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Two Western news agencies have reported about Jewish emigration to Israel. According to UPI, an Egyptian newspaper published a letter to the Imam of Yemen from Khrushchev which denied reports that the Soviet Union would permit mass Jewish emigration to Israel. Khrushchev said, inter alia, that Moscow had informed its satellite governments of Arab fears regarding such emigration, "although the question is strictly within the national jurisdictions of the independent countries." This is the first direct indication we have had that the Soviet Union directly intervened in the problem of Romanian Jewish emigration to Israel. According to an AP dispatch from Cairo, the Middle East News Agency reported that Romania has informed the UAR that reports of resumption of Romanian Jewish emigration to Israel are false. The Middle East News Agency said that the Romanian Charge d'affaires has officially informed the Egyptian government that to this effect, charging that such Western reports were "a complete fabrication" aimed at spoiling the relations between the Arab countries and Romania.

Radio Bucharest has strongly attacked the "Captive Nations" resolution passed by Congress and the Harding Freedom Day speech along the usually highly propagandistic lines.

A radio commentary on the anniversary of the Iraq University gives a highly favorable review of economic relations between Romania and Iraq since the signature of an inter-state economic agreement.

The Romanian regime repatriation journal, GLASUL PATRIE, carries sharp attacks on three or four individual RFE programs, citing their authors by name. Such attacks in this journal are now a routine occurrence.