

SPECIAL ATTENTION: Political Advisor
Audience Analysis
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HUNGARY

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RADIO REPORT.

SOURCE ATHENS: An 18-year-old Greek repatriate fitter.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Up to March 26 1956.

EVAL. COMMENT: None.

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Source lived with his family in the Greek village of BELOYANNIS, 50 kms south of BUDAPEST, whence they were repatriated on March 26 1956. The family owned a four-tube "Tesla" radio purchased for 1,300 forint. Source cannot speak any Hungarian, nor is he a particularly observant type; therefore the information he gave was very limited.

The family listened to Radio ATHENS, and the Greek broadcasts of VOA and the BBC. Source was "not interested in propaganda, Communist or Western," listened only to music at random. He said "Tesla" and "Orion" were the two most popular makes of radio sets in Hungary.

Most Hungarians owned radio sets. Having heard RFE mentioned at times, source said he believed they listened to its Hungarian broadcasts with interest. He could give no worthwhile evaluation of the influence of these broadcasts on

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the listeners. However, he said, the most effective form of Western propaganda not only for Hungarians but for all captive countries is that which draws a comparison between life behind the Iron Curtain and life in the free world.

Source never saw a leaflet himself but heard that some were dropped in Hungary. He mentioned a rumor he had heard according to which Hungarian authorities instructed the population to avoid touching these leaflets because they were impregnated with poisonous substances injurious to the eyes.

Source named free medical care and free education as the two Communist institutions he liked best.

He could give no further information.

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