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Romania - Regime news reports and commentaries have not taken entirely consistent line in coverage of Eisenhower-Macmillan talks. After initial negative reaction, regime now takes position that talks are hopeful contribution toward solution of international problems.

Regime gives prominent attention to celebrations of Greek independence anniversary; this is in line with recent efforts to revive Stoica proposal for Balkan conference; incidentally, Patriarch Justinian, who was reported last fall to be under house arrest, appeared at official reception for occasion. He has made several similar appearances in past several months.

An RFE report from Athens based on interview with person who recently left Romania gives eye-witness account of refusal of Romanian authorities to issue more visas to Jewish emigrants as of 12 March. This report is unconfirmed and not being used here.