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REGIME RESPONSE TO WESTERN BROADCASTS

PROPAGANDA 2600
Anti-Western 2601 a

RFE AND CARLO SCHMID ON THE
FRONTIER QUESTION

SOURCE AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION: Radio Homeland (Kraj), 17 October 1956, 0730 hrs, Polish mon.p.1084, talk by Janusz Wolski.

AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION COMMENT: RFE's reticence on the Odra-Nysa problem is frequently attacked by the regime. The reference in this attack is to a Special Program by Mr. T. Katelbach, broadcast on 10 October 1956.

EVALUATION COMMENT: None

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(Excerpts)

".... The employees of the so-called Polish section of Radio Free Europe have recently provided another, very convincing piece of evidence that they are working for the 'Freies Europa' of Mr. Adenauer. (The broadcast then discusses Prof. Carlo Schmid's statement on the Odra-Nysa frontier, and stresses that not only Poles in Poland but also the exiles are unanimous in refusing to pay for the normalization of Polish-West German relations with territorial concessions).

... But the gentlemen from the so-called Polish section of 'Freies Europa' are of a different opinion. They have to be of a different opinion. That is what they are paid for...

... Let us refrain — we read (sic) in a 'Freies Europa' political talk — from any comments, and only report the statements made by Professor Carlo Schmid and the echos that they evoked.

According to the popular saying, the absence of a comment is also a comment. The latin proverb says that he who remain silent on any subject, agrees with it. Oh, they agree, they certainly agree. It must be admitted that in the embarrassing situation in which the gentlemen from the Munich Polish language programs found themselves — they have displayed a fairly considerable amount of tact. They did not discuss the question of our Western frontiers in the program "From Our Point of View", but in a program with a much more modest name: "Political Talk". Because as a matter of fact, they did not express a Polish point of view.

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