

'Truth Dollars' Finance Tito Lies

CAPITAL REPORT

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 3—As a sample of how your "truth dollars" are being spent by Radio Free Europe in its war of words against Communism behind the Iron Curtain, I have an official directive to the RFE staff in Munich, dated March, 1956, and still in effect.

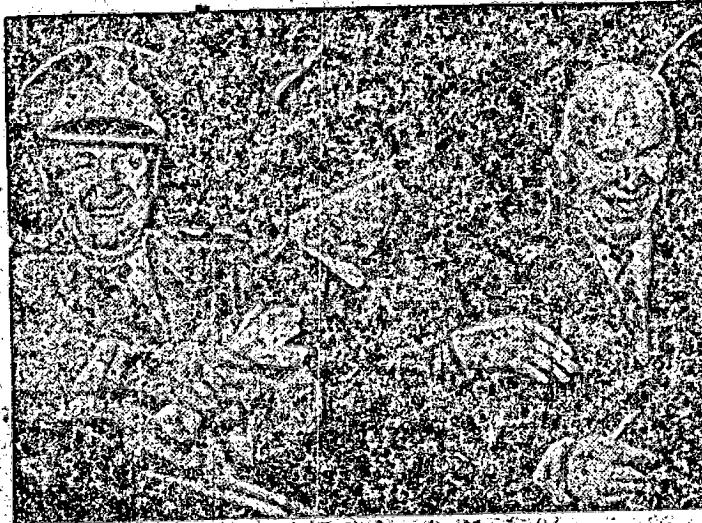
The glamorously advertised "Crusade for Freedom" is ordered to take on a new look.

It orders a master buildup for Yugoslavia's Tito and his private brand of Red dictatorship as a means of weaning the people away from Stalinism, and begins with the declaration:

"Titoism in Yugoslavia has proven itself and is defending the country against Stalinist Bolshevism."

It then lists a basic framework of five specific instructions, adding that "it is very necessary that each editor think through these guidelines and present further appropriate suggestions."

THERE HAVE been addenda



YUGOSLAVIA'S TITO, accompanied by Soviet big-wigs, Klementi Voroshilov and Nikita Khrushchev, beams comradely.

since the original directive, but they are largely detail. The glorification of Titoism still is cardinal and Tito still remains God.

Instruction 1: "The evaluation desk for editors who deal

with broadcasts concerning Communism, must prepare from their archives a list of members of the key leaders of the Communist Party who show individualistic leanings and are obviously in disagreement with Moscow's influence on the satellite countries, commenting on the character of these individuals wherever possible."

Instruction 2: "Editors who are preparing broadcasts dealing with the Communist Party are to slant their broadcasts in the future in such manner that they no longer attack Communist Party members so caustically, but appeal to their conscience and surreptitiously

emphasize many of their 'good deeds.'"

A Communist with a conscience?

Instruction 3: "In the other broadcasts, it is necessary to glorify the figure of Marshal Tito in the eyes of Yugoslavia and the Western world. Tito is a hero who has saved the nation from exploitation by foreign barbarians and led them from their own possible downfall to a happy future."

Instruction 4: "It has been proven that Titoism is a necessary transition to Democracy, on a cold road without war."

Instruction 5: "In all transcripts, cite from books which have been written about the retreat of the Moscow rulers from Belgrade. It is necessary to include details and show the methods employed by Tito, to achieve success."

IN SHORT, the "truth dollars," and whatever the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is contributing out of the Federal Treasury to subsidize the RFE operation, are being used to sell the people behind the Iron Curtain on the glories of Tito and his Independent Communism, not on Western Democracy.

And all in the name of "Crusade for Freedom." Is there any more freedom in Yugoslavia than in Russia? (© 1957, by King Features Synd., Inc.)

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