

## Appeal at Christmas Time

The whole Christian world is going on to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ.

There will be a Christmas tree, joy, happiness in every home, Santa Claus will come along with gifts and surprises for everyone.

There is a place, in the centre of Europe where all these are forbidden: Rumania.

For many years, the atrocious communist dictatorship of the Ceausescu-regime violates the liberty of worship and the national traditions, tramples - shameless and undisturbed - the elementary human rights.

Rumania is continuously facing shortages of all kind: milk, bread, electricity, heating, etc., and very sad is the fact that Rumanian children are not allowed to know anything about the holy feast of Christmas. They are not allowed either to know about Jesus Christ or Santa Claus, and instead of offering prayers and singing Christmas carols they are forced to learn panegyric poems and songs dedicated to the "brilliant" leader of Rumania, while many of them have not ever seen oranges or bananas.

We do appeal to all governments, parliaments, organizations and bodies of good faith which assume and respect the human rights to condemn and boycott by all possible means the cruel and antihumanitarian regime of Mr. Ceausescu.

Budapest, 19th December, 1988.

We wish a Merry Christmas to all!  
On behalf of "Free Rumania" Group

Mircea Bajan, geologist

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