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Excerpt of pertinent information:

Letter from Iancu ZISSU to Niculiscu BUZESTI: (24 Dec 1948)

I left New York later than intended, because of the strike. Arriving here, I found a series of new surprises. General Radescu, desiring to circumvent the 5 August plan thought he could accomplish this if he were able to obtain the adherence of two parties of the three which make up the Political Council to his "Union". . . You can be sure that the committee would not have been formed so quickly if the General had not promised all of them a place on the National Committee, since he was so generous as to distribute socialist responsibilities to men of the type of Gherman and Badarau. .

After getting individual allegiances to the UNION from those named above and after "helping" each one, it seems that he decided against asking for their collective adherence so as not to reveal a disagreeable situation if he had made public the quality of the "socialists" in the Committee. . . Since everyone eventually came to realize the inability and inefficiency of this maneuver, the committee was dropped.

Immediately after I arrived, I was visited by Serbanescu, the Committee secretary, who after a short visit and briefing decided to write two letters, one to the Political Council and another to General Radescu which state that he is resigning from the committee, and that he will respect party discipline. . .

Following the last meeting of the Political Council which we

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had on the eve of the departure of Parcasanu and Vintila Bratianu, at which time we discussed again the problems of the National Committee in light of the recent "events"; I am convinced that we are not far from realizing it, and that the General as well as the others are agreed to withdraw and to respect the recommendations of 5 August.

Annexed to I. Zissu letter: "Excerpts from a 'report' sent by Gherman and Badarau to Romulus Dan in Rumania"

. . . While awaiting the formation of the National Committee, General RADESCU has formed a "Democratic Union for Free Rumanians," open to anyone who fulfills the conditions it has made. While awaiting, the UNION will be the only agency representing all Romanians.

As regards the General, he has complete confidence in those on whom we depend for our liberation (?). For our party group, he has the usual friendliness, assuring us that in no event will he permit us to be less represented than the other parties. . .

(5 Jan 1948)  
SODB-20366a--1. In December Eftimie Gherman and Gabriel Badarau forwarded clandestinely to Romulus Dan, a member of the Rumanian Independent Social-Democrats who is presently in Rumania, a report on the political activities of the Rumanian emigration which praised General Nicolae Radescu and sharply criticized Ion Zissu, representative abroad of the Independent Social Democrats and the National Peasant and National Liberal Parties. . .

3. General Radescu was described as enjoying the complete confidence of those upon whom Rumanians were dependent for their liberation. He was said to be friendly to the Independent Social Democrats and to have declared that he would not permit them to have a smaller representation on any committee than any other party.

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1. Ion Zissu, representative abroad of the Rumanian Independent Social Democrats led by Titel Petrescu refused the suggestion of Barbu Niculescu nephew and secretary of General Radescu, that the Independent Social Democrats support Radescu. Zissu, who is presently in Paris, discovered that certain Socialists were being encouraged by the Radescu faction to revolt against his leadership. A committee composed of Eftimie Gherman, Gabriel Badarau, S. Schineanu, Sacha Wolman, Captain Paul Gheorghiu, Captain D. Enciu and V. V. Stanciu, with D. G. D. Serbanescu as secretary, had been created in Paris to form an Independent Social-Democratic Party in Exile. Following a conversation with Zissu, Serbanescu wrote to the Council of the Political Parties and to General Radescu

announcing that he had resigned from the new committee.

2. Zissu ascribed General Radescu's success in the formation of this Social Democratic committee to his promise to place all its members on a "National Committee" to be created by him. According to Zissu, the Radescu faction is desirous of winning the support of representatives abroad of the National Liberal and Independent Social-Democratic Parties in order to brand the representatives of the National Peasant Party as obstructing the unification of the Rumanian emigration.

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