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P. 1--Rumanians Emigrants Formed the Following Political Organizations:
The "Democratic Association of Free Rumanians," headed by General Radescu. This Association was organized by General Radescu after his negotiations to found a Rumanian National Council to be the main organization of all Rumanian emigrants, failed because of the obstinate attitude of the parties. It was to be non-partisan and was to include members of the political parties. As the political parties opposed this intention and even prohibited membership in General Radescu's association by their followers, it became merely another party among many. . . The association was joined by a number of noted individuals including. . . Prof. N. Herescu, follower of Radescu. . .

P. 2--The National Council--The National Council was inaugurated on 10 May 1949. It is composed of 10 members, including General Radescu as president, . . . General Radescu wanted to nominate Tilea and Davila but had to desist under pressure from the parties.

P. 3--As the non-partisan members Visolani and Cretzeanu are fierce opponents of Radescu and cooperate with the National Zaranist Party, General Radescu has seven opponents but only three supporters in the council.

Heated controversies have already occurred in the National Council, with the Radescu group on one side and the party delegates and their followers on the other. It was feared that the National Council would split into two groups, one headed by Radescu, the other by Visolani. The reason for the conflict was:

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In the opinion of the parties: General Radescu is going to establish an authoritarian government composed of the military and other persons without any experience in party policy.

In the opinion of General Radescu: Alexandru Cretzeanu arbitrarily handles a fund which was formerly deposited in Switzerland by the Rumanian State. Cretzeanu refuses to place this fund at the disposal of the National Council, the legal representative of all Rumanians in exile. The parties do not think of supporting the active resistance fighters in Rumania, and do not care for the majority of the poor Rumanian emigrants. The parties want to restrict the fight for the liberation of Rumania to the more convenient diplomatic field.

General Radescu's plans are: Formation of a para-military organization which is to be activated in France, French-Northern Africa or elsewhere. . .

P. 4--These plans, representing Radescu's minimum program, are sympathized with by all good Rumanians, but they are opposed by the egotistic parties and by the Western Powers, who allegedly still lack understanding of the necessity of this program. General Radescu traveled to Paris in September 1949 to notify the king of his resignation as president of the National Council. The King, however, persuaded him to remain because of several reasons. . .

Radescu and the parties then entered into negotiations which resulted in a reconciliation. All sides clearly expressed their wish to make the National Council an efficient working organization. . .

P. 5-- Inferences--Most members of the National Council do not base their policy on factual conditions. They have no real connection with the Rumanian people. General Radescu failed to assume undisputed leadership. . .

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