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Natural reactions amongst Rumanian population to Polish-Hungarian events have produced following series precautionary measures here by regime indicating they are jittery of possible repercussions obviously hostile and anti-Soviet people:

1. Rumanian Official party returned from Yugoslavia morning October 28 by Yugoslav plane, instead of train as originally planned, two days earlier than expected, and immediately issued resolution signed by Gheorghiu-Duj, Chivu Stoica, and Apostol giving immediate wage increases and other benefits to certain classes workers and promising more of same for next year. Decree apparently long planned issued October 30.
2. President Groza suddenly called back to Bucharest from Deva though convalescence period scheduled last another two months. Medical bulletin published October 30 (dated October 28) said his condition good and will continue convalescence Bucharest. Reportedly Groza's family protested against transfer, but return considered absolutely necessary by top authorities.
3. Authorities indoctrinating schools re Hungarian situation eliciting opinions students and calling on them inform re "fascists and iron guardists".
4. Unconfirmed report arrest many former iron guardists with promise to release them and pay four thousand lei per month if information any revolt planned.

Many reports being circulated incidents indicating interest and excitement people. Following listed as examples but Legation emphasizes we do not see signs real rest capable requiring repressive rather than mild precautionary measures:

Several independent sources good reliability report first shift workers large Grilita Rosie Railroad repair yard held protest meeting October 26. Three points discussed: (1) Willingness

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help Hungarian workers if resistance "truly socialist," (2) demand for higher wages, (3) demand for establishment free trade unions with more liberty alleviate worker situation. Meeting, designed present petition management, dissolved when officials warned against "making trouble" during "sensitive period." No direct threats made, and no reprisals so far, but all entering, leaving yards having identification cards checked.

Bucharest University students reportedly held three meetings past week. While subjects discussed unknown rumors have it they protesting instruction Marxism-Leninism and declining attend classes in Russian. Identification cards young men being checked in streets and dozen students reportedly arrested. (Unconfirmed report describes student attack and damaging of North Korea students canteen, where "food better and priced lower.")

October 27 interruption rail traffic occurred between Bucharest and Ploesti, some trains being four hours late. This has been ascribed to collision or to troop movements. Early story ammunition train exploded may be held utterly without substance.

Trip Legation officer October 27-29 Transylvania Hungarian representative area revealed: Turgu Mures apparently quiet with no signs unusual activity there other smaller towns along route; Army patrolling Cluj groups of five, but no indication other than usual activity. Numerous conversations factory workers, farmers, et cetera brought out Rumanians interested, sympathetic, even excited over Hungarian-Polish events but only one thought Rumania might follow suit.

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