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RUMANIA

PROPAGANDA  
Radio

Interception Of Western Radio  
Transmissions.

SOURCE TRIESTE:      refugee

DATE OF OBSERVATION:      July 1952

EVAL. COMMENT:              none

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Our source had a used three - tubes, three wave - lengths Philips Radio set, which he had purchased in 1948.

The only Radio sets which can be found on sale to-day are those of national Rumanian make Pioner and Partisan, while it is extremely difficult to find spare tubes; the price of which amounts to some 100 Lei approximately.

Returning home at night, our source regularly intercepted the news bulletins of the various Western stations, but as his apartment was on the ground floor with the windows opening to the street he had to take the Radio set to bed, under the featherquilt, so as to be able to listen to the transmissions he was interested in and avoid unpleasant surprises. He preferably listened to the BBC transmissions at 9 p.m., or the Voice of America at 21.30 p.m., and sometimes Radio PARIS from 8 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. only two or three times during these last years our source had a chance to intercept the RFE transmissions partially because he did not know the time table of its transmissions and partially because the RFE transmissions were greatly disturbed, of the few things he was able to catch he liked the witty comments best of all. Our source is of the opinion that the best programs transmitted in Rumanian are those of the "Voice of America," while, regarding the BBC transmissions they only listened to the first

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part of their program, i.e. to the strictly informative part, while he was not interested in the second part concerning internal news about England and cultural comments.

Besides the "Voice of America" and the "BBC", our source also intercepted the transmissions from BUCHAREST and TIMISOARA, but exclusively for the transmission of Rumanian popular music- but he was not at all interested in the transmissions of Radio MOSCOW, constantly and for ever making Communist propaganda. Even the BELGRAD transmitting station, which sometimes reported quite interesting news on the internal situation in Rumania was greatly disturbed, and the transmissions from Radio PARIS were faintly audible.

It is the general impression of the population that far too much is said by the Western Radio stations while very little of something concrete is done to help the country towards its liberation.

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