

Regularly Scheduled Programs of Primarily Political
Content

All RIAS broadcasts are in a sense political, and any regular program may be strongly political at a given time. The following list simply offers a convenient guide to standing broadcasts carried especially for their political effect.

Newscasts:

RIAS offers 15 newscasts daily on weekdays, 14 on Sunday. They range from three to fifteen minutes in length.

The weekday news schedule:

0500	1630
0530	1930
0630	2200
0730	2400
0830	0100
1230	0200
1330	0300
	0400

The Sunday news schedule:

0500	1930
0530	2200
0630	2400
0730	0100
0830	0200
1230	0300
1730	0400

R I A S Telephone News Service

West Berliners may hear three minutes of RIAS news by dialing 253. This service, believed to have been the first of its kind in the world (it has since been adopted in Switzerland), attracts approximately 155,000 calls a month from West Berliners.

Prior to the severance of East Sector telephones from the West Berlin net (June, 1952) more than 300,000 calls a month were registered by the German Post Office in Berlin, which operates the service in cooperation with RIAS.

Besides news the service carries the weather report and the latest exchange rate of East to West marks.

The telephone news is exchanged five times daily at:

0515
0900
1400
1715
2230

The Voice of America

The station carries three programs of the Voice of America's German Service designed specially for Berlin and the Soviet Zone. The first, at 0645 hours daily except Sunday, is a 15-minute broadcast for the morning audience. The second program, a 30-minute broadcast, is heard at 1900 hours daily. The third program, of 15 minutes duration, is broadcast at 2245, Monday through Friday, Saturday night at 0010 and Sunday night at 0010 hours.

The popularity of these programs is shown in the heavy volume of German listener mail sent direct to the Voice's New York headquarters or forwarded through RIAS.

Special Broadcasts for the Soviet Zone

These special programs for the Soviet Zone are presented daily in various forms in 10-minute spots for segments of the radio audience and a 15-minute show broadcast at evening peak listening time for the mass audience.

These shows have been extremely useful in maintaining the morale of the people in the Soviet Zone, providing them with practical advice on how to deal with oppressive acts and decrees and unmasking Soviet agents who seek to achieve by terror what the system can never hope to accomplish by persuasion.

Following is the schedule of these special Soviet Zone shows:

0535 - 0545 For workers
0640 - 0645 Information from the Soviet Zone
0720 - 0730 For white collar workers
(Alternating daily in the above spots is a review of West German and foreign press entitled "Glance at the Free Press")