

Anniversary of Friendship Treaty with Bulgaria

A routine editorial in the Party daily "Scinteia" yesterday discussed the friendship which unites the two countries, their joint efforts for peace and the steadily developing good relations between them. The editorial also commented upon the economic exchanges which bind the two countries, stating that in 1965 the volume of trade between them would be 3-4 times that of 1959. Particular emphasis was laid in the editorial upon Rumanian plans for future exploitation of imported Bulgarian iron ore on the RPR heavy industry now being expanded. It would appear from this editorial that Yugov's visit to Bucharest in December 1959, was for the purpose of negotiating and signing a protocol on this matter. No further details on the importation statistics, present or planned, were contained in the editorial. The tribute to the anniversary concluded with the usual pledge to militate for the creation of a Balkan peace zone.

Rumanian-Swedish Trade Agreement

Agerpress reported today the prolongation for 1961 of the existing Rumanian-Swedish trade agreement. It would appear that the volume of trade for the present year will remain at last year's level, since no mention of an increase is contained in the Agerpress report and no communiqué to this effect was issued at the time that the Rumanian trade delegation was recently in Stockholm.