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Romania - According to Radio Bucharest yesterday, the Romanian regime is taking measures to amalgamate the canteens and certain dormitories in the Magyar Autonomous Region. This move, coming on the heels of a recent declaration that separate universities should be merged (Ref. Situation Reports March 16 and Feb. 23), may be a preliminary to the consolidation of Hungarian language and Romanian language universities. If so, this would be a violation of the Romanian constitution. The amalgamation of dormitories and canteens presents certain problems since few Hungarian students speak Romanian. If it does not include the eventual merger of universities, it can be looked upon as an attempt to promote understanding between the two nationalities.