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International Radio and Television Organization

(Organisation Internationale de Radiodiffusion et Television, OIRT)

I. Headquarters

Address Liebknechtova 15, Prague XVI, Czechoslovakia.

Officers

President Petro Kito (Albania)

Vice Presidents YU Yong Pyo (North Korea)

Laszlo Cacs (Hungary).

Secretary General Jaromir Hrebik (Czechoslovakia).

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II. National Affiliates

(Note: Representation appears to be by governments through their designated officials rather than by organized national affiliates.)

Albania

Albanian Broadcasting Service
Director: Petro Kito

Bulgaria

Bulgarian Broadcasting Service
Department of Radio Information of the Ministry of Culture
Director: Mishio Nikolov

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Byelorussia

Byelorussian Broadcasting Organization
Chairman: V. Perkovsky

China (Communist)

Radio and Television Committee of the Chinese People's Republic
Chairman: MEI I

Czechoslovakia

Czechoslovakia Radio and Television Committee
Chairman: F. Necasek

Estonia SSR

Estonian Radio
Director: L. Kaik

Finland

Finnish Broadcasting Company
Director General: Einar Sundstrom

Germany (East)

German Democratic Broadcasting Service
Deputy Chairman: Wolfgang Kleinert

Hungary

Hungarian Radio Committee
Chairman: Laszlo Cacs

Iraq

Iraqi Radio and Television Organization
Director: Dr. D. Ayub

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Korea (North)

Central Radio Committee of the Korean People's Democratic Republic
Vice Chairman: YU Yong Pyo

Latvian SSR

Latvian Radio
Chairman: J. Lemanis

Lithuania SSR

Lithuanian Broadcasting Service
Director: I. Januitis

Moldavia SSR

Moldavian Radio
Director: V. Ylyanov

Mongolia

State Radio Committee of the Mongolian People's Republic
Chairman: L. Puribe

Poland

Polish Broadcasting Service
Chairman: Wlodzimierz Sokorski

Rumania

Rumanian Broadcasting Service
Head: N. Skatchko

USSR

State Radio and Television Committee
Chairman: S. Kaftanov

Vietnam (North)

Broadcasting Organization of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

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III. Biographies

MEI I (China)

MEI I was born in 1915 at Swatow in Kwangtung province. His status as a publicist is roughly equal to that of TENG To and CHIN Chung-hua. Like these men MEI I first established his reputation as a newspaperman.

As director of the Broadcasting Affairs Bureau of Peiping's State Council and a vice president of the All China Journalists Association, MEI I ranks high among those leaders charged with the conduct of Chinese Communist propaganda policy. In addition he has served one term (1953) as president of the International Radio and Television Organization.

MEI I joined the Communist Party of China sometime before 1937 when he was engaged in newspaper work in Shanghai. After the Sino-Japanese war broke out he took part in activities of the League of Leftist Writers in Shanghai and Hong Kong. Before 1949 MEI I served as a member of the administrative board and deputy chief editor of the New China News Agency. In 1952 MEI I became director of the Bureau of Broadcasting Enterprises. When the Peiping regime was reorganized in 1954, he was appointed to his present position as director of the Broadcasting Affairs Bureau.

In 1954 MEI I became a member of the board of directors of the Chinese People's Association for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries as well as a deputy in the First National People's Congress. In 1956 he was chosen as a member of the Central Work Committee for the Popularization of Standard and Spoken Chinese. From 1949 to 1952 MEI I served as an alternate member of the First National Committee of the All China Federation of Democratic Youth, and since 1949 he has been a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

MEI's travel abroad has included a trip to Budapest in 1952 and a trip to Prague in 1953 to attend meetings of the International Radio and Television Organization.

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Sergey Vasil'yevich Kaftanov

S. V. Kaftanov was born in 1907 presumably in the Donets Basin. He is said to have completed a factory training course and to be a graduate of the Chemical Technological Institute in Moscow. He is also said to have studied party propaganda and pedagogical work.

Kaftanov is the chairman of the State Radio and Television Committee attached to the Central Council of Ministers of the USSR. He began his political career when he was named in 1937 as chairman of the Committee on Affairs of Higher Education attached to the Council of People's Commissars. At the 18th All Union Party Congress held in March 1939 Kaftanov was elected to candidate membership on the party's Central Committee.

In addition to his regular duties Kaftanov served as a member and sometimes as deputy chairman of the Committee on Stalin Prizes in the field of science and invention from 1942-1949. Although not a member of the USSR Academy of Sciences, he served in 1944 as a member of the academy's Commission on Medical Education.

Kaftanov was appointed Minister of Higher Education in 1946. As such he was chairman of the Presidium of the Ministry's Council on Scientific Methods. He was a member of the All Union Society for the dissemination of Political and Scientific knowledge in May 1947.

Kaftanov failed to appear among the other members of the Stalin Prize Committee in 1950 nor did he register as a candidate for reelection to the Supreme Soviet in that year. In February 1951 he was transferred to other work and was not subsequently identified until June 1953, when he appeared as the first deputy minister in the Ministry of Culture.

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