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ROMANIA

FOREIGN TRADE:  
Raw Materials  
Heavy Industry

Commercial Exchanges

SOURCE TRIESTE: The Greek Shipping and Market Report.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Current period.

EVAL. COMMENT: Documentary evidence available. It appears that Rumanian heavy industry had to import badly needed rolled steel from the West in order to compensate the losses caused by Soviet Russia's failure to supply the satellites with the raw materials required by the ambitious Five-Year Plans.

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An unspecified Italian vessel of 4,200 tons is due to ship a full cargo of rolled steel from ANVERS to CONSTANTA, for immediate shipment at a freight rate of 40 dollars per ton.

The Sovromtransport chartered a ship of 9,000 tons of an unknown name and nationality for the shipment of a full cargo of sawn softwood from CONSTANTA to BUENOS AIRES, shipment in February, at a freight rate of 7.20 dollars per cubic meter.

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