

Situation Report - March 26, 1959

Romania - Deputy Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Gheorghe Safer has been released as unsuitable for his position according to Romania Libera of 22 March (Evaluation and Research News Background paper being forwarded today in clear). Agerpress statement on collectivization and cooperativization of Romanian agriculture contains slight discrepancies with information previously available here; however, it does not seem to represent any significant change from earlier situation. Gradual progress is apparently being made.

Regarding importation of oil seeds from China, it is noteworthy that Gheorghiu-Dej recently complained of under-utilization of factory capacity in this sector because of lack of raw materials (see situation report of 23 March).

Romanian producers of sunflower seed and sugar beet have called for production goals even greater than those previously announced by Gheorghiu-Dej.