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Reported Plan for Propaganda Trials

Involving Lucrețiu Patrascanu, Former Communist Minister of Justice and Others

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- Plans are presently being made for a large propaganda trial. The defendants will include Lucretiu Patrascenu, former Communist Hinister of Justice, and other Communists, all of whom will be accused of supporting foreign capitalist political activity in Rumania.
- 2. Patrascanu is said to be held under Soviet guard in northern Rumania.
- At the same time a number of military men, politicians and others will be tried by the military court on charges of espionage and of having, or having had relations with foreigners. The Soviet authorities are said to have demanded dossiers on sixty persons.
- It is raid that the Russians do not wish to begin the Rumanian trials until the one which is about to open in Bulgaria has been completed.*

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Comment: Reference is apparently made to the forthcoming trial of Traicho Kostov and other former officials of the Bulgarian Government.

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