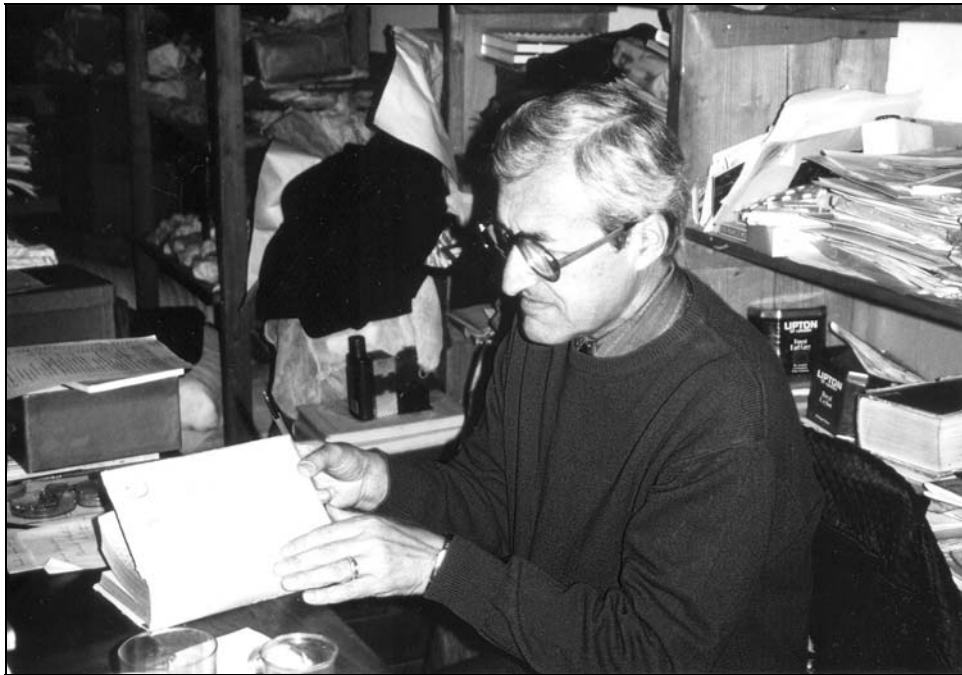


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Remembrances of a Dear Friend



20th century, beginning of the fifth decade. The generation of the 30s was finally graduating high school after a thorough baccalaureate examination and knocking at the gates of the Universities in search of their path in life. They had been through extremely difficult and painful times, filled with deprivations caused by World War II and followed by the terrible drought of 1947–49 and closely entwined with the fight for power of the few insurgents arriving on Soviet tanks in order to annihilate the democratic regime in Romania.

This was the historical background in the autumn of 1951 when our generation, Costin's and mine, was undergoing the admission exam for the first year in college. The rigorous exams included, besides specialty (profile) subjects, a written examination in the Romanian literature and language, and an oral examination in the new Constitution of the recently created People's Republic of Romania (the new regime established after the brutal elimination of the traditional constitutional monarchy).