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Anti-Western 2601 aRFE REDEFLECTION COMPETITIONSOURCE AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION: Radio Homeland (Kraj), 9 May 1956,
17-30 hrs, monitoring p. 504AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION COMMENT: NoneEVALUATION COMMENT: None

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- I wonder who will win the first prize in the competition announced by Free Europe ?

- Oh, they announced a competition ? May we take part in it ?

- I am afraid it is not of current interest to us, but just listen.

The weekly Polak, published in West Germany, and tied to circles equally "Polish" as Freies Europe, included the following announcement in its issue of 15 April:

- The editors of the Free Europe bulletin are organizing a competition for a letter to our countrymen in Poland, explaining the motives influencing Poles to remain in political exile.

There must be something wrong with these motives if it is necessary to seek them out by means of a competition. Who will invent the most convincing motives ?

- The letters which will be awarded prizes will be published in the Free Europe bulletin sent to Poland by means of balloons.

If there are still people in the West who doubt the existence of the balloon operation, they now have a Free Europe statement confirming it authoritatively. But let us turn to the conditions of the competition. Every letter must be signed. No anonymous letters, please ! But if the authors who have been awarded prizes so desire, their names will not be published in the bulletin.

There is thus nothing to be afraid of -- Freies Europe will not publish the names. And the effort is not great -- the letters must not exceed 600 words.

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And the prizes ? Not too bad. The first \$ 100, the second \$ 75, and the third \$ 50.

Thus, 10 to 20 American cents for every lying word. Such is the value of words according to the Freies Europa price list.

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