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BROADCAST REVIEW

(0800 GMT Aug. 18 to 0800 GMT Aug. 19)

SOVIET BROADCASTS

Powers Trial:

Details of the second day of the Powers trial are reported by TASS and all radio services, while the charge that U.S. policies are on trial continues to be the main theme of commentaries. A broadcast to North America criticizes President Eisenhower's Aug. 17 press conference statements for again trying to justify spy flights over the USSR and adds that the Powers trial, "by smashing the U.S. policy of espionage and provocation," is all the more necessary to the cause of peace. Norwegian listeners are told that Eisenhower must have been very cynical and devoid of all sense of moral responsibility when he called for intervention in the affairs of another country.

A home service commentator says it is unfortunate for Vice President Nixon, who is having a "nervous fit" because public opinion considers U.S. foreign policy is on trial, that the Powers case cannot be considered separately from the "dirty actions" of those who sent the U-2 to the USSR.

A commentary to North America says an indirect repercussion of the Powers trial is the U.S. Defense Department announcement of a new office for determining strategic objectives to be attacked in the USSR.

TASS reports that the prosecutor has demanded 15 years' imprisonment for Powers. Earlier home service commentator noted "a clear distinction" between Powers and those who sent him. TASS and several foreign beams reported that the counsel for the defense, Grinev, told Powers' relatives of his hopes that the court would show leniency.

In one of the first references to popular Soviet reaction to the trial, a home service correspondent reports that people he interviewed said it was not their fault that Powers' was on trial and that they would have received much more pleasure from listening to American actors and musicians.

New Soviet Satellite:

On the morning of Aug. 19 TASS announces the successful launching of a second spaceship carrying two dogs and designed to "further develop a system for manned space flight, safety of manned flight, and return to earth."

U.S. Satellite Failure:

The home service cites a UPI report that the U.S. Air Force failed in an attempt to launch a Courier space satellite.

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U.S. Air Agreement Talks:

TASS and the home service report that the United States on July 14 asked for the postponement of the scheduled talks on direct air services between the USSR and the United States.

Disarmament Issue:

A home service report on the U.N. Disarmament Commission's activities says the draft resolution approved at the final session was a big defeat for the United States.

Congo Crisis:

TASS reports that a "serious incident" occurred in Leopoldville when Canadian U.N. forces refused to "present documents" when requested by Congolese troops occupying the airport.

A commentary in English to Africa continues to attack U.N. Secretary General Hammarskjöld for directly assisting the colonialists and their henchman, Katanga Premier Tshombe and says that "urgent action" must be taken to check the organized drive to swamp the Security Council's resolutions.

Middle Eastern Affairs:

A broadcast in Turkish cites a CUMHURİYET report that the Turkish Government intends to abrogate the secretly concluded but unratified U.S.-Turkish agreement placing U.S. military personnel outside the jurisdiction of Turkish courts.

TASS reports that Premier Khrushchev received the acting charge d'affaires of Iran in the USSR at the latter's request.

Far Eastern Affairs:

A commentary in Dutch says Indonesia's decision to break relations with the Netherlands is a logical outcome of the "stupid policy" of the Dutch Government.

SATELLITE AND YUGOSLAV BROADCASTS

Powers Trial:

Satellite sources continue to stress the guilt of U.S. leaders in the U-2 incident, emphasizing that Powers himself is only a pawn.

The trial has added new features to the portraits of "war criminals," says a NEPSZABADSAG report from Moscow transmitted by MTI, describing "some of these criminals" as "mere tools bought at a cheap price, who reveal a total absence of moral purpose on being put on trial." Deutschlandsender correspondent Leuschner refers to Powers' statement that he was acting under orders as an example of fascist ideology that "thinking is for those at the top." He observes that since Powers lived in a social order which inculcates people with "the ideology of not thinking" the court may refrain from giving him the maximum sentence.

A PAP-reviewed TRYBUNA LUDU article, a ZEMEDLSKO ZNAME article reported by BTA, and a CTK-reported RUDE PRAVO article contend that the first day of his trial proceedings refuted American allegations that Powers had been brainwashed.

East German Affairs:

ADN reviews a NEUES DEUTSCHLAND article on questions of peaceful coexistence and West Berlin by SED politburo member and mayor of East Berlin Friedrich Ebert.

In a speech to GDR athletes leaving for the Olympic games, Premier Grotewohl presented the formation of the all-German team as an example of how German problems can be solved by negotiations between the two states, according to ADN and the home service.

Ridiculing Chancellor Adenauer's reply to the Soviet protest against equipping the Bundeswehr with Polaris rockets, Deutschlandsender commentator Dengler contends that the Federal Republic has not renounced national armed forces "because all units of the so-called territorial home defense, all divisions of the federal frontier protection force, and all police units have been withdrawn from NATO command and are exclusively subordinated to Bonn." The Bundeswehr has not been integrated into NATO, Dengler asserts, claiming that all positions "of decisive importance" in the NATO European command are held by former Nazis', instead "NATO is being more and more integrated into the Bundeswehr."

Polish Affairs:

PAP reports a new draft law on protection of criticism and establishing penalties for libel.

Poland and Venezuela have decided to exchange ambassadors, PAP reports.

Rumanian Affairs:

AGERPRES and the home service describe proceedings of the Third Congress of the Working Youth Union, which opened on Aug. 18.

Bulgarian Affairs:

According to an OTECHESTVEN FRONT editorial reviewed by the home service, poor organization is causing a serious lag in fulfillment of the building plan.