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“In the aftermath of war; Soviet factor and the formation of postwar Romania, 1944-1947.”

The purpose of this announcement is to prove the crucial role Soviet Union played in the formation of political development in Romania, directly after the end of WWII.

The First Part of this announcement is a short introduction to the relevant subject facts of Romanian history from 1936 to 1944. In particular, it is mentioned the role of the King Carol II and Marshal Ion Antonescu played in the participation of Romania in WWII and the negative development of war operation for Romania. In parallel, some other important events for the better understanding of the subject are mentioned such as the Romanian aspect of Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact of 1939.

The Second Part is referred to the period from August 1944 to May 1945. Here are mentioned the fall of Ion Antonescu's regime and the accession of National-Democratic Front to power, the first postwar governments, as well as the soviet factor in the formation of these governments. Moreover, the terms and the consequences of the Armistice signed between the Allies and Romania are mentioned. In addition, the claim of exclusiveness in political power from the Communist Party of Romania (CPR) through National-Democratic Bloc, Joseph Stalin's role in this, and the direct soviet interference in Romanian politics right after Yalta are also discussed.

The Third Part covers the period from May 1945 to February 1947. This part starts with the consequences of Potsdam Conference in Romanian politics, and continues with King Michael's attempt to stop the progression of CPR towards absolute dominance, including the soviet factor in this matter. First postwar elections of 1946 and the victory of CPR are referred, and, finally, the sign of Peace Treaty of Paris in 1947, as well as, the vital role this event played to postwar development of Romania.

In Forth and last Part, are noticed the last events of 1947. It is described first, the absolute dominance of CPR in Romania, then, the resign of King Michael and lastly, the foundation of People's Republic of Romania.

Finally, the conclusions of this announcement, in order to prove its purpose are summarized.

This announcement is part of my master thesis, entitled “Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej, Ideology and Politics in Socialist Romania, 1945-1965”, completed in April 2016. The purpose of this thesis was to investigate the ideology and the political decisions of Gheorghiu-Dej, first political leader of People's Republic of Romania, and the role he played in the formation of country's general circumstances after the end of WWII until his death, in 1965.