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Regime newspapers have published the resolution for the "reunification" of Cluj University. According to the resolution, 1,000 cadres including those from the School of Agronomy, Mathematics, Fine Arts, Music, Chemistry, Physics, took part in a discussion of the merger. The report of Laszlo Takacs included the preliminary negotiations for the merger of the Hungarian and the Romanian universities. Takacs noted, for example, that party organizations, with student organizations and union officials, had started merging as early as April and "were so successful in reunification" that the Romanian regime decided to apply this to the entire university. Agerpress noted that 63 scientific circles had merged as of April 13, 1959.

The structure of the reorganization as given by Agerpress was extremely vague. There are to be six faculties in the merged University of Cluj. This is similar to the system under which the autonomous Hungarian university and the Romanian university operated. Courses in Hungarian literature and those dealing with the Magyar tongue will, of course, be given in Hungarian only. The history of the Romanian People's Republic and the geography of Romania will be given only in the Romanian language. According to Agerpress teachers can take the following courses in either Romanian or Hungarian: math, chemistry, philology, linguistics, geography, etc. The fact that the pedagogical sections continue to give courses in both Romanian and Hungarian indicates that Hungarian secondary and elementary school students will continue to be taught in their mother tongue. The resolution referred only to "social sciences and philology" as courses which could be taken in either Romanian or Hungarian. The omission of other courses implies that Hungarian university students would be required to study the bulk of their courses in the Romanian language although many of them presumably are not fluent in this language. The set-up, according to Agerpress, will "liquidate national isolation." There are 4,000 Romanian students in the Romanian university of Cluj and 2,500 Hungarian students.

The French periodical L'INFORMATION carried an interview with one of the delegates recently in Paris with the Romanian trade delegation. According to the article, Romania claimed that the delegation "had succeeded in securing \$100 million worth of contracts with Western firms." A plant for the manufacture of radio and TV sets was included in one of the recent contracts.

Romania is sending 350 delegates to the Vienna Youth Festival.

(It is to be sent to the Central Committee of the Romanian C.P. as an expression of "wholehearted approval" of the party's scheme to merge the two universities.