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1. Barbu Niculescu, nephew and secretary of Gen. Nicolae Radescu, arrived in France from New York on 24 May. He brought with him a large sum in dollars which he freely admitted had been given to Radescu by Nicolae Malaxa, Rumanian industrialist presumably in the United States. When reproached by certain Rumanians in Paris for accepting financial aid from Malaxa, Niculescu retorted that the receipt of funds from that source was no crime since Radescu, who was under obligations to no one, had acted on his own responsibility. When the Communist regime was overthrown, Niculescu declared, the Rumanian nation might then decide whether or not Malaxa "should be ordered before a firing squad". Niculescu has announced his intention of proceeding to Switzerland and Germany.
2. Niculescu by his remarks indicated that Radescu was annoyed because he had not yet been offered the presidency of a Rumanian Committee by the Council of the Political Parties (see SO-13971). At the same time Niculescu attempted to impress the Rumanians in Paris with Radescu's influence in the United States, saying that the Americans would support only a united group of representatives of the political parties "with Radescu at its head". He remarked that it would be "very very fortunate" if Radescu received a proposal to head such a committee "from higher up" (a reference to King Mihai).

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