

Radio Liberty Reaches Millions in USSR Despite Jamming Attempts

(Editor's Note: The following dispatch on Radio Liberty was written for UPI by J. Spencer Gray, editor and publisher of The Herald of Westchester, White Plains, N.Y., following an on-the-spot inspection.)

By J. SPENCER GRAY (Written for UPI)

Munich, Germany — UPI — Through the long hours of the night I watched the "couriers of democracy" relentlessly carrying on their tasks.

They are the newcasters, the special guests from a wide array of professions, the writers and the technicians who comprise Task Force Radio Liberty — as vital a force as any which fights for the West in the Cold War.

Twenty-four hours a day Radio Liberty is on the air, broadcasting to untold millions within the Soviet Union — the only contact for most Russians with the world of truth and fact.

From London, Paris, New Delhi, Rome, Tokyo, New York, Hong Kong and major news centers, the uncensored stories of international developments in all areas are beamed to every part of the Soviet Union.

Angered and embittered at the success of Radio Liberty in reaching within their borders, Soviet bosses have ordered their technicians to step up their efforts to jam the broadcasts from the West.

But technology and the laws of physics are on the side of the West, and despite the best efforts of the frustrated Communists, the truth gets through.

Is Radio Liberty worth the vast effort contributed by thousands of dedicated fighters for democracy?

Audience Increasing
There is clear evidence that Radio Liberty's audience has been increasing steadily ever since this privately-financed undertaking was launched March 1, 1953.

Letters spirited out of the Soviet Union under hazardous circumstances attest to the crucial role being played by the remarkable radio network.

I did not appreciate what a fabulous undertaking Radio Liberty really is until I spent several days observing its operations — from sub-surface library to control tower top — at the Radio Liberty nerve-center, housed in an old airport building on the outskirts of Munich.

I watched with amazement as a long succession of specially-trained technicians, researchers and broadcasters, as well as leaders in the worlds of statesmanship, scholarship and culture, worked at the controls and took their places before the Radio Liberty microphones in Munich to carefully direct the messages through the Iron Curtain into

every section of the Soviet Union.

Radio Liberty broadcasts world news 332 times daily, with never a sign-off period, in 17 different languages, ranging from Byelorussian to Ukrainian to the non-Slavic languages, and on 19 different frequencies.

In addition, Radio Liberty gives persons of many professions and points of view an opportunity to make their views known inside the Soviet Union through interviews, talks, and discussion programs.

The words and voices of statesmen, labor leaders, writers, scientists and artists are regularly broadcast by Radio Liberty as part of its presentation of life outside the Soviet Union.

Among the guests have been Raymond Aron, Pearl Buck, the late Albert Camus, Roger Duchet, Hugh Gaitskill, Herbert Hoover, former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Gregor Platigorsky, Eleanor Roosevelt, Igor Sikorsky and Stephen Spender.

Interview subjects carried by Radio Liberty have ranged from entertainers Louis Armstrong and Yul Brynner, to pianist Van Cliburn, to American Sen. Hiram Fong of Hawaii, to philosopher Jacques Maritain.

Each of those interviewed has had an important purpose to serve: By bringing their thoughts and opinions to Radio Liberty listeners — many of whom are opinion-makers within the Soviet Union, they have helped maintain a free flow of information and ideas into the Communist nation.

No party or government is represented by Radio Liberty. It does not urge its listeners to any course of disobedience or violence.

It merely suggests alternative ways of life and institutions which exist in other nations within the framework of democracy.

252 Hours Daily
From its transmitters in Europe and on Formosa, Radio Liberty broadcasts a total of 252 hours daily.

No other radio network outside the USSR reaches all the major peoples of the Soviet Union in their own languages.

Moreover, Radio Liberty speaks with an authentic voice. Half of its broadcasting staff is made up of men and women who have themselves

fled Soviet oppression. They understand conditions within the Communist police state, they know the fears and aspirations of their fellow countrymen.

Besides Soviet emigre writers, poets, economists, historians, scientists and former military personnel, the Radio Liberty staff includes people of 19 nationalities from all over the world.

The emigre staff is a veritable "Who's Who" of former Soviet officials, professional men and cultural leaders —

Razhden Arsenidze, former minister of justice in Georgia; Ivan Bahriany, Ukrainian author; George Denicke, formerly a professor at the University of Moscow; Prof. George V. Stackleberg, a leading orientalist; Boris Zaitseff, former chairman of the Union of Moscow Writers, and Veli Zannun, former news director for Tashkent Radio.

The Soviet government has above five times as many jamming stations on Radio Liberty frequencies as Radio Liberty has transmitters to send out its programs.

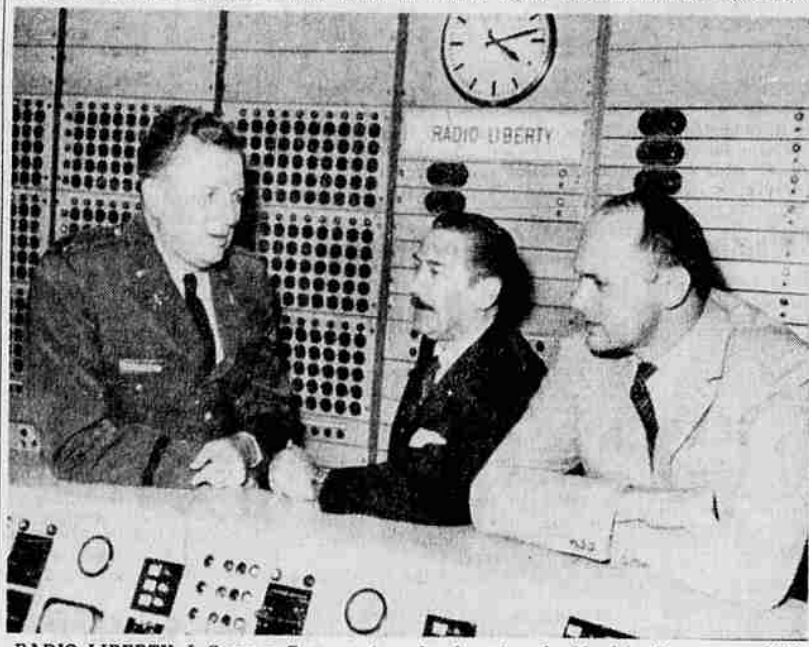
Directional Aerials
But jamming is largely overcome by directional aerials, plus the fact the characteristics of shortwave propagation make it impossible to drown out freedom's voice completely. In fact, the reception in most areas to which Radio

Liberty broadcasts is good.

Numerous prominent Americans are among those who lend financial and other support to Radio Liberty.

The American Committee for Liberation (ACL), which sponsors "Radio Liberty," is headed by Howland H. Sargent, former U.S. assistant secretary of state for public affairs.

Trustees of the ACL include Reginald T. Townsend; Mrs. Oscar Ahlgren, former president of the American Federation of Women's Clubs; H. J. Heinz II; W. H. Chamberlin, author of "The Russian Revolution"; J. Peter Grace Jr.; Henry V. Poor; Dr. John W. Studebaker; former Gov. Charles Edison of New Jersey; Allen Grover, vice president of Time, Inc., and Whitney N. Seymour, president of the American Bar association.



RADIO LIBERTY—J. Spencer Gray, center, editor and publisher of the Westchester, N. Y. Herald, is shown listening to a news-cast in Byelorussian at Radio Liberty's headquarters in Munich, Germany. With him are U.S. Army Capt. H. L. Covington, left, and Harvey F. Robbins, assistant director of Radio Liberty. (UPI Telephoto)



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins (Register and Tribune Syndicate 1961)

We're 'Stuck' With Our World. And Should Take Care of It.

The rabbit in the brambles, the bird in the bush and the fish in the lake, along with the rest of us, occupy a tiny space on this earth. Human-like, we often get to thinking we own the whole "she-bang."

Of course, in one small sense, we do and in spite of what you might selfishly think, every living bird, fish, mammal and mollusk "owns" some little part of it, too. We, the humans, are responsible for them, but we are all temporary tenants. The world does not actually belong to us — it belongs to the future.

Regardless of your residency in your home, whether or not you own it free and clear, doesn't change the status of the land on which it rests. The fields the farmer plows may be in the farmer's name, but he, too, is custodian of it for a little while. After he and the heirs have occupied it, it will still be there waiting for the future.

No Right
So we who occupy it now have no moral right to destroy it even if we could. It and the resources it contains or shelters should remain. We should consider those who are to occupy it tomorrow or the day after.

World population inside of 50 years will be double what it is now. It's going to be a little crowded. All those folks will want to see a bird or a squirrel, or want to catch a fish or walk in a woodland. Sort of pathetic that so many of us go blantly about our petty affairs, trusting that everything is going to be all right. Too many of us are too willing to believe that science will take care of everything.

From Mars?
One man, who jumped to a wrong conclusion, recently said there is little point in conserving our present forests, for he had read that Mars was heavily forested, and soon space-cargo ships could bring in all the timber we would need. We could just as well cut down all the timber and make room for shopping centers, parking meters and subdivisions.

Of course, the man was stupid, but there are many who would like to believe that mankind will soon establish himself to some degree in Mars, Venus, or some other celestial body. But we

Sound Waves May Stop Mine Disasters

St. Louis (Science Service) The U.S. Bureau of Mines is experimenting with sound waves to prevent mining disasters. Charles E. Morgan Jr. and Thomas C. Miller reported here.

The sound waves would probe through coal mine roofs, seeking hidden weaknesses that might cause cave-ins. Preliminary experiments have been highly successful, and a compact portable transmitter for beaming sound waves is now being built in the Bureau of Mines laboratory.

are "stuck" here whether we like it or not, and the human race, as well as all those little things under our control will have to be satisfied with our world just as it is.

We couldn't live anywhere else. The earth is pathetically small now, but it's all we have, and all we'll ever have. So pretty soon now we'd better begin seriously to take care of it along with all the little things that live here with us. We don't OWN any of it. It, and all of them, belong to the future.



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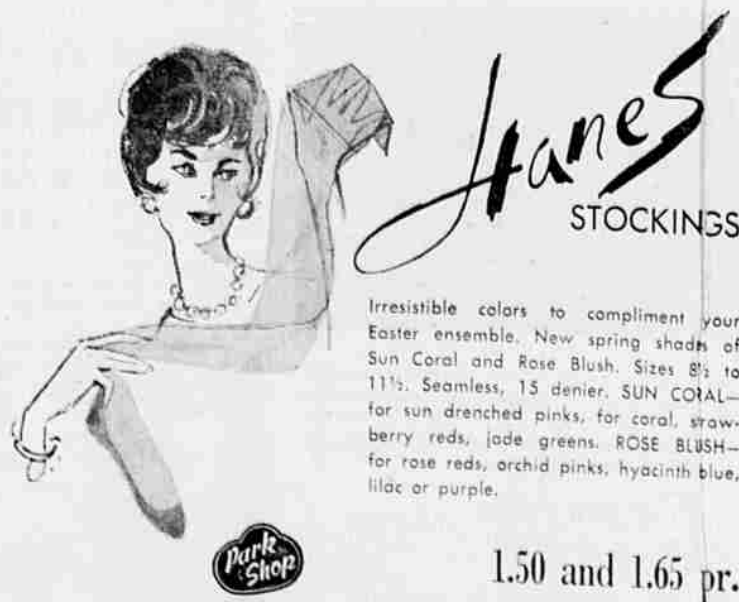
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