

"I feel personally obligated to thank all the RIAS staff for the extraordinary cooperation which you gave the Berlin population and us (the city officials) in preparation for the May Day rally."

- Ernst Reuter  
Lord Mayor of Berlin

"All organizations represented in the Berlin May Committee 1950 were delighted by the superior assistance given by RIAS. Through this energetic aid, RIAS has contributed greatly toward the creation of a democratic conviction and toward making this year's May Day rally, the largest one ever in Berlin, a great success."

- Stefan Hoyzer  
Independent Trade Union  
Organization of Berlin

The FDJ Rally, Berlin, May, 1950:

"Volksstimme," Magdeburg, April 8, 1950: "RIAS, with lies and distortions, is trying to frighten parents into keeping their children from going to Berlin."

"Freiheit," Halle, April 11, 1950: "Vicious inflammatory speeches over RIAS .... have had such an influence on many parents that they are forbidding their sons and daughters to participate in the Whitsun meeting."

"Volksstimme," Sachsen, April 23, 1950: "RIAS .... cannot be silent about the youth meeting in Berlin, so it broadcasts the most senseless rumors."

Radio Berlin, May 30, 1950: "The FDJ members behaved quietly, of course, and demonstrated only in the Soviet Sector .... RIAS asserted that they were coming to it. This was only a matter of certain criminal elements." (The "criminal elements" were, in fact, almost 2,500 interested young people from the Soviet Zone, most of them eager to see the West and to hear Western opinion.)