

RADIO FREE EUROPE  
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REUR NYC 89 OF 15 MARCH 1967, REFERENCES ASSEMBLED AS OF  
1400 HOURS TODAY FOLLOW:

WESTERN MEDIA:

"DEUTSCHER OSTDIENST," THE NEWS SERVICE OF THE EXPELLEE  
LEAGUE CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ITEM ON 20 MARCH:

SUDDENLY NOTICED

RADIO FREE EUROPE, THE FREE EUROPE BROADCASTING STATION,  
HAS OFTEN ENOUGH AROUSED THE PROTEST AND ANGER OF THE  
EXPELLEES. THE POLISH AND CZECH BROADCASTING DEPARTMENTS  
EVOKED IT. THE EXPELLEES WERE THEN - QUITE SOME TIME AGO -  
ALL ON THEIR OWN. NOBODY WANTED TO BACK THEM. NEWSPAPERS AND  
RADIO STATIONS, AND LATER ON TELEVISION STATIONS, MAY HAVE  
THOUGHT THAT IT SERVED THEM RIGHT. IT IS A GOOD THING THE STATION  
FREE EUROPE EXISTS. THE EXPELLEES HAVE TO LIVE BY THE RULE  
OF REALITY. LET THEM PROTEST AND REVOLT.

AND NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN GERMAN TV STATIONS HAVE DISCOVERED  
RADIO FREE EUROPE. BUT SURELY NOT BECAUSE OF THEIR BELATED  
SOLIDARITY FOR THE EXPELLEES. WHERE WOULD THAT LEAD US?  
THE ENTIRE POLICY OF THIS STATION NO LONGER FITS INTO THE  
PICTURE, AT ANY RATE NOT INTO THE PICTURE OF "MONITOR"  
OF WESTDEUTSCHER RUNDFUNK (WEST GERMAN BROADCASTING COMPANY).  
WHY, THAT STATION FIGHTS THE COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIPS BEYOND  
THE IRON CURTAIN! THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ALL RIGHT IN DAYS  
LONG GONE BY. BUT IN 1967 ONE SPEAKS A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE.  
TODAY COMMUNISM IS NO LONGER BEING FOUGHT, TODAY...AND HERE  
THE PROPER WORD FAILS US, FOR ONE DOESN'T WANT TO  
ASSOCIATE ONESELF WITH IT, EITHER, BUT ONE WOULD LIKE TO  
AT LEAST TREAT COMMUNISM GENTLY. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT  
RADIO FREE EUROPE IS A DISTURBING FACTOR.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD ERNEST LANGENDORF SAID IT OPENLY: "WE ARE  
GETTING UNDER THOSE GOVERNMENTS' SKINS OVER THERE". WE  
SHOULD ACTUALLY BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT. BUT NOT SO "MONITOR".  
THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE STATION FAR ABROAD. THIS  
STATION WHICH THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUALLY JAM IS ITSELF  
SUDDENLY CONSIDERED A TROUBLE-MAKER, FROM ONE'S OWN LIBERAL  
ASPECT.

THIS IS A CRAZY WORLD SOMETIMES. ONE FOURTH OF GERMAN  
TERRITORY IS PART OF COMMUNIST IMPERIALISM, ONE THIRD OF THE  
GERMAN POPULATION MUST LIVE UNDER A COMMUNIST DICTATOR. ONE  
SHOULD INDEED BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY FELLOW FIGHTER IN THE  
BATTLE OF THE WAVES. BUT NO SUCH THING. ONE IS ANGRY AND  
HAS FULL UNDERSTANDING FOR THE INDIGNATION OF THE COMMUNIST  
GOVERNMENTS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN. WHILE IT WAS NOT SAID  
AS PLAINLY AS THAT, ONE COULD CLEARLY SENSE IT: WE IN COLOGNE ARE  
COMRADES-IN-ARMS OF YOU IN WARSAW, PRAGUE AND BUDAPEST,  
IN THE BATTLE AGAINST RADIO FREE EUROPE. PERHAPS WE'LL JOINTLY  
SUCCEED IN SILENCING THE TRANSMITTER IN HOLZKIRCHEN AND  
PORTUGAL. POOR LIBERTY, THIS IS HOW THEY PLAY HAVOC WITH  
YOU JUST BECAUSE A FEW HAVE DECIDED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO  
COMMUNISM EVEN THOUGH FREEDOM IS AT STAKE.

THE LIBERAL DAILY "ESSLINGER ZEITUNG" IN ITS ISSUE OF  
FOURTEEN MARCH 1967 REVIEWS SOME PROGRAMS OF THE GERMAN  
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PANORAMA-TYPE TELEVISION SHOWS AND COMMENTS:

"THE POLITICAL MERRY-GO-ROUND OF THE THREE TV MAGAZINES IS  
STILL SET ON A LEFT COURSE. AFTER 'REPORT' HAS DONE THE  
GROUND WORK FOR AN EAST GERMAN PROGRAM ON THE U.S. SECRET  
SERVICE, 'MONITOR' NOW CRITICIZES THE PRIVATE U.S. RADIO  
STATION 'FREE EUROPE' FOR BEING 'AN INSTRUMENT OF THE  
COLD WAR'".

#### EASTERN MEDIA

PRAVDA (USSR) 22 MARCH 1967, PAGE FOUR CONTAINS A  
LENGTHY ARTICLE BY VLADIMIR KOUTSKY (SP?), SECRETARY OF THE  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY,  
RECENTLY VISITING IN THE USSR, ENTITLED "IDEOLOGICAL  
INTRIGUES OF CONTEMPORARY REACTION". THE BULK OF THE ARTICLE  
IS ABOUT THE EVILS OF BOURGEOIS PROPAGANDA, WESTERN INFLUENCES,  
CULTURAL SUBVERSION, LIBERALIZING TRENDS FOSTERED FROM THE  
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IMPLICATIONS OF BRIDGE BUILDING, AND THE CONSEQUENT NEED FOR  
VIGILANCE AGAINST THESE FORCES. THE TONE IS STRONGLY  
DEFENSIVE AND CLEARLY REFLECTS VIGOROUS CONCERN ON THE PART  
OF THE AUTHOR, ALTHOUGH HE INSISTS THAT WESTERN INFLUENCES  
ARE WITHOUT EFFECT. AN ATTACK UPON RADIO FREE EUROPE HAS  
A PROMINENT PLACE IN THE ARTICLE.

"REACTIONARY CIRCLES IN THE USA SPARE NO RESOURCES IN  
FINANCING ALL POSSIBLE FORMS OF IDEOLOGICAL DIVERSION  
(I.E., SUBVERSION). WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE WRETCHED END  
RESULTS OF THEIR INTRIGUES, WITH THE HELP OF A CONSTANT  
SPRINKLING OF DOLLARS AMERICAN REACTION SUPPORTS THE  
EXISTENCE OF SUCH ORGANS OF PROPAGANDA AS THE RADIO  
STATION 'FREE EUROPE' (THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG BLESSES  
ITS ACTIVITY ON HER TERRITORY, REFERRING TO 'GOOD  
INTENTIONS' IN RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES)..."

TRYBUNA LUDU OF 21 MARCH, IN AN ATTACK ON JOHN STEINBECK  
ENTITLED "THE WORST POSSIBLE REPUTATION", LEADS OFF WITH:

"...THE GRAPES OF WRATH HAVE RIPENED AT THE MICROPHONES  
OF FREE EUROPE. IT CAME UP WITH A VERITABLE PHILIPIC IN THE  
DEFENCE OF JOHN STEINBECK, WHO WENT ON A GUERRILLA HUNT IN  
A U.S. HELICOPTER IN S. VIETNAM AND, GRABBING HIS RIFLE  
AND HIS PEN ALTERNATELY, RESOLVED TO PREPARE A WRITER'S  
CERTIFICATE OF MORALITY FOR THE U.S. AGGRESSION.

"FREE EUROPE, IN TURN, TRIES TO PROVIDE STEINBECK WITH A  
SIMILAR CERTIFICATE. NOT A BAD SHOW OF AUDACITY,  
WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT ONLY RECENTLY THE NEWS ABOUT FREE  
EUROPE BEING FINANCED BY THE CIA WAS CONFIRMED IN THE  
UNITED STATES. EVIDENTLY THE RADIO STATION DECIDED THAT  
IT LOST ITS SPOTLESS REPUTATION - IF EVER IT HAD ONE -  
SO LONG AGO THAT NOTHING COULD POSSIBLY SULLY IT MORE..."

THE REST OF THE ARTICLE ASSAILS STEINBECK'S COMMENTS ON  
VIETNAM AND MAKES THE STANDARD REFERENCES TO U.S.  
AGGRESSION. IN ANOTHER PARAGRAPH, REFERRING TO RFE'S  
ALLEGEDLY TONING DOWN STEINBECK'S VIOLENT BIAS AND  
IDENTIFICATION WITH THE AGGRESSIVE WAR, THE ARTICLE SAYS,  
"COURTLY MANNERS IN A BRANCH OF THE CIA ARE ALWAYS QUITE  
A TOUCHING SIGHT".

REGARDS

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