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Romania -

Radio Bucharest, commemorating Frontier Guards' Day, said yesterday that a number of frontier guards were killed fighting "criminals" who tried to leave Romania. This is the first official indication that there are pitched battles on the border between refugees presumably attempting to escape to Yugoslavia and regime guards.

Agerpress yesterday interviewed a Scottish poet who allegedly stated that it is a "pleasure to note that Romanian youth are learning to read and write in their own language. This does not happen in Scotland -- even English writers can be envious of the Romanian methods."

As with other socialist countries, the Romanians are sending a strong delegation to the Congress of the French Communist Party. This is probably due to the importance placed upon the Party Congress by the Soviet Union in the person of Suslov.