

Radio Free Europe Built to Remember Unwilling Millions in Satellite Lands

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Munich, Germany (UPI)—
One of the major campaigns of the cold war is 10 years old and still is being fought here 24 hours a day at a cost of \$10 million a year.

It is privately financed and directed by determined men and women who believe those unwilling millions in the satellite countries behind the Iron Curtain should not be forgotten.

How did this battle begin? Who is behind it? What are its objectives?

Voice Said Needed

Radio Free Europe (RFE), an exile network, voice of liberty-loving refugees from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria, was born in the mind of Gen. Lucius D. Clay and put in these words:

"When I left Germany in 1949, I came home with a very firm conviction that we needed, in addition to the Voice of America, a different, broader voice, a voice of the free people, a radio which would not speak the words of government but would speak to each country behind the Iron Curtain in its own language, and from the throats of its own leaders who had fled for their lives because of their beliefs in freedom."

General Clay and other leading Americans went on to launch "Crusade for Freedom" to organize and support the drive for a free Europe. In 1950 Radio Free Europe went on the air from a tiny seven-and-one-half kilowatt mobile transmitter.

Today that roving station has grown to a giant complex of 29 powerful transmitters located in West Germany and Portugal. News, commentaries, music and other cultural programs are beamed into Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary 18 hours a day and into Romania and Bulgaria five-and-a-half hours a day.

Programs Get Through

East Germany is not covered because the regular programs from West Germany get through. Nor is any effort made in Yugoslavia, which has split off from the Communist bloc. Albania is omitted because only one family in 48 has a radio receiver.

The money to support this huge task comes entirely from contributions and is solicited



HELPS FIGHT COLD WAR—This is an aerial view of the the Radio Free Europe installation at Munich, Germany, which houses 21 studios and 20 control rooms, besides facilities for monitoring, engineering, programming and administration. Broadcasts originate here for Czechoslovakia,

by Crusade for Freedom, incorporated under the laws of New York State. Volunteer chairman this year is William B. Murphy, president of Campbell Soup Co. His goal is a fund of \$10,000,000 for 1960.

Contributions came from three sources, according to Charles J. McNeill, assistant director of administration of Radio Free Europe.

1. Corporate donations. American business is dedicated to halting and reversing the controlled-market concept of the Communist world and therefore gives freely, McNeill said.

2. Patriotic and other private organizations in the United States, such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Amvets, National Council of Catholic Men, service clubs such as

Rotary, Lions, etc., and women's clubs.

Appeal for Funds

3. Individuals reached through newspapers, radio and TV stations, magazines, and other advertising media.

According to McNeill more than \$5,000,000 of space has been made available to the Crusade for Freedom during the past four years to carry messages appealing for funds to support the work of Radio Free Europe.

The European Division of Radio Free Europe is directed by Erik Hazelhoff. The whole of the organization revolves around five major news desks — one for each of the target satellite countries — each directed by a managing editor.

To each editor is available the worldwide facilities of United Press International and Reuters; the domestic

coverage of DPA, the West German news agency; special service of Agence France Presse, French news agency, and the monitored reports of the Russian news agency, Tass, and the national news agencies of the satellites.

Maintains Bureaus

In addition, RFE maintains bureau or correspondents in some American cities and in Athens, Rome, Graz, Austria, Vienna, Munich, Berlin, Stockholm, Brussels, Paris, London and Hamburg.

Broadcasts from radio stations inside the five satellite countries, as well as from Russia, are recorded and listened to by language experts for news items which may be released locally but not broadcast generally. Newspapers and magazines from the target areas are scanned regularly for further clues as to what is really going on inside the Communist world.

Broad Sampling

Finally, refugees and visitors to the satellites are interviewed when they come out. Olympic stars and other figures having cause to visit outside the Iron Curtain are interviewed.

All of this material is put together daily and utilized by each desk to inform the people not only of what is going on in the free world but, as

and other programs listened to by the captive populace and are they effective?

As to the first question, executives of Radio Free Europe regularly take as broad a sampling as possible of all of the people who recently have been in satellite countries. From these they learned that of the persons listening to foreign radio programs, 98 per cent hear the British Broadcasting Corp., Voice of America or Radio Free Europe.

Of these, according to Director of Audience Research Henry Hart, 92 per cent listen to RFE at one time or another, three-fourths of them regularly.

"Furthermore," said Hart, "we know we are getting through by the violence of the attacks carried on against us in Communist media, notes to our government about our activities and by references in the Communist press and radio saying in effect, 'What Radio Free Europe said last night isn't so!'"

A final test of the effectiveness of the work of RFE is the mounting effort of the Communists to jam the broadcasts into the target countries.

"Between 1,400 and 1,500 powerful transmitters from the satellite area roam the jungle spectrum, creating a jumble of sound and confusion," Hart said. "But we keep our message of hope and freedom coming through."

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Wheat Farmers Schedule Vote on Marketing Quotas

Washington (UPI)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson has announced that the nation's wheat farmers will vote July 21 on whether they favor marketing quotas on their 1961 crop.

Benson proclaimed a national wheat allotment of 55 million acres, the minimum permitted by law and the same as for this year.

Under present law, the proclamation referendum date must be announced on or before May 15. However, Congress is considering changing the wheat program.

Would Change Action

If new legislation is adopted, Wednesday's action would be changed to conform. Department officials said there still was time to change the program for the fall-seeded crop if Congress acts soon. The last seven wheat crops

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Staph Epidemics Caused by Patients

Philadelphia (Science Service)—Recent hospital epidemics of staphylococci have been caused by patients who brought staphylococcal infections (staph) into the hospitals, a new survey indicates.

Staph, which may be a factor in relapses and the slow recovery of hospital patients, has been blamed on lack of cleanliness in hospitals. But Dr. Marlin L. Cooper of Children's hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, told the Society of American Bacteriologists meeting here that staph is a community problem.

He reported a study made on 5,876 children as they were admitted to Children's hospital. Of these, 45.9 per cent carried Staphylococcus aureus organisms in their noses or throats. And 8.2 per cent carried those strains of the organism likely to cause epidemics.

But a study of physicians in the hospital showed a slightly higher percentage carried staph themselves. Nurses and other hospital personnel had a slightly lower percentage than the patients.



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