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RADIO FREE EUROPE ADOPTS RED TACTIC

Denounces Police Agents by Name in Warning Czecho- slovaks to Be on Their Guard

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The highly personalized chill of terror that comes from being denounced by name over the radio—a form of terrorism heretofore considered a special weapon of Communist and Fascist nations—is being served back with interest to at least one Iron Curtain country in Europe by Radio Free Europe.

While the Voice of America of the United States Department of State must, as an official government agency, be restricted to the polite and the well reasoned appeal, Radio Free Europe, which is a private agency, is not so inhibited.

The people of Czechoslovakia now tune in on the new station in Munich and hear spine-tingling news about their neighbors. Here is an example of the new and rugged technique of personal denunciation made public yesterday at the Empire State Building headquarters of the Crusade for Freedom, which finances the broadcasts.

"In a moment you will hear the names of several dangerous Bolshevik informers and agents of the Communist police. Hello, Bratislava! Radio Free Europe calls the citizens of Bratislava! In the registry [office] of the Resettlement

Bureau and the National Reconstruction Fund is employed one, Comrade A—— We are warning you against this person as emphatically as possible. She is a dangerous agent of the Communist police. Her task is to recruit for the State Security Police new agents and informers among young people.

"A—— is about 170 centimeters tall and blonde. She concentrates her attention especially on young men whom she seduces and then blackmails them into collaboration with the State Security Police. We warn you against this fanatical Stalinist informer working primarily among employes.

"Among the collaborators and unfortunate victims of this woman is the academic student V——, we repeat V——. Be on your guard also against this miserable creature who is a victim and tool of A——, and thus, indirectly, an agent of the police."

News Sources Held Reliable

Officials of Radio Free Europe said that the information upon which broadcasts of this type are based comes from sources known to be reliable and has been checked as closely as possibly before it is used. They have learned that the personalized broadcasts have been extremely effective in the long war of nerves. The element of suspense and suspicion—the feeling on the part of Communist elements that they cannot trust those at their side—constitutes one of the most formidable weapons in the democratic arsenal, spokesmen believe.

Radio Free Europe collects and disseminates a vast amount of information from behind the Iron Curtain. A miscellany of informa-

tion in which many of its listeners find items of particular interest to them pours out from two stations, the new one at Munich and one placed in operation last July in Frankfurt. Examples of this intelligence follow:

Two hundred fifty Catholic priests are held in prisons and internment camps in Slovakia and will be concentrated at Lipotvar. All contact with non-priest prisoners has been prohibited. On order of the Minister of Police, Sunday masses have been abolished. . . . The shortages of shoes in Hungary has become acute. In Budapest and in the larger provincial cities men are now following the example of women and wearing sandals of waste leather.

The new station in Munich is on the air eleven and a half hours a day and rams its message behind Czechoslovakia's Iron Curtain with 135,000-watt power.

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Czechs Charge U. S. Aids Spies And Terrorists

Strong Note Assails 'Use of Traitors' on Program of 'Radio Free Europe'

PRAGUE, May 22 (UP).—Czechoslovakia accused the United States today of aiding anti-Czech spies and terrorists through hostile broadcasts and violations of the Czech border.

A note handed to American Ambassador Ellis O. Briggs cited three alleged examples of a campaign of anti-Czech "espionage, sabotage and other hostile activity" which it said was prepared, directed and organized by United States authorities in Western Germany.

Charges Outlined

The main charges were:

1. The United States violated international agreements by allowing Czech "traitors" to use its radio facilities for "anti-Czechoslovak hostile activity." This charge was aimed specifically at the new Radio Free Europe.

2. Six or seven armed United States soldiers violated the Czech border May 5 by driving two cars across the frontier near Mariánské Lázně. "They studied frontier installations, observed with field glasses and photographed certain objects," the note said.

3. American authorities ordered the West German government to establish "special (border) regulations" for the treatment of Western agents "when they cross the Czechoslovak border illegally."

"These facts are but one link in a chain of continual and flagrant violations of Czechoslovak territorial and aerial borders by United States military organs with the object of supporting individual acts of espionage and the terrorism of subversive elements . . . and also for the purpose of direct hostile espionage activity," the note said.

"The Czechoslovak government protests most strongly . . . and expects to be informed of the (remedial) measures of the United States government has taken."

False News Charged

The six-page note devoted considerable space to the charge that American radio stations are broadcasting "false news and reports and propaganda of incitation" against Czechoslovakia.

"One that is particularly notorious . . . is the American short-wave broadcasting station hypocritically called 'Free Europe,'" it said. "This station . . . began its anti-Czechoslovak broadcasts May 1, 1951 . . . In violation of international agreements, it uses a wave length that . . . has been allotted to stations in other countries."

The formal communication quoted "The New York Times" as saying that Radio Free Europe is very powerful and is beamed at Czechoslovakia. It cited other United States press reports as proof that the station is operated by the American government rather than by private individuals.

"The seriousness of this form of hostile activity is increased by the fact that the United States uses traitors . . . from the ranks of the mercenary Czechoslovak emigration for the broadcasts," the note said.