

## SITUATION REPORT

ROMANIA

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Radio Bucharest carried a commentary on American youth entitled "Youth Is Dear to U.S." According to the commentator, America's youth "as soon as they wake up in the morning learn from radiocasts such stories as that of a two-hearted monster who kills three policemen, sucks blood from four teenagers, breaks into five banks, steals six cars, etc." According to Radio Bucharest, such acts are called "courageous" in the U.S. School courses are "interrupted by siren whistles and megaphones shouting atomic alarms." Another announcement tells of a Martian invasion. Many youths desert schools, desert their homes and start stealing in order to get money to drink. "And who takes advantage of this," asks Radio Bucharest. "The masters of armament trusts, oil trusts and the like who need soldiers ready to shoot without caring. These are loyal robots."

On the question of the Hungarian minority problem, Radio Bucharest announced yesterday that all Romanian papers carried reports on a meeting of the teachers of the Kulj highschools. This meeting, according to the radio, came after the conclusion of "reunifying work of the commission of the Babes and Boyay Universities." The former is a Romanian university and the latter Hungarian. This is the first official word from the regime that these two universities are to be merged into one. Feeling here is that this merger might imply a heavier stress on the Romanian aspects of life, i.e., language, culture, etc. to the detriment of the Hungarian.

Radio Bucharest also announced a reorganization of the Petru Groza Agronomic Institute. Although it is too early to determine the extent of the changes that this merger will bring about, the fact that the Romanian regime has sanctioned the "reunification" seems to indicate that the Hungarian autonomous region might eventually lose some of its characteristics. If the merger were to include elementary and secondary schools in the area, it would have much more dangerous undertones.