Between 1947-1949 the diplomatic missions of Romania and USA had a period of intriguing adaptation to the new realities. Until then they had seem unable to manage the new situations created by the Cold War. Sending new people in diplomacy, the Romanians were attending an international apprenticeship school. On the other hand, the diplomats of the USA were taken by surprise and were really outrun by the rapidity and complexity of the events in the Eastern Europe.

Being in some kind of “warm” hostility atmosphere at the end of the 40s, the diplomatic relationships had been frozen in an inimical position which was more or less polite, until Stalin’s death. It seems that in this period, Romania had an original image for the United States – either because it was the first state where they could observe the practical soviet methods working in a Moscow satellite, or because it was a subordinate that seemed to be against the West even more than its master. Although they were part of the global East-West dispute, the relations between the USA and PRR were seen especially by Bucharest, and sometimes by Washington, as being a second Cold War, a war that doubled the first one, but which sometimes presented original, dramatic elements. Anyway, there is a difference of perception and, consequently, what was, for the Americans, a different, strange and annoying way of approaching external affairs, had become for the Romanians a proud fight for assuring international “survival”.

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