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PROJECT AEGIDEON

Project AEGIDEON subsidizes the anti-Communist propaganda activities of the Russian Labor Alliance (NRS), the most effective Russian emigre organization with Headquarters in Frankfurt. Its aim is to nurture and perpetuate a revolutionary tradition in the Soviet Union, to channel the growing feeling of material and spiritual discontent to the point where popular pressure will be exerted on the regime. By means of personal meetings with Soviets in the free world (4,600 in 13 countries in 1960), a mailing campaign into the USSR (3,500 items in 1960), radio broadcasts (10 hours per day on its own radio in Germany and 5 hours per week from government radios in the Far East), and other means of distributing its ideas and propaganda literature, the NRS members in 22 countries contribute toward this goal. The NRS operates in Germany and 8 countries in the WE area (all except Spain, Portugal and Luxembourg), and in keeping with its independent status has established some kind of liaison with the intelligence services in all of them. The RND in Germany contributes some money toward NRS operations and our case officer sees the RND case officer regularly on NRS matters.

PROJECT AERVIGIL

Project AERVIGIL subsidizes the CIA-created and controlled Russian emigre organization, the Central Association of Political Emigres from the USSR (ZAOPE) which evolved slowly from its beginnings as a pure propaganda mechanism into a self-sustaining although not completely viable organization. For several years it served as a cover in Berlin for a productive FI operation which resulted from the ballooning of literature to the Soviet troops in East Germany. Now its Headquarters in Munich directs branches in France and Belgium in exploiting the new opportunities to contact Soviets traveling in the West and in mailing literature into the USSR (3,000 in 1960). 40 ZAOPE scripts per month are broadcast into the USSR over the Spanish National Radio, Radio Rome uses 30 and two 15-minute programs are used weekly by the ROC in Taiwan.

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