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CRITICISM OF RFE

SOURCE SALZBURG: Farmboy, 18, of Rabakethely. Lived at Szentgotthard II. until his escape on 10 August, 1952.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Until 10 August, 1952.

SUMMARY: See headline.

EVALUATION COMMENT: Name and position of Margit Aldott are confirmed by the Hungarian press.

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" My father bought a 2+1 radio in the beginning July, 1952. make unknown"- says the young farmer.

"In spite of the fact that the radio he bought was about 10-12 years old one could hear the foreign stations very well. He paid 350 frts for it. We registered our radio immediately and we were told that ^{we} were to pay 10 frts monthly subscription fee.

From then on we regularly listened to RFE in the morning and in the evening. The reception was good in the morning but in the evening it was completely un-enjoyable. Jamming ~~was~~ so strong that we could not understand but a few words only. Sometimes we were able to listen to the RFE program on Sunday mornings and afternoons, we liked the program very much. After four o'clock the jamming began to get stronger. We often wondered why don't the American technicians devise some mechanism which could cut out jamming all together.

The News and the commentaries are perhaps the most interesting items of the program. Many people listened to RFE in our ~~village~~ ^{town} too. This was well demonstrated by the fact that people owning radios on which they were unable to hear the program used to ask villagers owning better radios what did RFE say the previous day. People sometimes told of phantastic and unbelievable news allegedly heard on RFE but we could not check whether they were really told by RFE or not. We gladly believed these phantastic news and were ready to spread them among our friends.

The news was spread one day at Szentgotthard that in the Black List program RFE mentioned the name of Margit ALDOTT. She was chairman of the local district council. We were all glad

because this communist women caused a lot of troubles to the local population and was hated by all. We did not hear the Black List mention any other communists from our district although we would have liked to hear that the West keeps in evidence the deeds of the communist informers Mrs. MESITS and Geza KOZO as well.

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