily involved in the issue of censorship of journalists by the Soviet authorities. The present research presents the difficulties encountered by the British press correspondents in Romania in the 1944-1945 years and how they influenced the Soviet-English collaboration.

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