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WESTERN BROADCASTS AND EAST-WEST CONTACTS

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"...The (Western) Three demanded freedom for hostile propaganda in the countries of the Socialist camp. If one eliminates the watery clichés about the 'Western principles of freedom', a good illustration of which was last Saturday's swearing in of the Nazi generals and officers of the new Wehrmacht with the Prussian black cross in the background, -- the essence of the speeches of the Three can be summarised thus: 'in order to end the cold war we demand freedom of action in the Socialist countries for such well-tried advocates of cold and hot atomic war as the VOICE OF AMERICA and FREE EUROPE. If you reject our demand it means that you do not desire any contacts between East and West and you are against the free exchange of ideas'.

What has this in common with the real peaceful exchange of ideas between sovereign states ?

The demand for freedom of action in the USSR for such classical instruments of cold war as are certain Western broadcasting stations and agencies of espionage and subversion concealed under the label of 'information centres' -- can be considered only as an attempt to continue the cold war, but with better facilities and at a lower cost. It was therefore no surprise to observers over here in GENEVA that the chief expert in the American delegation on point 3 of the agenda was Mr. JACKSON -- the former director of psychological warfare and a prominent and active member of the so-called FREE EUROPE COMMITTEE.

Thus as far as the development of East-West contacts is concerned the Three adopted an attitude which was remote from a desire for a compromise and an agreement..."

End.