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U.S.-BACKED RADIO OPENED IN KOREA

Anti-Red Programs Sent to Red China and Vietnam

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SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 27

—A new anti-Communist radio station financed by a private American organization went on the air here this month. It is called Radio of Free Asia.

Using the 500,000-kilowatt transmitter of a South Korean Government station, it can be heard in North Korea, China and Vietnam.

The Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation, with main offices in Washington, says the broadcasting operation "backs up our military efforts in Asia and projects ideas of freedom to millions of people cut off from the outside world by the Bamboo Curtain."

Radio of Free Asia went into operation Aug. 15, the day Koreans celebrated the 21st anniversary of their liberation from Japanese rule.

Lawrence L. Mays, the foundation's international chairman, who came to Seoul from Washington to inaugurate the radio, said the first programs would be broadcast six hours a week, Monday through Thursday, in the Korean and Chinese languages. They include news, commentary and press reviews, religious, educational and cultural programs.

"In the near future we plan to start broadcasting in Vietnamese," he said. "When funds permit, we want to build our own transmission facilities so that we can increase the broadcasting hours. Our immediate goal is to raise \$250,000, and so far about 5,000 Americans have made contributions."

Among the supporters, he said, are former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower, who are honorary presidents of the foundation, a nonprofit organization for the promotion of cultural exchanges between Korea and the United States.

A fund-raising dinner will be held in Baltimore Oct. 12.

Another backer of Radio Free Asia is Dr. You Chan Yang, former South Korean Ambassador in Washington and now an Ambassador at Large.

Dr. Yang said: "It is very significant to start our project at a time when Asia has taken on great importance in the free world's fight against Communism and our boys are battling Communist aggression in Vietnam."