

Message of the Free Romania Group to the Country on the  
occasion of New Year's Eve

Now, when we can count the hours which separate us from the arrival of the new year, 1989, the Free Romania Group sends its good wishes

- to the children who have been told that Santa Claus died and his place has been taken by the "Brilliant Conducator", to the children obliged to learn songs and poems about "Him", to the children fed with the cult of personality instead of oranges and bananas;

- to the women who risk their lives not to give birth to children in the "Light Age" although they long for children;

- to those who queue up day and night and return home with empty hands;

- to those who languish behind bars because of their conviction ;

- to those who committed sin, constrained to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by working;

- to those who do not frequent the church by fear, but believe more than ever that the single salvation is God;

- to the priests and ministers obliged to begin the service by praising the atheist "Conducator" instead of the martyr people;

- to those who cross themselves in secret, and say prayers in their minds when being forced to remove cemeteries, to destroy churches and houses;

- to those who took the bitter path of exile, but did not forget where they were born;

- to our families, relatives and friends left in the country, persecuted, but who - we know - are beside us;

- to those who, like Doina Cornea, dare to raise their voice for the people;

- to those obliged to buy the Scinteia, but do not read it;

- to those who devoted and sacrificed their whole lives to the ideals of communism, and awaking they realize they are in the "Golden Age";

- to those who feel they are abandoned, but still did not forget to sing "Wake up Romanian";

that is - to the whole Romanian people, so that its hopes and dreams may come true in the coming year, to regain the faith, the moral power and confidence in their own forces to reaffirm their real value.

We wish to You, to Romania, a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

LA MULTI ANI !

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