

Mutual Broadcasting System

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(EXCERPT)

Fulton Lewis, Jr., at 7:00 P.M.

"Radio Free Europe, about which I did some preliminary reporting last week to you, is dismantling its balloon launching program in Munich, Germany, and despite the fact that the Munich operation is heavily overloaded with personnel already, additional personnel is being sent from this country to oversee the liquidation. This was the program under which propaganda pamphlets were being dropped behind the Iron Curtain as part of the so-called message of liberty to the Communist-enslaved people of Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, and the other countries, but it is now being abandoned on orders from headquarters here.

"In the meantime the CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM, which is a fund-raising organization for the Radio Free Europe Committee which runs these various operations, is about to launch its 1957 campaign to collect so-called Truth Dollars from you. The campaign is to take place some time during this month of November. The Crusade has the sponsorship of some of the most reliable and well-meaning citizens of the nation. They are not aware, I am sure, as to what the activities of Radio Free Europe really are, or of the fact that the propaganda line being broadcast by Radio Free Europe is not the propaganda of Western freedom at all, but propaganda trying to sell Tito Communism to the people, as against Moscow Communism.

"You might take note of the fact the State Department in Washington is taking sudden awareness of Tito's recognition of Communist East Germany, and West Germany's immediate severance of diplomatic relations with Tito as a result. Mr. Dulles is taking a second look at the foreign aid that we have been pouring into Yugoslavia, in spite of the warnings in Congress against it. Representative Walter Judd of Minnesota, considered the outstanding foreign policy expert in the House in either party, told me this afternoon that in his opinion the pitch about playing along with Tito is suicide. Communism is just as sinister and sadistic in Yugoslavia, he said, just as unsuccessful as it is anywhere else. And the promoters who try to tell you that Tito's brand is all right are betraying this country.

"And yet let me read to you from a directive which Radio Free Europe distributed to its employees and editors and broadcasters and writers in the Munich headquarters where the propaganda operations are conducted. Remember this is a policy instruction for the propagandists themselves and this is supposed to be the renowned Voice of Freedom, as they call themselves. Quote: 'Titoism in Yugoslavia has proven itself and is defending the country against Stalinist Bolshevism. Titoism as a state concept is not of lasting duration, and will have to yield to democracy after a given defeat of world Bolshevism. For that reason it is necessary to see the situation in the satellite countries of the USSR from this point of view, and every effort must be made in these countries to promote the defection from Communism to Titoism. It is necessary to glorify the figure of Marshal Tito in the eyes of Yugoslavia and the Western world.' Please note that: 'in the eyes of the Western world.'

"Who is getting propagandized? The people behind the Iron Curtain, or us? And why is it necessary for us to be propagandized in favor of Tito? But back to this directive. 'Tito is a hero who has saved the nation from exploitation from foreign barbarians and led them from their own possible downfall to listen to a happy future.' A happy future, mind you. We've poured one and a half billion dollars of foreign aid into Yugoslavia, and the country is still in the throes of starvation. We've poured

in hundreds of millions of dollars worth of military aid, including our latest jet aircraft. We don't know at this minute whether in a pinch that military equipment is going to be used against us or against Russia.

"Representative Judd said it will be used against us, just as surely as trouble comes; that Tito's differences with Moscow are minor jealousies and frictions, his differences with the Western world are basic and ideological. If a showdown comes, he'll side with the Communists at the drop of a hat, and yet, this directive orders that the Voices of Freedom Radio glorify Tito as the hero who has saved his nation from exploitation from -- by foreign barbarians. For this, the Crusade for Freedom is getting ready to solicit Truth Dollars from you to carry on the great work of Radio Free Europe.

"Another line from this directive: 'It has been proven that Titoism is a necessary transition to democracy on a cold road without war.' Is that true? Is there any demonstration that Titoism leads to democracy -- has it led there in Yugoslavia? Has Titoism been established anywhere else? Radio Free Europe.

"That's the top of the news as it looks from here."