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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REGIME RESPONSE TO WESTERN BROADCASTS AND LEAFLETS

PROPAGANDA 2600  
Anti-Western 2601 a

BRATISLAVA LIBRARIANS PROTEST AGAINST BALLOONS

SOURCE AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION: National Coverage, 23 February 1956.

AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION COMMENT: The reference is to the Febr. 12 Sunday talk.

EVALUATION COMMENT: None

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"Such is the policy from the position of strength" (excerpts and resume)

The article calls the balloons "one of the means used by the Imperialists" to interfere in domestic affairs of other nations, describes FEP as well as meteorological balloons as highly dangerous and speaks in blood-curdling terms of the Levoca plane crash, the "criminal action of piracy and the 22 victims...". "... another 25 orphans accuse the imperialist monsters because they killed their fathers and mothers.... nothing however can move these brutal murderers. On the contrary, in their cynicism they go as far as to state hypocritically: 'the balloons are no danger to aviation'. The well known traitor F. Peroutka went even further. He stated over Free Europe, that a collision with a plane means danger for the balloon, not the plane. Does such a statement require comment? Every honest person feels contempt....

A stop to the criminal activity.

The workers of the University Library in Bratislava.... decided to ask the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to forward their protest to the UN.... they are rightfully indignant. Among the victims of the crash... were their five best co-workers. Their premature departure was... caused by the criminal hand of imperialist murderers and their helpers who are grouped around the station Free Europe..... in a vain effort to prevent and harm our constructive effort they send us balloons with a load of pathetic leaflets.... one of these, according to their statement 'harmless' balloons caused the greatest air catastrophe..... at a plenary meeting they (the librarians) decided to do their work even better... to contribute to the construction of our homeland and the maintenance of international peace...."

End.