

"The Parties Speak"

The three major democratic parties of West Berlin -- the Social Democratic Party, the Christian Democratic Union and the Free Democratic Party -- alternate in providing five-minute talks on Saturday at 1740 and Monday at 2055 hours.

Trade Union Broadcast

This program is heard every Saturday at 1530. Three broadcasts a month are recorded, given by the German Trade Union Federation (DGB), the fourth by the German Trade Union of Salaried Employees (DAG).

"Victims of Soviet Concentration Camps"

Weekdays, at 0840, RIAS reads the names of persons known to have died in Soviet concentration camps. The names are supplied by the Fighting Group Against Inhumanity. The lists are not legal notice of death, but names are not included until reported by at least three independent sources.

"Guenter Neumann and His Islanders"

An extremely popular cabaret broadcast on the first Sunday of each month at 2005 hours and repeated during the week. With words and music by Guenter Neumann, postwar Germany's leading figure in this field, the "Insulaner" broadcasts continue Berlin's tradition of sharp, entertaining political satire. Now a RIAS trade mark, the broadcasts were begun during the blockade, which inspired the title of the show. Neumann adds special broadcasts for important events: an FDJ rally, Soviet Zone elections, etc.

MSA Broadcasts

"The RIAS Answer Man," Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 1130, is sponsored by MSA. This program answers listeners' questions on any but medical and legal subjects and includes significant information on European economic progress with American aid and other political and economic topics of interest to MSA.

"European Hour"

This program, heard every Sunday at 1801, is designed to further the sense of European community and give Soviet Zone

listeners further contact with the free nations of Europe. The broadcast offers reports and music from London, Paris, Vienna, Zürich, Stockholm, the Benelux countries, Madrid and Rome.

"And Today?"

This documentary style feature quarter-hour follows the 2200 news Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and is usually, but not always, political in content. Typical subjects were the analysis of abuses of Soviet Zone courts, the conviction of Otto Remer, explanation of the American elections, the mass evacuation of middle class elements in Hungary, as well as special reports on youth rallies, church lay assemblies, and other important events.

"Mirror of the East"

A program on developments in the Soviet Union and satellite countries broadcast Tuesday through Friday from 0010 to 0020 hours as a feature in the "truth campaign."

"For the Teachers"

A special program for teachers and parents in the Soviet Zone which is carried Monday and Thursday at 1640 (20 minutes) and Wednesday at 2300 (10 minutes).

Weekly Feature Commentary

This ten-minute program, broadcast on Sundays at 1245, is the feature commentary of the station on the outstanding developments of the week, voiced by regular commentators and dealing with subjects in their particular fields.

"The Week in Bonn"

A weekly half-hour program broadcast at 1030 on Sundays, providing a review of parliamentary affairs and containing recorded excerpts of significant developments in the Bundestag.

Report from the Berlin House of Representatives

A fortnightly half-hour program broadcast on Thursdays at 2215, providing reviews and recorded excerpts from the Berlin legislature.

"Where the Shoe Pinches"

Mayor Reuter's fortnightly quarter-hour broadcast at 1845 hours on Sundays dealing with municipal affairs of Berlin.