

SITUATION REPORT

ROMANIA

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The Romanian trade delegation headed by Marin and Barladeanu is still in Switzerland. According to information received here, Barladeanu is negotiating with the firm Brown and Bovy and its agent Sulzer, A.G. Previous reports stated that these two companies were to supply the Romanian regime with diesel locomotives. According to Radio Bucharest, the Reuters interview with Barladeanu and Marin (cf. Friday's Situation Report) included Marin's statement that negotiations had been concluded "in principle" with the French firms and that further long-range negotiations were not only a possibility; indeed the Romanian regime anticipated a more consistent trade policy with France.

We are sending in the clear today the Scinteia editorial on the meeting of students "to approve" the merger of the two universities in Cluj.