

SITUATION REPORT

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Agerpress, the Romanian news agency, carried a short announcement of "an enlarged plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the Romanian Workers' Party held on July 13 and 14 current year." According to the report, Gheorghiu Dej spoke on the fulfillment of the tasks set by the Second Congress of the RWP, development of national economy, raising of the welfare of working people, as well as proposals for new measures on raising the standard of living. Feeling here is that although unannounced, the plenary session probably dealt with preparations for a forthcoming congress of the RWP.

The French Minister in Bucharest spoke over the regime radio on Bastille Day. Afterwards a reception was given at the French Embassy. The fact that the French Minister was granted the privilege of addressing the Romanian people over Radio Bucharest indicates that relations between the two countries have steadily improved since the visit to Paris of the Romanian economic and cultural delegations.

The Romanian trade delegation headed by Barladeanu arrived in England today. Commenting on the delegation, several English newspapers including the ECONOMIC TIMES, are optimistic concerning the settlement of British reparation claims and the conclusion of mutually advantageous contracts.