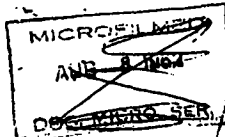


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General Radescu talked to the King in principle about the enlargement of the Committee. He did not make any specific proposals and the King made no objections. General Radescu interpreted the King's silence on the matter as a tacit approval.

When General Radescu exposed the matter in the Committee he talked of the approval of the King for an enlargement of the Committee. Alexander Cretzianu, who in the meantime checked with General Constantin Petre-Lazar, treated the General as a liar in the Committee, though at the General's departure from Paris his relations with the National Peasant Party were at their best.

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When the Committee in New York took a resolution which circulated in Paris for signatures, Augustin Popa did not agree with it and changed it. In his version Augustin Popa stated that "the Committee can function, but in the future, in order to discharge the President of responsibility, it is advisable that money be not given any longer to him but to the President (Malaxa (money))."

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When Radescu came to Paris he reproached to Popa the intransigent attitude of the PNT and especially the fact that he Popa associated himself with Cretzianu in the latter's slanderous campaign against him. Popa then showed Radescu the resolution so as he drafted it. Radescu was enthusiastic about it, and in a patriotic impulse they decided to forget all that separated them until then. It was also decided that a great official table should take place where all parties and Radescu should be present to demonstrate to all that there is perfect harmony between the Roumanian leaders. The dinner took place.

As the Executive of the National Peasant Party, (where *Mihai* was present as representative of the youth) *Mihai* Rautu, who escaped recently from Yugoslavia, contested the authority Popa was claiming for himself in the Party. Augustin Popa then produced a personal mandate from *Mihai* Rautu, saying that it was in his intentions never to produce the mandate, but now he is forced so to do. He made an pathetic appeal to unity, and the session ended in perfect agreement.

Mihai Rautu, though he gave up his claims during that session, continued his dissidence and went to pay a visit to the King to complain against the leadership of his party.

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At the same time *Vasile* made a trip to Florence, also to see the King and to counterbalance any intrigue Rautu might have made there. The fact is that Rautu left Paris for Florence decided "to tell everything to the King and to a certain extent against the King himself".

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But he came back (around the 15th of the month) and kept a complete silence on the results of his conversations with the King. The only thing he said was that Lazar "plays a double game."

Veniamin went then to Switzerland and to London. He came back a few days ago.

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