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RFE-Sponsored Pinko Slaps U. S. in Asia

CAPITOL REPORT

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Radio Free Europe operates two shortwave radio stations, one in Munich, Germany, and one in Lisbon, Portugal.

You probably have had no managerial experience with a radio station, shortwave or otherwise, but the operation needs are essentially the same. You are reasonably aware of the amount of personnel your neighborhood radio station employs.

From this should be subtracted the number of persons in the advertising sales department because the Free Europe operation does not go in for advertising.

From this in turn, you may reach at least an approximate

figure as to what the Munich and Lisbon operations need in the way of personnel.

THE FIGURES therefore may be of interest to you, inasmuch as these were supplied me, officially, by the Free Europe Operation itself.

Munich 1,200, Lisbon 400. Elsewhere "200 plus," New York 200; Total 2,000 plus.

In addition to these in the strict radio line, the overall Free Europe Operation has 136 employees in the "Asian contacts" program, which consists of propagandizing Far and Middle Eastern Countries about how brutally the Hungarians were treated in the October, 1956 blood-baths.

The real purpose of the Asian Contacts program and another operation called the "book dis-

tribution program" is to find jobs for proteges of the Ivy League lads in the New York office.

They had to be taken care of when the balloon propaganda program on which they formerly were employed was abandoned on orders of Washington.

Among the "missionaries" sent to Japan to display the film "Hungary Aflame" was Imre Kovacs, one-time leader of the National Peasant Party in postwar Russian-occupied Hungary.

Reliable Hungarian Nationals inform me that the party had little success among the people, but did perform service to the Communists by dividing the "Small Peasant's Party" so as to virtually end its effectiveness. The following is an exact translation of a magazine article which Kovacs wrote in 1951, after fleeing from Communist Hungary:

"The average American mentality does not understand the geographical divisions in Europe ... The mechanical style and wording of the newspapers; the general use of platitudes; the Coca-Cola and chewing gum, which if you are lucky, is not spat into your face but onto the seats of the buses or the sub-

ways—and when you get home you can hardly scrape it off your clothes or your shoes—are all inexorable and ruthless signs and elements of a modern civilization which, has reached its climax in Americanism. Ideologically, America is unprepared; it can hardly be taken into consideration as an opponent of Bolshevism... America stands firmly against Bolshevism but it knows not what to offer in its place."

This is the man who is being paid by "truth dollars" to spread the American "concept of freedom" through the Middle East. As of a recent check, he was still a foreign national.

This project has assembled mailing lists of individuals behind the Iron Curtain, made up chiefly from telephone books, in whom are sent books and pamphlets purporting to portray the Western message of freedom. (© 1957, by King Features Synd., Inc.)

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