

Situation Report - April 2, 1959

Romania - RFE special from Tel Aviv reports Romanian diplomat told Israeli journalists that present stoppage of Romanian Jewish emigration to Israel is "only temporary measure" (see also today's Munich Notes). UPI London despatch reports inter alia that Beirut meeting of Arab League political committee will discuss "the question of Jewish emigration into Israel." DPA Vienna despatch reports that Czechoslovak regime literary journal Kulturny Zivot has article on recent meeting of Romanian Writers Union (see situation report of Feb. 26); we await text of article. Agence France Press reports that recent Romanian-French trade agreement calls for increased exchange of goods (annual turnover: 18 billion French francs). International Atomic Energy Agency group, headed by director Sterling Cole, is visiting Bucharest. Agerpress interview with Iraqi Education Minister discusses improving cultural exchanges. Party daily Scanteia carries article on so-called patriotic labor by youth, especially in agriculture and irrigation.

Evaluation and Research Section points out that, contrary to usual practice, Romanian regime has not as yet published communique on 1958 plan fulfillment. Earlier information in statements by politburo member Borila omitted data on agriculture and oil. Also, regime has given surprisingly little fanfare to recent Soviet-Romanian economic aid agreement (see situation report of March 21).