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A new re-organization of the Czechoslovak Amateur League

This issue of the AR announced another new reorganization of the Czechoslovak Amateur Radio since the Communist seizure of the Czechoslovak government in 1948. This is the third reorganization of the Czechoslovak Amateur organization since that date.

The latest change is related to the respective position of the Czechoslovak amateurs in the paramilitary organization called SVAZARM, (The Association for the collaboration with the Czech armed forces). This organization was established in November 1951 and is analogous to the Soviet paramilitary organization called DOSARM. The Czechoslovak Amateur Organization became at that time one of the five original "collective" members of the SVAZARM (see my review of the A. R. Jan., Feb. 1952 issue). Now according to the article (page 206 of AR) the collective status of the Czechoslovak amateur organization in the SVAZARM was declared void and the individual amateurs became members of the SVAZARM on the basis of their individual membership.

On the face of this announcement it would seem that the change means nothing or very little. However, the author of the article, a Mr. Joseph Gajda, explained the reasons for this reorganization. The reasons are highly interesting. Mr. Gajda admits that "the collective membership of amateurs in the SVAZARM had some very serious defects. In the first place, the activities of amateurs could not take place since there were no official organs which would care about the needs of the hams and which could check their activities in the SVAZARM. Secondly, continued the author, this administrative and organizational chaos had been further intensified because "amateurs did not have any adequate contact with the regional and county committees of the SVAZARM." However there were more defects, as Mr. Gajda called them: "There was no organizational unity, there was no unified planning in the principal units of the organization, and there was no control and check-up system." This fault was not exclusively concentrated with the Czechoslovak Amateur Organization. Other collective members of the SVAZARM had similar defects, the article stated and added: "It was then decided to abandon the collective membership and establish individual membership instead."

According to the article, this reorganization would enable the SVAZARM to "conduct civilian military preparedness training on a real mass movement basis" and in the case of the hams, to "prepare a suitable foundation for a real amateur mass movement".

The reorganization was to be effective as of Dec. 31, 1952 and the article warned that the reorganization "must not remain on paper" but be "implemented in the field" and also be "secured politically." "We must, continued the author, persuade and convince our members that this change is for their own good and that of their organization." (ED Note: This new change in the Czechoslovak amateur organizational set up only strengthens our previous opinion that the Czech amateurs boycott is continuing unabated, that the Communists are unable to create an amateur mass movement because of their arbitrary Gleichschaltung methods. Finally, it seems that very soon the Communists will leave the amateurs pretty much to themselves unless they are willing to risk more defeats and loss of face.) ]

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Details of Soviet Amateur Activities

Page 24 of this issue of AR contained an article on the activities of the "leading" Soviet collective amateur station UA 1 KAC. This station belongs to the Lenin Communications Institute which is in fact a college for advanced studies in electronics and communications. The writer claims that he obtained the information in his article from one operator of UA 1 KAC, a Mr. V. Nikolaev (UA 1-551). According to Mr. Nikolaev this collective station has approximately 20 operators. Most of them are students who are also members of a special Student Science Society (MOS). This society obtains for its members all necessary radio parts and instruments. During the last two years UA 1 KAC made more than 10,000 contacts, of which 3000 were on phone. Its operators gained 24 diplomas from various contests and 3 operators had received special citations from the Central Committee of the Soviet paramilitary organization DOSAAF of which all Soviet hams must be members.

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