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combination of the bourgeoisie, the capitalists, the socialists, and the Communists. MALAKA had a large part in the formation of this government. MALAKA was appointed as Prime Minister, a position he still holds under the present Communist controlled government, and TATARUSCH was appointed as Vice-Premier. The Russians claimed by appointing TATARUSCH they were following out the plan of the new government in that they were placing a person who had been known as a strong pro-Russ in a responsible position and were, therefore, not showing favoritism. However, the Russians had always known TATARUSCH as a friend of MALAKA as were many other "stooges" who were put in control of the government in one capacity or another. It also became apparent that MALAKA changed his allegiance from the Nazis to the Communists at this time.

According to the Russians, MALAKA thereafter favored the Communist political point of view and this is said to be borne out by the fact that the Russians and the Rumanian Communists in power saw fit to act in the behalf of MALAKA by reimbursing him for one of his factories that had been out of operation for a short period of time and which had been dismantled and taken into Russia. Such reimbursement was made with the concurrence of the Russians and was in the amount of about two and one half million dollars. The Russians stated that they knew the factory when built had cost approximately one million dollars and felt that the amount paid MALAKA was far out of proportion. According to the Russians, if MALAKA had not been fully cooperating with them, he would never have been reimbursed in any manner.

After his return to Rumania, MAX AUGST was appointed as chairman of the Federation of Rumanian Industries and as chairman of the Rumanian-American Chamber of Commerce. Because of his positions, he was able to offer a suggestion to the Rumanian government that trade might be satisfactorily restored with this country through the medium of sending a Chamber of Commerce delegation to the United States to initiate export-import intercourse between the two countries. MAX AUGST and his group felt that such an action would present an opportunity whereby it would be possible for some persons to leave Rumania without great restrictions being imposed upon them. AUGST and many other persons in industry foresaw the eventual change of the government in Rumania to full collaboration with and controlled by the Russians, and decided to leave the country before their positions would be jeopardized by such a change. The government indicated that it desired to send persons selected by itself as well as those selected by the AUGST group. A final decision was made to send a delegation of six persons to the United States and the government included MALAKA and two known Communists in the party.

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