

### Other Evidence of Effectiveness

#### The Police State (one example):

On June 29, 1950, RIAS warned Soviet Zone listeners that mills and grain storerooms would be subject to strict inspection the following morning. One listener wrote: "The announcement saved not only my father but a number of others in the same business from having their mills closed or perhaps expropriated. What RIAS means to us business people in the Soviet Zone is something only we can judge." Another listener sent the following report: "The message was a great success. Shortly after it was broadcast the mill owners of this county took the necessary measures."

#### "The Next Step to German Unity in Freedom:"

On July 16, 1950, RIAS announced a prize-letter contest on the theme "The Next Step to German Unity in Freedom." Prizes offered ranged from books to 1,000 DM. Soviet Zone participants were instructed to submit their letters under a code name and a five-digit number. Judges were Jakob Kaiser, Federal Minister for National Affairs (the Ministry offered a special prize of 1,000 DM); Ernst Reuter, Lord Mayor of Berlin; Herbert Wehner, Bundestag deputy and chairman of the Bundestag Committee for National Affairs; and Eugen Kogon, well-known Frankfurt publicist and author of "The SS State."

When the contest closed on September 18, the station had received 19,764 entries. Of these, 13,907 came from the Soviet Zone; 1,802 from the Soviet Sector of Berlin; 3,438 from West Berlin; and 617 from the Federal Republic. All but four of the 21 prize winners were residents of the Soviet Zone. One of the West Berlin winners was an unemployed worker, another a student and political refugee.

#### The Communist Collective Contracts

It is widely recognized in Germany that RIAS played the leading part in a major Communist setback in 1951. The Soviet Zone regime had planned to introduce factory collective contracts throughout the Zone with the apparent consent of the workers, although close examination of the contracts showed that they would mean a backward step for Soviet German labor. Largely because of RIAS's early and protracted intervention, the measure was delayed until almost the end of the