

## Vasile Grunea's Journalist ID



This is a journalist's ID from the daily *Făclia Ardealului*, which was made out to me, Vasile Grunea, in July 1951 in Kolozsvár. I was secretary-general at that time. The newspaper was called *Lupta Ardealului* [Fight of Transylvania] between 1948 and 1951, and this was the very first paper for which I worked. Then they changed the name to *Făclia Ardealului*. At first it was a Transylvanian paper but later it became a regional journal and dealt with Kolozsvár region only. I was still a student when I started writing articles on the subject of youth for the local paper of Brassó, the *Drum Nou* [New Way]. In Kolozsvár I met a quite well-known poet, Toma Gheorghe Maiorescu, who was also Jewish. He came to Kolozsvár from Resita - now he lives in Bucharest - and wrote several books. He worked for the *Lupta Ardealului* [Fight of Transylvania], a communist daily, which was at first the paper of the Kolozs county branch of the Party and later became the local daily. There was no other Romanian daily at the time. Maiorescu recommended me and the editor-in-chief invited me to work for them. I started writing for them and I was invited to join the editorial staff in 1948 and worked there until 1952. I directed the cultural part of the paper, that is, the publishing of book reviews, theatrical reviews and literature. But it was a daily, the main task of which was the propagation of the political line of the Party. I was still a university student at that time. I was sent to a higher school of journalism in Bucharest at the end of 1949 and in 1950. The school lasted for about three quarters of a year; it was an express school, where we had ten hours of lectures and seminars a day. After the school I went back to the *Lupta Ardealului* and worked there as the editorial secretary-general. My name change coincided with journalism. At the beginning Vasile Grunea was a journalistic pseudonym, and later it became my official name as well, but I cannot say that I was forced to do so by anybody because it simply wouldn't be true. I had used the name Laszlo Gruber until then and I was even called Ocsi [Laddie] in my childhood. Those who know me from that time call me Ocsi even today. I have no idea why I chose the name Grunea and not another name.