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REGIME RESPONSE TO WESTERN BROADCASTS AND LEAFLETS

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RFE AND THE BALLOON ACTION AGAIN

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Footnote to the news:

"The chief of the press department of the American radio station Free Europe, E. LANGENDORF, recently was forced to admit that during the last 18 months the MUNICH station launched about 350.000 Balloons with incendiary leaflets to people's democratic countries.

A great part of this load of lies was directed to CSR. LANGENDORF thus confirmed the statement made by the Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs MOLOTOV about Balloon actions organized on the territory of West Germany, which severely endanger the safety of international air transport. This is not all. Even though the Leaflets Actions of Free Europe remain on the whole without an impact, they still are a typical example of the methods of the so-called Cold War, of which that ill-famed American radio station in MUNICH is a main instrument.

At a recent press conference in MUNICH, LANGENDORF also talked about the conditions prevailing in Free Europe. The leading positions in the programming, administrative and technical management are of course held by Americans. Under their control predominantly bourgeois refugees are developing incendiary activity against the USSR and people's democratic countries.

LANGENDORF rather preferred not to talk about their qualifications and character. He only sighed in connection with this question; apparently it is difficult to find suitable persons. We certainly believe this admission.

The returnee KUCERA, former collaborator of Free Europe, talked in detail about the past and present of these people some time ago. Among them are about 170 refugees from CSR. Mr. LANGENDORF knows the past of the Free Europeans and that is the reason he sighs. He knows their present too: inventions of lies and slanders against the people's democratic countries and mutual quarrels about the trough.

Their future is worst however. The rays of the GENEVA sun began to melt the "Cold War". And the sun is even getting hotter! And thus the MUNICH bourgeois traitors have to reckon that their American bread-givers will be forced to put them on the ice sooner or later."