

clearly that the enemy radio - RIAS ahead of all others - is decisively participating in the preparation and execution of crimes against the German Democratic Republic. These stations give hostile forces in the GDR 'rules of conduct' and try to reorganize their opposition. At the same time, the enemy radio tries to preserve and foster the backward capitalist thinking of a part of our population - for instance, against the principle of work output - to damage our development. The western stations and their broadcasts are a center of enemy resistance. To break the resistance of hostile forces in the GDR, a relentless struggle must be conducted against listening to the enemy radio. The task of impregnating the masses with socialist consciousness and destroying bourgeois ideologies can be accomplished faster and more easily through an energetic struggle against enemy radio propaganda. The struggle against listening to enemy stations gains even greater importance than formerly in view of the establishment of socialism in the GDR It is time that our party leaders, especially the county (Kreis) leaders, recognized this fact and acted accordingly."

Pure Abuse

"Neues Deutschland," official organ of the SED, June 21, 1950:

"RIAS has once more revealed itself for what it really is: a paid, stinking news-ulcer owned by foreign monopoly capitalists and criminal warmongers in the heart of Germany."

"Junge Welt," July, 30, 1952 (official organ of the FDJ):

"To open one's ear to the propaganda broadcasts of RIAS constitutes the first step on the road to crime, the first step towards the penitentiary..."

"Die Freiheit," Halle, August 1, 1950:

"Even the stupidest should by now have learned that RIAS is only a paid object of the warmongers. Everyone who feels as a German and thinks as a German will act as a German. He will regard RIAS as superfluous and wish it in hell."