

SITUATION REPORT

ROMANIA

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Radio Bucharest carries a commentary on the "Rapid Rhythm of Industrialization within the Country." The commentary claims that in the first six months of 1959, production means have been raised by 11.6%, while consumer goods industry was raised 6.5%, a total increase of 18.1%. The commentary points out that the Romanian regime produces more now in three months than during the entire year of 1938. It also appealed to workers to "make use of reserves" and to raise productivity to a higher level.

The radio announced the arrival of 36 oil specialists from India in Bucharest. As has been previously reported, the Romanians are building an oil refinery in India and these men will, in all probability, receive training in Romania for operation of the Romanian-built refinery.

The Romanian trade delegation visited Harwell according to Radio Bucharest. They were also feted at a dinner in Lancaster House.

DIE WELT of July 19 carries a commentary from its British correspondent to the effect that the English do not want to sign any private trade agreements with the Romanian regime before British reparation claims are settled. ~~REUTERS~~ Barladeanu, the head of the Romanian delegation has made it clear that he did not want to link reparation claims with economic negotiations but he has said that if negotiations are successful, there is no doubt that reparation will be settled.