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1. The Bucharest radio operates in three sections, aimed respectively at the local population, the minorities and foreign listeners. In December 1950, all three sections were ready to move into a new building in Strada Pavlov and the old building was to be pulled down. Persons authorized to enter the main radio building have a white cardboard pass which must be shown at the door. The pass bears red stripes in one corner which indicate what part of the building the bearer may visit.
 2. The "Romana Libera" Party radio, established in 1948 under the coalition government, was originally in the neighborhood of Soseaua Jianu and Alexandra, in the district in which the main Party offices are located. This station ceased to be used when the Party took over the main station, and it is possible that its premises are now used for the Greek communist broadcasts.
 3. Both the monitoring of foreign broadcasts and the relaying of broadcasts frequently become inaudible. Lately, however, equipment has been received from the USSR and reception has improved. Jamming of undesirable foreign broadcasts is done from Kishinev, the radio station for Moldavia.
 4. Foreign language broadcasts are made in German, English, French, Hungarian, Serbo-Croat, Russian and Yiddish. The speaker for English broadcasts is from the Bukovina district and has spent a number of years in the United States. The speaker for the French section is a woman born in France, who has lived in Rumania for a number of years. The speaker for the Serbo-Croat section is a Serb, Ivo Petrovic, a former priest who escaped from Yugoslavia as

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an anti-Titoist. He has received a medal for his services to Rumania.

5. The radio is not very popular, and a check made on loudspeakers installed at street corners showed few listeners. No form of research has been carried out to determine the number of listeners, but figures implying such research are published occasionally in the press. In Bucharest, press and radio are considered dull and without entertainment value; a poor exchange for the night-life that flourished under former regimes. This opinion is shared by the new bourgeoisie - the senior officials and army officers, who have no outlet for their extra earnings. The Germans, at any rate, continue to prefer their church to the form of relaxation offered by the regime either in the press or over the air.
6. The distribution of material and censorship are carried out in the same way as for the press, though less rigorously. The texts of German-language broadcasts, for example, are checked by the Central Committee fortnightly, after the texts have been on the air.
7. The following personalities were known
 - a. Matei Socor, President of the Central Radio Institute. He is music editor by profession and an old Communist.
 - b. Paul Luchian, formerly Leibovici, Vice President in charge of radio planning. He is about 45 years old, a Communist, short, stout, dark, wears spectacles, is capable and educated. He is a professor of Marxism and Leninism at the University.
 - c. Daniel, Technical Vice President. He is an engineer.
 - d. Josef Ardeleanu, formerly Adler, former Head of News Broadcasts. At present he is head of the government press office. He is about 38 years old, short, a widower, and a Communist from underground days. He is a professor of Marxism at the University.
 - e. Racz, present head of news broadcasts.
 - f. Mia Lovinescu, assistant to Racz. She is 35 years old, a Communist, and a student at the Party University.
 - g. Vasiliu, assistant to Racz. He is about 36, of bourgeois origin, and a lecturer at the University.
 - h. Pietraru, head of broadcasts to minorities.
 - i. Kovacs, assistant to Pietraru. He is the Party Secretary at the radio station.
 - j. Sarah Alterescu, formerly Feigenbaum, head of foreign broadcasts. She is about 45 years old, from Bessarabia, and an old Communist. She spent 16 years in prison.

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