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HUNGARYREGIME RESPONSE TO WESTERN BROADCASTS AND LEAFLETS

PROPAGANDA 2600  
Anti-Western 2601 a

ANDRAS HEGEDUS ATTACKS RFE AND VOA

SOURCE AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION: Kossuth radio, August 15, 1956, pages 572 and 573.

AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION COMMENT: These passages were discussed in Szabad Nep, 16 and 17 August. It is noteworthy that after a period of comparative calm, the Prime Minister saw it fit to use these strong words.

EVALUATION COMMENT: None

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The Prime Minister said at a pressconference on August 15, 1956, that our relations with Italy were progressing well. Less favorable is the progress in our relationship with America. The leaders, the political circles, and the government of the US have not given up interfering with our domestic affairs. The balloon action continues; Radio Free Europe continues slandering us and interfering in our domestic affairs and all this is given support, officially and openly by leading American circles. It is not seldom that airplanes of the US transgress our air space.

... The radio station called VOA accuses us, inspite of the announced measures on the western frontier, of dismantling the technical barrier only by 14 percent. This is not true. On the western frontier we have already dismantled half of the technical barrier, the work is continuing according to schedule, and by the end of September we shall have completely pulled down the entire technical barrier. Since the technical barrier has been removed, there is more spying, and this must naturally be prevented."

End.