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Mr. Berle's intervention in the Malaxa case.

At the request of Malaxa's lawyer, the Walter Sub-Committee of the Judiciary Committee of the House, will hold a hearing on the case, on Monday, 25 February, 1952, at 10 a.m. The hearing will be public.

Adolph Berle Jr. has requested, in a letter to Representative Walter (President of the Sub-Committee), to be allowed to speak in favour of Malaxa at this hearing, so as to be able to convince the Sub-Committee that Malaxa is only a victim of "Balkan" intrigues.

In case ^{that} Adolph Berle - in his attempts to whitewash Malaxa - should make public accusations against other Rumanian exiles, they will be obliged to testify themselves at a public hearing. They will have to tell everything about Malaxa, about certain prominent Rumanian exiles in his pay, about the strange attitude of the NCFE concerning the Malaxa group. It is clear that, in the end, this will only give satisfaction to the Communist Rumanian Government and to the U.S.S.R.

It is, therefore, no exaggeration to say that - whatever Mr. Berle's motives may be - his action can be very agreeable to the Communists and in direct contradiction with the aims of the NCFE, of which Adolph Berle is one of the heads.

The informant stated that it was his conviction, a justifiable action by the Subcommittee on the basis of Berle's recommendations would eliminate completely all Rumanian democratic emigre elements which had been opposed to Malaxa's ~~and his control~~. He also stated that the NCFE's sponsorship of Malaxa made that organization ineligible as the sounding board for democratic emigre groups.

The hearing will be in Room 327 Old House Bldg.

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