

SITUATION REPORT

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Reuters reports from Istanbul that a Bucharest University student yesterday escaped from Romania by flying a training plane to Turkey. We will transmit further news about this as soon as received.

In an interview granted June 30th to LE MONDE, Alexandru Barladeanu, Romanian deputy premier who is currently visiting France as head of a Romanian economic delegation, stressed the need for more technical assistance, and contradicted the statements he had made in his speech on the 10th anniversary of COMECON regarding the primacy of country over bloc economic plans. He also stated that there has been a demand made by the faculty and students of the Cluj Romanian and Hungarian universities to merge the two institutions with the possible formation of a Magyar section at the enlarged institution.

ROMANA LIBERA has published an article on the theatre as a means of increasing understanding between the various countries of the bloc.