



twice to storm the Ministry door. By 7:00 the Ministry Guards had fired about 150 shots, and the crowd had fired at least 30. Known casualties were one demonstrator and one soldier. The Ministry Guard was ordered to fire in the air and only if fired on. The crowd began dispersing at 7:00 and by 10:00 only small groups remained in the Square, totaling about 200. One report says Gheorghiu-Dej urged them to leave, promising a full Russian investigation.

3. Interview with Radescu: Source, together with the Chief of Staff of the Russian Commander of Bucharest had an interview with Radescu at 6:00 in the Ministry Building. Radescu showed two bullet holes in the window of his private office. He said he would not leave the building nor turn the country over to mob rule. The Russian officer said Moskvitan, Russian Commander of Bucharest, had ordered the Russians not to interfere with the crowd or the Army. He also told Teodorescu, Rumanian Commander of Bucharest, to stop firing on the crowds at once. Moskvitan said he is telephoning these events to Malinovski. Radescu was promised twelve Soviet guards and permission to keep Rumanian troops in the building.
4. Palace Information: Source was at a Palace window in the Square during the whole demonstration and kept constantly in touch with the Palace officials. He confirms the above. A report was sent to the King at Sinaia of three other simultaneous FND demonstrations: At Craiova the Prefecture was stormed and occupied. There were no casualties as the guards were ordered not to fire. At Caracal an attempt to storm the Prefecture was unsuccessful due to Army resistance. There were several killed and wounded. At Brasov, National Peasant and FND rallies clashed. At 10:45 p.m., several hundred National Liberals and National Peasants marched by the Palace singing the national anthem. Shouts of: "Long Live the King" and "Radescu and Order" lasted an hour and the crowd was last seen marching down the boulevard burning FND signs hanging from trolley wires.
5. Consequences: A Palace report says that Patrascanu, Communist Leader, said the Government is guilty of firing on the crowd

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and asked the Marshal of the Palace to ask the King to come to Bucharest as soon as possible to solve the crisis. At 10:00 p.m. Radesou spoke on the radio. Referring to the events of the afternoon in Bucharest and the provinces, he attacked the FND as the instigators, and characterized Ana Pauker a Moscow trained Communist, and "Hungarian" Vasile Luca, Secretary of the Communist Party, as people without a God and a country. Radesou said that at 9:15 two persons were killed and eleven wounded before the Ministry by a machine pistol from a moving car. This happened after the National Peasant parade. No connection between the two was established. The address ended with an appeal to the Nation to support him and the Army in maintaining order.

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