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Title: Selected Records from Various Archives of Romania Concerning Roma, 1940-1944.

Extent: 64 microfilm reels.

Provenance: The documents originate from the Romanian National Archives in Bucharest and from various Romanian branch archives, all subordinated to the Romanian National Archives. These include the following branches of the Romanian National Archives: ANDJ Dolj, ANDJ Baia Mare, ANDJ Cluj, ANDJ Alba, ANDJ Iași, ANDJ-Argeș, ANDJ-Caraș-Severin, ANDJ-Dâmbovița, ANDJ- Galat, ANDJ-Giurgiu, ANDJ-Hunedoara, ANDJ-Ialomița, ANDJ-Olt, ANDJ-Satu-Mare, ANDJ-Teleorman, ANDJ-Timis. ANDJ-Vâlcea, and ANDJ-Vrancea. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives received the collection from the Romanian State Archives via the United States Holocaust Museum International Archives Project in December, 2008 (Microfilm reel 1-60), in May 2010 (Microfilm reel 61- 64).

Biographical/Historical Note: The collection relates to deportations of Roma, both nomadic and sedentary, to Transnistria between the spring and fall of 1942. Twenty-five thousand Roma, 11,000 of them nomadic and 13,000 sedentary, were sent via foot and cart (nomadic) and via train (sedentary) to Transnistria. About 11,000 perished there.

Restrictions on Access: No restrictions on access.

Restrictions on Use: For scientific purposes only, not for commercial purposes.

Organization and Arrangement: Arrangement is thematic.

Language: In Romanian and Hungarian.

Preferred Citation: Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives.

Scope and Content: The collection includes lists of nomadic and settled Roma to be deported; police reports concerning alleged criminal activities of Roma; petitions of

deported Roma and their families for repatriation; “Romanianization” files listing property and possessions confiscated from Roma; queries from local police and officials requesting clarification on orders for deportation; internal correspondence concerning the effect of deportations on the remaining Roma population; decisions regarding the status of Roma refugees from Northern Transylvania; and documents about such topics as typhus epidemics, “vagabondism,” “concubinage,” and mixed marriage.

The first six reels also have documents from the Hungarian occupation of select cities in Northern Transylvania concerning Roma, such as quarantine for typhus, forced labor, and police investigations.

Inventory:

Reel 1:

ANDJ-Dolj (Dolj Branch Archive). Chestura Politiei Craiova (Regional Inspectorate of Gendarmerie, Craiova.) Dosar (file) 14/1942
pp. 4,6,7,14,69,94,95,166,22
Typed name lists of Roma to be deported.

Reel 2:

ANDJ-Dolj. Inspectoratul Craiova. Dosar 5/1942 (partial)
Name list of Roma. Repatriation of Roma from Transnistria.

Reel 3:

ANDJ-Baia Mare. Primaria orasului Baia Mare. Dosar 2283/1941 (in Hungarian)
Dosar 4557/1941. Directia Judeteana Maranures
Protection against lice, spring 1941, in kindergartens, schools, dormitories.
Doctor’s opinion; typhus; setting up a delousing center. Checking for Roma without residential permits: “vagabonds.” Name list of Roma incl. dates of birth. Ca. 330 names. “Gypsy musicians” in downtown Baia Mare. Prohibition of begging as part of anti-typhus campaign. Public work for Roma. Confiscation of property. Flooding.

Reel 4:

ANDJ-Cluj. Inspectoratul de politie Cluj. Dosare 91/II/1942 pp. 257-258; 91/III/1942 p. 544; 92/I/1942 pp. 40, 89-90, 207-208; 92/II/1942 pp. 9, 158; 92/III/1942 pp. 48-49, 55-56, 84; 343/III/1942 p. 409; 76/1941 p. 127; 354/1942 pp. 302-303; 355/1943 p. 468; 363/1941 pp. 449, 451-452, 458; 396/1942 pp. 1, 4, 10, 11, 14-16.
ANDJ-Cluj. Insp. Regional de Politie Alba and/or Prefectura Jud. Turda, Dosare 259/1971 p. 7; 799/1941 pp. 2-6; 8/1943 pp. 3, 7.

Reel 5:

ANDJ- Alba. Chestura Politiei Municipaliu Alba. Dosar 57/1942.

Reel 6:

ANDJ- Iași Directia. Jud. Iași; circa V de Politie Iași, Inv. Nr. 863, Dosar 5/1942.

Reel 7:

Președinția Consiliului de Miniștri-Cabinet Militar, Dosar 296/1942.

This is a miscellany containing reports on officers' salaries, decorations for war heroes, establishing prices for common goods, etc. Those files on the subject of Roma discuss the successful deportation of nomadic Roma from throughout Romania, including Bessarabia. Maps are included that show concentration centers and routes of convoys, along with estimates of the numbers deported from each concentration point. Romanian National Archive, Bucharest

Reel 8:

Inspectoratul General al Jandarmeriei. Dosare 95/1942, 121/1942, 126/1942, f. 35.

Dosar 95/1942 includes plans for "Health Week," with proposals aimed against Roma, and orders to arrest vagabonds. Dosar 121/1942 contains official memoranda regarding concubinage among Roma as well as orders to halt the deportations. The plans to deport settled Roma are covered in 126/1942.

Dosar 126/1942 contains the train schedules for the deportations of settled Roma. Romanian National Archive, Bucharest

Reel 9:

Inspectoratul General al Jandarmeriei. Dosare 126/1942, 127/1942, and 166/1942.

Dosar 126/1942 contains the train schedules for the deportations of settled Roma. Dosar 127/1942 includes county-by-county reports on how the transports of deportees were organized. Dosar 166/1942 holds status reports on the situation in Transnistria on a number of topics, including Roma. Romanian National Archive, Bucharest

Reel 10:

Inspectoratul General al Jandarmeriei. Dosare 201/1942, 202/1942, 203/1942, and 43/1943, to f. 98.

Dosars 201-203/1942 are all principally comprised of lists of deportees. 43/1943 contains investigations into requests for repatriation. Romanian National Archive, Bucharest

Reel 11:

Inspectoratul General al Jandarmeriei. Dosare 43/1943, f. 99-, 140/1943, and 97/1944.

Dosar 43/1943 contains investigations into requests for repatriation. Dosar 140/1943 holds investigations into petitions for repatriation, as well as documents on provisions for Roma deportees (e.g. bread). Dosar 97/1944 provides lists of Roma known by the authorities to have fled Transnistria and reentered the country illegally. Romanian National Archive, Bucharest

Reel 12:

Direcția Generală a Poliției. Dosare 185/1942, 186/1942, and 187/1942.

Dosars 185-189/1942 all contain plans leading up to the deportations, including orders from Bucharest; initial deportation lists; records of criminals; preparations for the trip to Transnistria; queries from local police stations directed to the General Directory. Romanian National Archive, Bucharest

Reel 13:

Direcția Generală a Poliției. Dosare 188/1942, 189/1942, 190/1942, 191/1942.

Dosars 185-189/1942 all contain plans leading up to the deportations, including orders from Bucharest; initial deportation lists; records of criminals; preparations for the trip to Transnistria; queries from local police stations directed to the General Directory. Dosars 190-196/1942 include reports on the deportations: maps, schedules, lists, investigations into discrepancies between various reports; petitions from Roma and ethnic Romanians not to be included among deportees. Romanian National Archive, Bucharest

Reel 14:

Direcția Generală a Poliției. Dosare 192/1942, 193/1942, 194/1942, 195/1942, and 196/1942.

Dosars 190-196/1942 include reports on the deportations: maps, schedules, lists, investigations into discrepancies between various reports; petitions from Roma and ethnic Romanians not to be included among deportees. Romanian National Archive, Bucharest

Reel 15:

Direcția Generală a Poliției. Dosare 87/1943, 88/1943, and 89/1943.

Dosars 87-89/1943 contain files documenting the final wave of deportations; petitions for repatriation, and reports on the conditions in Transnistria, as well as on the mood of the non-deported Roma population. Romanian National Archive, Bucharest

Reel 16:

Legiunea de jandarmi Argeş, dosare 6/1942 and 36/1942.

Dosar 6/1942 represents a post-by-post account of the deportations of nomadic Roma in jud. (district) Argeş. The legibility of documents in dosar 36/1942 is generally quite low, and contain further information regarding the deportation of nomadic Roma, including inquiries into discrepancies between reports. Also included are reports on fugitive Roma and whether they should be readmitted into the country. ANDJ-Argeş (Arges branch archive).

Reel 17:

Prefectura judeţului Argeş, dosare 193/1941 and 38/1942.

Dosar 193/1941 contains miscellaneous documents on censorship, surveillance of suspected members of the Legionary Movement, and distribution of corn. It includes a letter requesting that all Roma be sent to labor camps. Dosar 38/1942 includes police reports on disturbances caused by angry Roma; petitions from ethnic Romanians on behalf of individual Roma; and petitions by Roma themselves. ANDJ-Argeş (Arges branch archive).

Reel 18:

Prefectura judeţului Muscel, dosare 101/1942 and 118/1942.

Dosar 101/1942 contains an assortment of files pertaining to urban construction; travel restrictions; and the sale of corn. Files related to Roma include petitions from the Society for the Protection of Animals decrying the treatment of bears, horses, etc. by Roma. The contents of dosar 118/1942 principally concern forced labor. ANDJ-Argeş (Arges branch archive).

Reel 19:

Poliia oraului Piteşti. Dosar 14/1942 to f. 532

Dosar 14/1942 includes reports from the local and national branches of the Ministry of Health proposing various measures to be taken against Roma; procedures to curb nomadism; plans for the deportation of various categories of Roma, including lists; the Romanianization of property; and petitions from deportees. ANDJ-Argeş (Arges branch archive).

Reel 20:

Poliia oraului Piteşti. Dosare 14/1942, f. 533-, 19/1942, and 84/1942 f. 56.

Dosar 14/1942 includes reports from the local and national branches of the Ministry of Health proposing various measures to be taken against Roma; procedures to curb nomadism; plans for the deportation of various categories of Roma, including lists; the Romanianization of property; and petitions from deportees. Dosar 19/1942 contains investigations concerning petitions for repatriation; seizure of property; and lists of deportees. Dosar 84/1942 is very

brief and contains further petitions, as well as official justifications for the deportations (copies of orders from Antonescu, etc.). ANDJ-Argeş (Arges branch archive).

Reel 21:

Poliia oraului Piteşti. Dosar 84/1942, f. 57- and 32/1943-44.

Dosar 84/1942 is very brief and contains further petitions, as well as official justifications for the deportations (copies of orders from Antonescu, etc.). ANDJ-Argeş (Arges branch archive).

Reel 22:

Prefectura judeţului Arad, dosar 232/1942.

This file contains diverse material relating to: the conditions of mahalas; resentment among Roma; and the impression Roma make upon foreigners.
ANDJ-Arad

Reel 23:

Prefectura judeţului Bacău, dosar 365/1942.

Lists of Roma to be deported, as well as those in good standing who should remain. Also includes a handful of documents discussing forced labor. ANDJ-Bacău

Reel 24:

Comisariatul de Poliţiei Buhuşi, dosar 4/1942.

Almost all of the files within this folder relate to the surveillance of religious sects (esp. Baptists and Seventh-Day Adventists) and ethnic minorities. A handful of documents deal with Roma, largely those fleeing Northern Transylvania. ANDJ-Bacău

Reel 25:

Comisariatul de Poliţia Reşiţa, dosar 145/1942.

An extensive collection of materials documenting, at the local level, plans for deporting various categories of Roma and their implementation, including correspondence between the gendarmes and the mayor's office. Also included are statements "authorizing" the transfer of material possessions from deportees to municipal authorities. ANDJ-Caraş-Severin

Reel 26:

Primăria oraşului Oraviţa, dosar 79/1942.

Documents related to combating vagabondism, including petitions by ethnic Romanians and addressed to municipal authorities protesting the presence of Roma. ANDJ-Caraș-Severin

Reel 27:

Postul de jandarmi Malu cu Flori, dosar 4/1942.

Almost all of the files in this folder deal with espionage, both Soviet and Hungarian. A few documents detail plans for the deportation of nomadic Roma, as well as those with criminal records. ANDJ-Dâmbovița

Reel 28:

Legiunea de jandarmi Bâldana, dosar 3/1942. (also on Reel 60)

Most of the files in these folders deal with espionage; those on Roma discuss combating vagabondism; mistakes made in the creation of deportation lists; and panic among Roma as a result of the deportations. ANDJ-Dâmbovița

Reel 29:

Prefectura județului Dâmbovița, dosare 180/1942-181/1942.

These folders contain a small selection of documents concerning the seizure of deportees' possessions, including lists of goods and their monetary value. ANDJ-Dâmbovița

Reel 30:

Prefectura județului Tecuci, dosar 11/1942.

This small collection contains lists of deportees and references to petitions (although most of these letters themselves are not extant). ANDJ- Galat

Reel 31:

Poliția orașului Galaț, dosar 140/1941-43, vol. II.

The selected documents on this very brief reel (25 files) pertain to the deportation of settled Roma with criminal records. ANDJ- Galat

Reel 32:

Poliția orașului Giurgiu, dosare 33/1941 and 18/1942-43.

Dosar 33/1941 details efforts to curb the outbreak of typhus, including measures aimed at Roma. Dosar 18/1942-43 contains documents related to the identification and confiscation of property belonging to Roma deportees. ANDJ-Giurgiu.

Reel 33:

Primăria oraşului Giurgiu, dosar 30/1941.

This folder contains very little pertaining to Roma; mostly, the documents detail efforts to combat (supposed) espionage by ethnic minorities, dealing with refugees from lost territories, the establishment of price controls for grains, and charitable organizations. The few documents on Roma discuss efforts to curtail “vagabondism,” often in the context of typhus epidemics. ANDJ-Giurgiu.

Reel 34:

Chestura de Poliţiei Deva. Dosare 28/1942, f. 272-277; 29/1942, f. 130-135, 150-155; 30/1942 f. 93; 31/1942, f. 1-71.

This reel contains selected files pertaining to the deportations of Roma from dosars with miscellaneous contents. They run the gamut from preparations for deportation (lists, requests for food, etc.) to the question of how to treat Roma refugees from Northern Transylvania, to the request for authorization to all Roma not initially sent to Transnistria. ANDJ-Hunedoara.

Reel 35:

Comisariatul de Poliţiei Lupeni, Dosare 1/1942, f. 137-139, f. 161-169, and 32/1942

The former folder represents a smattering of documents on the process of drawing up lists of Roma to be deported, the latter mostly concerns the case of Bogdan Iosif, wanted by authorities, as well as other Roma who fled Transnistria. ANDJ-Hunedoara.

Reel 36:

Legiunea de jandarmi Hunedoara. Dosare 3/1942, f. 31-56, 71-74, 150-151; 15/1942 f. 46-49, 76-79; and 24/1942, f. 1-2

This reel contains selected documents from dosars with diverse contents. 3/1942 contains reports on the number or absence of nomadic Roma from various posts in jud. Hunedoara. 15/1942 contains requests from various communities that individual families of Roma not be selected for deportation as their skills are needed. 24/1942 does not actually contain anything related to Roma. ANDJ-Hunedoara.

Reel 37:

Comisariatul de Poliţiei Orăştie, Dosar 43/1942, f. 1-95

The majority of documents on this reel refer to the Romanianization of Roma property; towards the end there are a few files relating to the repatriation of deportees. ANDJ-Hunedoara

Reel 38:

Comisariatul de Poliției Brad, Dosar 38/1942, f. 1-35.

Most of the files in this collection deal with the Romanianization of property, including detailed lists of confiscated possessions. ANDJ-Hunedoara.

Reel 39:

Prefectura județului Ialomița, Dosar 63/1942.

The contents of this folder in the main refer to the Romanianization of deportees' property; lists and petitions are also included. ANDJ-Ialomița

Reel 40:

Primăria orașului Fatești, dosar 208/1942

Most of the documents in this folder pertain to the distribution of goods through social relief organizations; a few discuss Roma in relation to the typhus epidemic. ANDJ-Ialomița

Reel 41:

Prefectura județului Olt, Dosare 209/1942 and 312/1942.

Dosar 209/1942 concerns the seizure of property belonging to Jewish and Romani deportees by C.N.R. Dosar 312/1942 comprises lists of Roma to be deported. ANDJ-Olt

Reel 42:

Prefectura județului Satu-Mare, Dosar 14/1936-.

Dosar 14/1936- contains reports detailing occupations of Roma; those living in concubinage; and population figures. It is notable for the consistent use of the term "Romi" as opposed to "Țigani." The later files in this folder originate from the Hungarian occupation and concern the supervision of nomadic Roma (in Hungarian). ANDJ-Satu-Mare

Reel 43:

Prefectura județului Teleorman, Dosar 86/1942.

The majority of these files consist of petitions by Roma asking not to be included among those slated to be deported and related correspondence between gendarmes posts, some of which decide in favor of the petitioner. ANDJ-Teleorman.

Reel 44:

Primăria orașului Alexandria, Dosar 8/1942.

Correspondence between C.N.R. and the mayor's office regarding the seizure of property belonging to Roma deportees. ANDJ-Teleorman.

Reel 45:

Primăria orașului Roșiorii de Vede, Dosar 1211/1942.

Consists of documents pertaining to the confiscation of deportees' property. ANDJ-Teleorman.

Reel 46:

Primăria orașului Turnu Măgurele, Dosare 916/1942, 934/1942, and 974/1942.

Dosar 916/1942 contains nothing relevant to the topic of Roma. Dosar 934/1942 has a few documents related to preparations for deporting Roma, specifically food rations for the trip to Transnistria. Dosar 974/1942 provides more of the same. ANDJ-Teleorman

Reel 47:

Comisariatul de Poliție Alexandria, Dosar 55/1942.

This folder contains documentation of the planning and implementation of Alexandria's Roma, including correspondence concerning orders, the deportation lists, and the seizure of property. Additionally, this folder contains several tables with information regarding deportees who requested to be repatriation, with notations as to the merits of each case. ANDJ-Teleorman

Reel 48:

Prefectura județului Timiș-Torontal, Dosare 85/1941 and 16/1942.

Dosar 85/1941 holds documents concerning efforts of the local branch of the Ministry of Health to combat outbreaks of disease, some of which specifically target Roma. The documents in dosar 16/1942 mark an increased focus on nomadic Roma as spreaders of disease. ANDJ-Timis.

Reel 49:

Legiunea de jandarmi Severin, Dosar 20/1942.

This brief collection (40 files) concerns the initial plans for deporting Severin's Roma, especially settled Roma. ANDJ-Timis.

Reel 50:

Chestura Poliției orașului Lugoj, Dosar 103/1942-43.

The contents of this folder describe the deportation of Lugoj's Roma from the initial census to their departure, including charts, tables, and internal

correspondence. Also included are reports on clandestine travel of Roma. ANDJ-Timis.

Reel 51:

Leguinea de jandarmi Timiș-Torontal, Dosare 9/1942, 66/1942, 169/1942.

Dosar 9/1942 contains lists of deportees (particularly nomadic) and a few inquiries into the status of individual Roma. Lists of settled Roma and their possessions, as well as reports from the county sanitation service, appear in dosar 66/1942. Further lists as well as authorizations to seize property are located in dosar 169/1942. ANDJ-Timis.

Reel 52:

Inspectoratul de jandarmi Timișoara, Dosare 68/1942, 27/1942, and 19/1942.

Dosar 68/1942 contains gendarme circulars, a few of which are relevant to Roma. Dosar 27/1942 contains reports on concubinage between Romanians and Roma; the difficulty of establishing the citizenship of nomadic Roma; the untrustworthiness of Hungarian Roma; and the deportation of settled Roma. Dosar 19/1942 contains documents on the planning and implementation of the deportation of nomadic Roma. ANDJ-Timis.

Reel 53:

Poliția orașului Râmnicu-Vâlcea, Dosar 12/1942.

Documents pertaining to the deportation of incarcerated Roma and their families, including nominal lists of deportees, as well as correspondence pertaining to the seizure of their property. ANDJ-Vâlcea.

Reel 54:

Legiunea de jandarmi Vâlcea, Dosare 30/1941, 7/1942, 9/1942, 14/1942-43, 43/1942-43, 48/1942

Dosar 30/1941 consists of gendarmes reports on nomadism; 7/1942 and 9/1942 both deal with the identification of Roma belonging to categories approved for deportation; 14/1942-43 and 43/1942-43 deal with the implementation of deportation orders, as well as petitions by Roma for repatriation; 48/1942 also contains files concerning the deportations, including the seizure of property. ANDJ-Vâlcea

Reel 55:

Legiunea de jandarmi Vâlcea, Dosare 30/1941, 7/1942, 9/1942, 14/1942-43, 43/1942-43, 48/1942

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deportation; 14/1942-43 and 43/1942-43 deal with the implementation of deportation orders, as well as petitions by Roma for repatriation; 48/1942 also contains files concerning the deportations, including the seizure of property. ANDJ-Vâlcea.

Reel 56:

Legiunea de jandarmi Vâlcea, Dosare 30/1941, 7/1942, 9/1942, 14/1942-43, 43/1942-43, 48/1942

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Reel 57:

Primăria oraşului Odobeşti, Dosar 28/1942.

Most of these documents concern invalid war veterans and benefits. Those files pertaining to Roma deal primarily with Odobeşti's "Gypsy Quarter," i.e. sanitary conditions, the spread of disease, etc. ANDJ-Vrancea

Reel 58:

Prefectura judeţului Putnea, Dosare 84/1942 and 95/1942.

Dosar 84/1942 contains petitions and related correspondence, as well as deliberations on what to do with Roma refugees from Northern Transylvania. Dosar 95/1942 comprises documents from the local branch of the Ministry of Health, in particular the hygienic threat to Romanians posed by Roma. ANDJ-Vrancea.

Reel 59:

Poliţia oraşului Focşani, Dosar 11/1941 and 11/1942.

Very few files on this reel actually pertain to Roma. Dosar 11/1942 holds a few petitions and related correspondence, including one decision in favor of the petitioner, as well as reports on Roma who fled Transnistria. ANDJ-Vrancea.

Reel 60:

Legiunea de jandarmi Bâldana, dosar 3/1942. (also on Reel 28)

Most of the files in these folders deal with espionage; those on Roma discuss combating vagabondism; mistakes made in the creation of deportation lists; and panic among Roma as a result of the deportations. ANDJ-Dâmboviţa

Reel 61:

Prefectura Județului Mehedinți Fond 12, Inv. 66, Dosar 22/1943, pp 341-343

Reel 62:

ANDJ Vâlcea, Tribunalul Jud Soroco, Dosar 20/1939, pp 2,3,25-30,34,36-38,40,43,51,56.

Reel 63:

ANDJ Vâlcea, Tribunalul Jud Orhei, Dosar 41/1942, pp 13,19,20,21,26,27,32,36,43,45.

Reel 64:

ANDJ Cluj, excerpts from several files:Mil. Admin in North Transylvania inv nr 219
Oras Cluj 298/1940, 588/1940; 656/1940; Jud. Mureș Turda 46/1940; 53/1940,
Primaria oras Odorhei 50/1944; 55/1944; 56/1944; Oras. Tg-Mureș 10/1940