

Liberation of Prisoners Attributed to RIAS Broadcast.

On June 17, 1952, the RIAS School of the Air Department, in its special weekly half-hour program for the Soviet Zone called "Knowledge and Truth," broadcast a dramatic show under a title that may be rendered for its real meaning: "They Forgot the Human Element." The play deals with a Soviet Zone policeman and a prisoner he is escorting from one jail to another. When the policeman learns from the prisoner that the latter is not a criminal, but another victim of the Communist regime, he decides to escort the prisoner and himself to political asylum in the West.

RIAS received a letter, dated June 21, 1952, from Iren Mösinger, now a political refugee in West Berlin. In translation, the letter reads as follows:

"My dear RIAS:

On June 17, 1952, at about 15 hours, I listened to the broadcast 'They Forgot the Human Element' while I was in Frankfurt on the Oder. I had been pondering the liberation of two poor, sick people, who were suffering behind prison walls. As head of the district attorney's office, for Frankfurt on the Oder I had already returned many people to freedom, among them several West Berliners and a West German. This time I did not know how to go about ^{it} without endangering myself and my family.

The broadcast gripped me so strongly that I carried out the action and also warned two other persons of their impending arrest. At nine in the morning on June 20 I liberated the persons referred to, and at 10 had to flee myself.

When I woke up this morning I thought of 'They Forgot the Human Element,' and I was happy that for the first time in seven years I could get up with the feeling: 'From now on you can say what you think without hypocrisy or lies.'"

On July 19, Herr Mösinger was interviewed at RIAS and was able to supply details confirming the statements in his letter. The Investigating Committee of the League of Free Jurists also confirms the story.