

Radio Free Europe Grows From Weak Transmitter To Big System

New York—Twenty-nine Radio Free Europe transmitters today broadcast eastward across Europe to battle the best efforts of an estimated 1,500 Communist jamming stations.

The RFE transmitters, some twice as powerful as any station in the United States, are a far cry from a set that powered a thin voice seven years ago Thursday. That voice came from a truck parked in a woods outside Lämpertheim, Germany. It filtered across the edge of the Iron Curtain into Poland. It announced for the first time: **Now Major System.**

"This is Radio Free Europe, your broadcasting station, operated by your friends in the country of hope, the country of freedom, the United States of America."

From a few men broadcasting from RFE's first unit, a weak 7,500-watt mobile transmitter, RFE has grown to a major system. Its transmitters total in power 1,077,000 watts on short wave and an additional 135,000 watts on medium wave.

Nickels, dimes and dollars donated by Americans to Crusade for Freedom have built and now support a 1,400-man organization of Americans, Germans, Czechs, Slovaks, Poles, Bulgarians and Romanians.

70 Million Listen

This staff must accomplish a tremendous job to supply the Russian satellites, an audience of 70 million persons, with accurate news of the free world and of their homelands, RFE spokesmen say.

RFE's five stations are on the air a combined total of 3,000 hours a week. Along with 10 minutes of hourly news, programs range as widely as on any commercial station in the United States.

Hundreds of refugees have told RFE researchers how clandes-

tinous groups gather to listen to RFE. To reach these listeners and cut through the jammers, as many as 22 RFE transmitters pool their compressed beam power on a single target area. The news these groups hear was described by one refugee as "our daily bread."

European News Bureaus

In addition to its New York headquarters, RFE has 12 news bureaus spread through Europe. They gather a large volume of news from the satellites by monitoring 44 Communist radio stations and 11 Communist news services. Some 550 Communist and hundreds of Western publications are studied.

From RFE's New York headquarters and from a Munich command post the news is channeled through the system's broadcast stations in Portugal and West Germany.

The RFE could only be successful if it was telling the satellites the truth about Communism. To find out if it is succeeding in this, RFE has collected stacks of refugee testimony, counted Communist attacks against it, set down the results of its news "scops" and amassed any statistics on reception in the satellites that it could obtain.

Studies Appear Conclusive

On the basis of their studies, RFE men proudly report that:—Of more than 6,000 Communist attacks against Western broadcasters recorded since 1954, 89 per cent were directed against RFE. They consider it an indication that RFE stings the Red regimes.

The Reds spend more to combat RFE with jamming stations than RFE spends to operate.

—Of 410 Hungarian refugees questioned by a German research organ 96 per cent said they listened to Western Broadcasts. Of these, 79 per cent said they listened to RFE.

—The Communist government Hungary assigned "listening couples" to make surprise visits to neighbors and report those they detected tuning in RFE.

Jamming Stations Target

—One of Polish insurgents' chief targets in the Poznan uprising was an anti-RFE jamming station.

The RFE men have a favorite example of their system's success. It is one of many desperate messages beamed to RFE during the last days of the Hungarian revolt.

"Radio Free Europe! Radio Free Europe! Hear us! Help us!" A voice said in Hungarian on a weak radio signal. "Tell our story to the world! Take our message to the U.N! Send our appeals to decent men everywhere!"

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

George F.—I want to make it up to Caroline.

Caroline T.—Sometimes I love him like poison.

George F.—I come of a decent, self-respecting middle-class family, so I can't quite figure out how I've gotten into the mess I've made, and I want to do my best to straighten it all out.

My wife died recently after an illness of several months, leaving me with three small children. While she was ill, my 14-year-old sister-in-law came to stay to help take care of her and the kids. I was under a terrible strain and one night I got drunk and forced myself on my sister-in-law.

It was a terrible thing to do and I want to make it up to Caroline. I feel we should get married. The children need a mother and Caroline has been so upset by the whole thing that I'm afraid of what's going to happen to her. With the arrangement we have now, she takes care of the kids all day and goes home to her mother's at night.

Caroline T.—I just don't know what to do. I'm so mixed up. I would really like to take the kids to my mother's house, but she isn't well and says she feels she can't cope with them. There is nobody else in either our family or George's to take care of them.

My mother doesn't know what has happened between George and me, but she likes George and has been hinting that we should marry. I used to like

The Council: It cannot be "the right thing" for an 18-year-old girl to marry a man simply because he has forced himself on her. No one can be right for such a girl to sign her life over to three children, not her own—even if she does love them.

The children's plight is very sad indeed, but it is doubtful whether they would be very well off with an unhappy mother, who has married under these unpromising conditions.

Caroline and George do not seem to be aware of the social agencies of every faith that are set up to cope with exactly this kind of problem. These children would be better off, for a time at least, in an institution or foster home recommended by the agency.

Caroline should tell her story to a clergyman of her faith or to the social worker attached to the agency that takes over the problem of the children. She needs guidance badly and neither George nor her mother is in the best position to help her.

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Back Stairs: Plan Pays Off For Caddies

By PATRICIA WIGGINS
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Washington—Back stairs at the White House: President Eisenhower didn't know it, but two Gettysburg youngsters spent one whole night in a car outside the Gettysburg Country Club so they could be the first signed on to caddy for you know who the next morning.

It worked. "Spud" Eckert, 16, caddied for the President, and Bob Codoro, 15, drew Gen. Arthur S. Nevins, Eisenhower's golfing partner. There was some question after the match was over whether it was worth it. The President whips around the nine-hole course twice with his golf cart in about two hours. That's the usual time for others to play 11 holes. The caddies end up running most of the way, catching their breath briefly at each green.

"Whew, we've had it," puffed Spud at the close of the morning workout. They sprawled on the lawn with a soda pop to recuperate before taking on the next customers.

The President, an amateur chef, has become a frozen food fan at his farm.

At the White House in Washington, his food problems are worked out sort of by remote control between Mrs. Eisenhower and the help. But at the farm, Eisenhower delights in taking a personal hand in culinary matters.

He is said to be "intrigued" by the kitchen's frozen food department. It includes a big locker that was installed when the old farm house was renovated.

The President treated Konrad Adenauer to an all-frozen food lunch at the farm during the German chancellor's recent visit. Since then he's been experimenting with a new frozen food dish: noodles and chicken.

Something new has been added at the Eisenhower farm-house: A handsome black metal tray which bears the Eisenhower shield (a blue ironworkers' shield on a field of gold) and the family motto (Peace Through Understanding).

The shield has three clusters of five silver stars denoting Eisenhower's military rank.

The tray was fashioned by John C. Byers, an artisan and antique dealer at New Oxford, Pa., about 12 miles from the Eisenhower farm. Byers volunteered to make the tray and was supplied with a copy of the Eisenhower crest, the original of which is in Frederiksborg Castle, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Eisenhower wrote Byers a thank you note for the gift. Byers had the letter mounted

FOREIGN CREDITS

Fredonia, N. Y.—A summer study program in Europe will provide college credit advantages to music students and in-service teachers under the 1957 summer session of the Fredonia State Teachers college. As part of the Foreign Program in cooperation with the Experiment in International Living.

BOBBY

Nashville, Tenn.—There are 28 pupils in Mrs. Garnet Gentry's sixth class and seven of the boys are named Bobby. One girl is named Bobbie Joyce, and there's a Robert.

and framed and is enjoying it as much as the Eisenhowers enjoy their tray.

There's a new house on the Eisenhower farm—a little pink playhouse with candy-cane striped pillars and blue shutters. It was built next to the guest house on the edge of the President's property. It obviously was

built for grandson David and his three younger sisters—if David would deign to play with the girls—and looks like it might hold four youngsters with ease.

As far as newsmen know, neither the guest house, rebuilt from an old school on the property, nor the playhouse has ever been occupied. But they're both ready and waiting.

Thief Lifts Minister's Wallet During Sermon

Portland—Rev. Charles E. Harlow told police today a thief took his wallet containing about \$84 from the office of the First Congregational church while he was giving services Sunday.

Sixteen peaks in the Great Smoky mountains top 6,000 feet.

TRIPPLICATE

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No Change Seen In Red Foreign Policy

London—Russia warned the west Saturday that the ouster of the Stalinist leaders will not result in any "compromise" on Soviet foreign policy.

Western diplomats took the warning broadcast by Moscow radio and the known mercurial temperament of the now all-powerful Nikita S. Khrushchev to mean the west may be in for some surprising shocks in international relations in the future.

An English-language broadcast over the official Soviet radio said it is "entirely unjustified" for the West to hope for a "certain compromising attitude in Soviet foreign policy."

Commentator Anatoly Bobrov said Western newspaper accounts of the possible diplomatic effect of the ouster of Molotov, Malenkov and Kaganooch "need clarification."

He said publicly expressed hopes that the new Soviet leadership would soften foreign policy are groundless.



RESCUED—High on 12,000-foot Mt. Adams near Takhlakh Lake, Wash., rescued mountaineer David Bishop of Yakima, Wash. rests after being aided from an all night perch on a glacier. Stranded with him was Mike McGuire, also of Yakima.

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