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ANN. This is Radio Free Europe.

Our program continues. We now address ourselves to the youth of our country. Each week, we want to share our thoughts ~~for the youth~~ with the young people in universities, factories, offices and with those on the fields. We want them to discern together with us, out of the tumult of events, the news of freedom which rises ever higher on the wings of time.

MUSIC UP AND DOWN

VOICE I Dear listeners:

Our today's broadcast ~~is the first~~ will be dedicated to the memory of a great Romanian patriot and soldier, General Niculae Radescu. From our information bulletins you have learned that General Radescu, the last Premier of independent Romania and the leader of the fight for the liberation of our country, passed on last week in New York. In our today's program, we will transmit ~~to~~ our young listeners fragments of his writing and speeches of his last years of exile.

VOICE II These are a few lines from statements which General Radescu <sup>has</sup> made, with all his authority, in order to inform the public opinion of the Free World about the tragic situation of Romania. On November 12, 1947, after Iuliu Maniu was sentenced by Communists, General Radescu issued to the conscience of the West the following appeal <sup>for</sup> in a statement ~~to~~ the American press:

VOICE III "The most odious ~~of~~ all the crimes committed by the regimes enthroned

with the support of the Soviets in the countries which are today bleeding under their boot, was committed yesterday at Bucarest. Iuliu Maniu, one of the greatest patriots of my country, was sentenced as "traitor" to life term in prison... With Maniu, other <sup>hardy</sup> fierce patriots, political leaders, soldiers and diplomats, suffered the same fate. Soviet prosecutor Vishinski, who sent thousands of people to prison during the big purges of Russia, will certainly be happy to hear that the legal methods which he had re-enforced have been so strictly applied upon this last occasion. I wonder though: how long will the civilized world tolerate - if there still is a civilized world - that, in the name of a political credo which aims to throw back towards its <sup>mankind/</sup> primitive era, half of Europe remain the prey to a system in which such crimes are possible to exist? Has the 3rd Article of the Peace Treaty with Romania, who insures the respect for human rights, ceased to be valid?"

VOICE II On December 31, 1947, when ~~xxxx~~ <sup>the</sup> news of the King's overthrow~~s~~ was made public, General Radescu clarified public opinion abroad in the following terms:

VOICE III "The present regime of Romania was imposed by force by a foreign power; also by force and by acts of forgery known to the entire world, the same regime <sup>has/</sup> established its purported "national representation." The Romanian people in its sweeping majority challenges the right of such a regime to change the form of government of the country and eliminate the Monarchy. Throughout its history and more so since the establishment of the Kingdom, the Romanian people has cherished the Monarchy which, in its heart, is closely related to the idea of national independence. The action of the Groza Government leading to the proclamation of a so-called "People's Republic," is another imposture. In reality, our traditional and ~~popular~~ popular Monarchy was eliminated

in order to make it possible for the dictatorship of a <sup>foreign/</sup> minority to force from now on the will of the people beyond limits."

VOICE II On the same occasion, General Radescu denounced the constitutional nullity of the alleged act of abdication:

VOICE III "In the name of Free Romanians," says General Radescu, "and in the name of my compatriots who are kept today from expressing freely their will, I declare in all solemnity that the so-called "act of abdication" of December 30, 1947 - which was torn by violence and ratified by a parliament fraudulently elected - is null and void. Any measure intended to consolidate this act through the vote of a <sup>Constituent</sup> ~~Senate~~ Assembly which has been established by the power of <sup>a</sup> foreign occupation is equally null and void. The abolishment of the Monarchy and the establishment of the Republic could be legal only if the Romanian nation would decide so through free vote, in accordance with the Constitution. Such a vote cannot be obtained under foreign occupation or under a regime imposed by outsiders. Therefore, the principle of the legal continuity of Monarchy in Romania remains untouched."

VOICE II Speaking about the merciless exploitation, General Radescu shows in a letter published on June 30, 1948, in the great New York Times, the frightening plunder to which Romania has been subjected:

VOICE III "Never in the course of its history so full of adversity has the Romanian people been so fiercely exploited by any foreign power, and that in the name of an ideology which pretends to foster the welfare of the people. Not even the scrupless colonial power has ever stolen from and mistreated so terribly its subjects. The total value of Soviet spoliation in money, goods, and services, from September 1944 to June 1948, is of 1,785 million dollars. This sum of money represents 15 times the total of Romanian export in 1938 and more than 86% of its national income. It is the same as America should be forced

to pay a foreign power 450 billion dollars in the last three years."

VOICE II On February 8, 1949, General Radescu joined, in the name of the Romanian people, in the protests arrived from all corners of the world against the shameful sentencing of Cardinal Mindsenty. On that occasion, General Radescu <sup>also</sup> showed the inhumanity of religious persecutions undertaken by Communists in our country.

VOICE III "In Romania," states General Radescu to the American press, "the most illustrious metropolitans, bishops and priests of the Orthodox Church have been gradually replaced at their altars in the last three years, to make room in their place for unworthy and servile elements, imposed by a government composed of men without nation and without God. The Orthodox Church was purged and then offered in allegiance <sup>to</sup> the purported Moscow Patriarchate, the mere instrument of atheist Bolshevism. At the head of the Orthodox Church ~~was~~ <sup>Communist/</sup> appointed a Patriarch, a divorced and immoral priest, Justinian Marina, the lawless servant of the invaders of our country. This must be known by the Free and Christian World which must not mistake the present leadership of the Romanian Orthodox Church for the faithful people and the faithful and pious priests of our forefathers' Church."

VOICE II General Radescu was especially interested in the fate of the Romanian worker and the work conditions in Communist Romania. His declarations before the American Committee for the investigation of forced labor were printed <sup>in</sup> a 56-page booklet, in English, under the title: "Forced Labor in Romania."

VOICE III "The unavoidable conclusion which detaches itself from the investigation of present conditions in Romania," writes General Radescu, "is one which ~~shows~~ points to the link between the Communist political regime and the enslavement of labor. The worker's independence, his right to strike, his right to assemble freely, his right to enjoy the

jurisdiction of an objective forum, his freedom of movement, his freedom to dispose of his free time, none of these are compatible with the total dictatorship of the State for the simple reason that they are the products of political democracy. After the disappearance of the latter, the former will disappear one after the other as a natural consequence and the workman will become a slave."

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VOICE II General Radescu has never ~~miss~~<sup>miss</sup>ed a chance to tell the Free World about the suffering brought to Romania by Communists. One year ago, when the Communists began their original deportations in Bucarest, General Radescu wrote the following in the great New York Times:

VOICE III The Bucarest deportations sum up in the most cynical fashion the policy which the occupants have been practising in my country (Romania) during the last years. These deportations characterized by the genocide of part of our population is but a last act in a series of crimes which include, ~~and~~ other things, the impudent violation of the human rights, the liquidation of political adversaries, the creation of forced labor camps and the merciless exploitation of our country by the Soviets. The Bucarest deportations demonstrate how false are all the Soviet talk about "coexistence" and "peace." They unmask at the same time the Communist goals and methods which represent, through their character of universality, a great danger to every nation and every individual. The crimes committed in Romania, the crimes committed throughout the empire of death which the Soviets have settled from the Baltic Sea to the Adriatic, are crimes committed against you as well, against your great country, against your generous people. The time has therefore come when tacit solidarity which springs out of the very roots of human life, the solidarity of free men, must

manifest itself. The hardships which the world must face today may delay the liberation of the victims but the moral conscience of ~~the~~ the world requires that these crimes be branded immediately and everywhere."

VOICE II General Radescu writes the following with regard to Romanian prisoners in Russia, in the same American newspaper:

VOICE III "The reports of Romanian war prisoners who were repatriated confirm the report submitted to the Allied Council of Tokio by the American representative. These reports indicate indeed that the Romanian prisoners were forced to work under inhuman conditions and that they were deprived even of their starvation rations whenever they were unable to fill their <sup>daily/</sup> quota. A great many Romanian prisoners were sent to the Arctic zone where they were said to be kept without any medical care, without adequate clothing and shoes, living in improvised barracks. As a result of this inhuman treatment, it is feared that a large part of the 180,000 Romanian prisoners which were not repatriated <sup>have/</sup> died while those who survived them will end in the same way."

VOICE II Finally, General Radescu has written and talked a lot, in the free countries, about the total disrespect on the part of the Soviet occupants for human rights in Romania. We will reproduce the following part of one of the lectures given by General Radescu before the American public, in the large meeting place of New York, Carnegie Hall:

VOICE III "(In Romania) the fundamental human rights and the civic rights have been abolished. Justice has been transformed into an annex of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> almighty police. The leaders of the nation, unafraid defenders under all regimes of the ideas of freedom and democracy, lie in prisons. The right to own property has become a monopoly of the State for the <sup>Communist/</sup> benefit of a privileged class. Hundreds of thousands of people are

kept from earning a living, after they have been deprived of their means or of their jobs, and thus they are condemned to slow death by starvation. After the property of landowners with ~~more~~ <sup>left/</sup> 50 hectares was confiscated, all cultivators with more than 10 hectares of land were declared enemies of their class, doomed to perish. Now, the Communists have predicted without much ado the imminent end of peasant small property which has ensured, throughout centuries of foreign <sup>the/</sup> invasion, the survival of Romanian people. Under the mask of a liberating pacifism, the Communist regime wages the fiercest war against <sup>the/</sup> freedom, individual and national rights, religion, culture, and the existence itself of the Romanian people."

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Dear listeners:

You are now listening to our Youth Program for Romania. Our Youth Program is today dedicated to the memory of General Radescu. Our program continues:

VOICE II General Radescu's uninterrupted activities have not contributed only to informing the West about the suffering of captive Romania. To Western democracies, General Radescu was a witness of great stature who had seen with his own eyes the Soviet policy of aggression and invasion in action. The great Romanian statesman brought with him, <sup>warning</sup> <sup>menacing</sup> <sup>free/</sup> into the West, the ~~message~~ of Soviet danger ~~facing~~ the entire world.

VOICE III "The civilized world," General Radescu said on November 8, 1947, as soon as he set foot on the hospitable soil of the United States, in his <sup>which was later on printed by the American press/</sup> solemn warning to the Free World, "must be wary and nourish no illusions as to Soviet goals. The leaders of Moscow have but one thought only: the Bolshevizize the entire world, a goal which nothing and no one will ever be able to make them abandon, provided they are given the time. I repeat: they will fall short <sup>of/</sup> nothing in order to attain that



goal. If they should ever be able to master the weapons which they are in the process of building secretly, civilization shall have lived its last moment. These people do not seek ~~an~~ <sup>either/</sup> agreement or friendship with anyone."

VOICE II When Moscow, frightened by the increasing power of the Free World, initiated her false peace campaigns, General Radescu revealed to the American public, on the occasion of a large public meeting in New York, the true intentions of the Soviets in a resounding speech in which he said among other things:

VOICE III "While the Communist forces trample under foot the peace and life of nations living in the East of Europe, their vanguard, a crowd of so-called intellectuals, some of whom are idiots and some, people of ill faith, and all of them, contemptuous of the truth, have initiated in the name of the same slogans about peace and freedom the fiercest attack against the United States. What is the purpose of this offensive of lies against a country which has proved more ~~than~~ <sup>than</sup> adequately its love for peace? The true reason is that peace, as it is conceived over here and as it is wanted by the entire world, is the most severe condemnation of ~~the~~ <sup>the/</sup> unlimited expansion and the merciless oppression which hide behind the peace slogans of Bolshevism. The forces which are being gathered over here in the service of a courageous policy for the economic recovery and the defense of the Western world, have checked Bolshevik aggression. Tomorrow, these forces will become so strong that, under their flag, freedom will be again victorious in the ~~main~~ world."

VOICE II It is beyond any doubt that General Radescu, through his presence abroad, because of his great prestige and as a result of his activities, was able to contribute as very few could to the action of <sup>other statesmen in exile</sup> keeping the West informed and to the gradual evolution of the policy

of the Free World with regard to the problem of the liberation of East European countries subjugated by Soviet Russia.

To us however, the most precious heritage which General Radescu has left for us in his writing during the years of his <sup>exile/</sup> ~~exile~~ consists of the pages in which this great Romanian expresses his strong hope for a day of liberation and for the future freedom of Romania. In a statement made in Paris at the time when the Communists had launched their campaign of persecution of Romanian peasant folks, General Radescu said:

VOICE III "After the alienated rulers and their foreign masters had struck at the leaders, now, they are striking, with calculated fierceness, at the entire Romanian peasant class. Thus, they have revealed their thought which is to uproot the Romanian nation, by tearing one after the other all its holy ties which link it to <sup>the soil</sup> ~~the soil~~, faith, past and traditions of the Country. This is the most severe attack to which the very being of our nation has ever been subjected."

VOICE II General Radescu's hope in final victory <sup>was/</sup> springing out of his knowledge of the history of our people and out of his deep conviction in the undying life of the Romanian nation.

We will conclude our Youth Program with these last words pronounced by our great Romanian patriot:

VOICE III "Placed there where it has been living for thousands of years, under the biting of all winds and in the path of all the invading populations, which have stormed over it like sweeping hurricanes, the Romanian people has been but only bent, like the reed. Alike the field of wheat which is swept down by storm but which rises again when the sun comes out, the Romanian people also, after each

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time that it has been invaded, will come out into the light again, and back to life, with its roots even more firmly solidly thrust into our forefathers' land. It will be thus now too."

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