Nixon, Rumania Ready to Do Business

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One team of columnists has reported that the real reason for President Nixon's trip to Rumania was to persuade that government to release Jews for migration to Israel. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Jews began migrating out of Rumania as early as during the war under a special arrangement worked out by Archbishop Angelo Giusseppe Ronconiá?, later Pope Pius XII. Since then relations between Israel and Rumania have been very cordial, and Rumania frequently votes with Israel in the United Nations.

There is complete freedom of religious worship in Rumania today. And the former Rumanian ambassador to Washington, Silviu Brucan, is Jewish.

The chief reasons for Nixon's surprise stopover in Rumania are:

1. Nixon had a very profitable two-hour talk with President Ceausescu of Rumania in 1967. The two men liked each other and concluded that the United States and Rumania could do business together.

2. He wants to thank the Rumanians for pressuring the North Vietnamese government toward peace. Rumania has been more vigorous in this respect than any other communist country.

3. He wants to ask the Rumanians to convey a message to the Chinese that the United States has no intention of encroaching on Chinese territory once there is peace in Southeast Asia—despite the statements by Chiang Kai-shek that he intended to invade the Chinese mainland.

4. Nixon wants to counter his vote as a member of Congress against the Truman policy of sending surplus wheat to the smaller European communistic nations. Truman was called pro-communist for this policy, and Nixon was one who joined in the criticism. The policy, however, has worked.

Malaxa Was Nixon Client

Nixon knows Rumanians to some extent, thanks to his relations with Nicolae Malaxa, a onetime fascist and partner of Albert Goering, brother of Field Marshal Hermann Goering. Malaxa later came to the United States under the auspices of the communist government and hired the Nixon law firm in Whittier, Calif.

The move had all the earmarks of a contrivance to get the influence of an important senator, in order to keep Malaxa in the United States. Malaxa made a big show of promising to build a steel tube plant in Whittier. Nixon's close pal, Rep. Pat Hillings of Los Angeles, who repeatedly built around parks and lakes.

He will also see women doing manual work. This is no unusual in the communist countries, and in Rumania, those who are on relief are required to work. Young girls who come in from the countryside to get work in Bucharest and who may be temporarily unemployed get welfare jobs pouring concrete or laying sod.

A round the streets of Bucharest after midnight you scarcely see a policeman, but you do see unaccompanied women. The crime rate in Rumania is extremely low. Since Nixon campaigned on a policy of "cleaning up crime in the streets" and is sending a message to Congress on welfare reform, he needs to see how serious the crime rate in Rumania is.

There is only one thing Rumania really wants from the United States—namely, more trade, particularly most-favored-nation treatment. Yugo-

Rumania Is Prosperous

President Nixon will find Rumania to be one of the most prosperous countries in Europe, for a time rated as high as Switzerland and Japan in its gross national product. Rumania has made tremendous strides in housing, and if the President drives outside Bucharest, in the suburbs he will see row upon row of huge apartment houses re-

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