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Romania - Several sources, including RFE Vienna Bureau, report that arrival of Romanian Jewish emigrants there stopped completely yesterday, after having been at extremely low levels for preceding week. However, Austrian official sources have attributed the decline to "technical reasons." RFE will not take up subject for use in commentaries until sufficient time has elapsed and/or subsequent information clearly establishes that such emigration has in fact been stopped. Commentary on role of state during transition from capitalism to communism refutes Yugoslav position on withering away of state; this is in line with recent Gheorghiu-Dej speech and provides ideological support for increased repressive measures against population (see situation report of 9 March).