

SITUATION REPORT

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A report from Gedye confirms that there is a trickle of Jewish emigration from Romania; however, there hardly seems to be a reversal in policy since the few families leaving Romania are an infinitesimal part of the 20,000 having already been granted visas. A more likely supposition would be that these few people leaving Romania have been able to contrive through contacts at home or in the West to activate their already existing visas. There is continuing regime propaganda against emigration which stresses the difficulties of resettlement in Israel.

The economic delegation to Paris has divided; part of it going to Italy and the remainder, led by Barladeanu and Marin, remaining in Paris. According to our Paris bureau, these two gentlemen gave an interview to Reuters in which it was stated that they were going to conclude a trade agreement with Britain and normalize British-Romanian relations.

The campaign against the Glezos trial continues at high level.

Romanian monitoring reports that a group of coal experts of Comecon are meeting in Stalinb, Soviet Union.