

SITUATION REPORT

ROMANIA

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Radio Bucharest carried a commentary on the Soviet exhibition in New York stating that more than 300,000 people have visited the exhibit so far. The commentary, entitled "America Discovers The New World", carries statements attributed to Americans on the "modern, advanced Soviet society." An American pilot allegedly stated, after going through the Tu 114 turbo jet transport, that the American counterparts are three times as antiquated.

The Romanian trade delegation has left for Italy and is negotiating in Genoa a contract calling for delivery of an oil refining plant, parts of which are to be constructed and shipped from Italy and portions from France. The trade delegation has stated that the negotiations completed thus far will enable the Romanian regime to double production next year.

A high level Romanian cultural delegation has arrived in Paris in order to further cultural exchanges between the two countries. Feeling here is that there is a definite link between the success of the economic delegation in France and the arrival of the cultural delegation.