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1. The Rumanian Government is pressing the collectivization of peasant holdings, especially in Transylvania where the population is more bitterly opposed to the regime and more active in its opposition. Outbreaks of violence against the authorities have also taken place in Northern Rumania, and particularly in the counties of Iasi, Botosani and Roman.
2. The peasantry is especially angered by the requirements for the delivery of grain and produce. Kerosene and matches can be obtained in the villages only from the cooperatives and the officials charged with the collection of agricultural produce. A liter of kerosene costing 6.50 lei is sold to the peasants for ten eggs. One box of matches costing three lei is sold for three lei and two eggs. Poultry is taken by force and ridiculously low prices are paid. Peasants are forbidden to kill lambs even for the use of their families.

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