

program with sports, games and dancing, it only proves how the situation has deteriorated. You can take the wind out of the sails of the Central Council by electing such local chairman as will really represent your interests."

The result of this type of broadcast, which continued through March, was that 8000 newly elected local FDJ chairmen were not confirmed by the Central Council and were labeled "unreliable." Large-scale protests did finally lead to their confirmation and to an item in "Junge Welt" (central organ of the FDJ):

"American sabotage officers are trying to hinder the work of our basic units by encouraging sports, games and dancing through their youth broadcasts. We must fight such poison."

The FDP Convention, November, 1952

On the occasion of the Free Democratic Party Convention RIAS carried excerpts and reviews of the proceedings. - Franz Blücher, Deputy Chancellor of the Federal Republic and chairman of the FDP, acknowledged RIAS's part by stating:

"I feel the need to express my heartiest thanks for your generous understanding and the objective manner in which you reported the convention of the FDP in Bad Ems"