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EASTERN GERMANY

Jamming Stations Scheme Worked Out

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The East German Government is making preparations to jam completely West German and foreign radio stations by March 1, 1954.

According to this information gathered by the West BERLIN Investigation Committee of Free Jurists, the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party in East Germany last month has appropriated 18,000,000 East Marks from a special propaganda fund. These 18,000,000 Marks are to be used for the manufacture of jamming stations.

Together 325 jamming stations are to be constructed by March.

The jamming stations manufactured in East BERLIN, Neue Bahnhof Strasse 8-10, consists of two parts: the high-frequency part and the lower frequency part. The tubes used are of the type 2 PL 50. The stations are constructed in a way that tubes of type LF 50 can also be used. The transmitters have a capacity of 150 kilowatt each.

Jamming stations of the aforementioned type, already constructed have been tested by Communist specialists and have been found to jam foreign broadcasts completely within a diameter of about 50 kilometers.

The SED also plans to raise the transmitting capacity of the long-wave "Deutschlandsender" from 600 kilowatt to 1,000 kilowatt. It is said that this station will then be the biggest in the world. Ultra short-wave stations in East Germany are also to be increased in number. The latter increase is connected with the construction of a net of additional television stations to be spread all over Soviet-

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-occupied German territory. According to a memorandum worked out by the SED's Central Committee television is to be exploited as one of the prime means of propaganda in the future. The newest type of television set presently built in East Germany will soon be selling in the East German market for 700 East Marks a piece. This price is far below prime costs.

The memorandum of the SED's Central Committee points out that "Enemy propaganda spread by RIAS and other West German or foreign stations will cease to exist for East German listeners as soon as all of the jamming stations constructed have gone into operation."

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