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TASS on Radio Liberation Broadcast to Soviet Military in Germany during June 1953 East German Revolt

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Summary:

This TASS bulletin containing the transcript of a Radio Liberation broadcast urging Soviet forces stationed in East Germany to "return to the barracks" was sent to top Soviet officials. Radio Liberation, later to be renamed Radio Liberty, went on the air in March 1953.

Original Language:

Russian

Contents:

Translation - English

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(Radio station Liberation in Russian, 00:15, 24 June, official transcript)

(the beginning of the broadcast was not received for technical reasons)

Officers and men of the group of occupation forces! You have been sent to suppress German workers who have rebelled. Return to the barracks and tell your comrades how the workers are fighting for their rights. The revolt of the Berlin workers and their courage should serve as an example for the Soviet Army. [...]

Wives of Soviet officers and soldiers, tell your husbands, Soviet officers, and men what you are learning from German friends, neighbors, cleaning women, drivers, and apartment owners. Show local residents that your sympathies are on the side of the workers who have rebelled and are striking. Tell them that our people deeply sympathize with their brave struggle.

A new radio station is on the air, the radio station of the coordinating center of the anti-Bolshevik struggle is on the air. Listen to Liberation Radio.

Thirty-three copies were printed. Distribution was made to:

1-2 to Comrade. Malenkov 3-4 to Comrade. L. P. Beria 5-6 to Comrade, V. M. Molotov 7 to Comrade K. Ye. Voroshilov 8 to Comrade. N. S. Khrushchev 9 to Comrade. N. A. Bulganin 10 to Comrade. L. M. Kaganovich 11 to Comrade. A. I. Mikoyan 12 to Comrade. M. Z. Saburov 13 to Comrade. M. G. Pervukhin 14 to Comrade. M. A. Suslov 15 to Comrade. P. K. Ponomarenko 16 to Comrade. P. N. Pospelov 17 to Comrade. N. N. Shatalin 18 to Comrade. S. N. Kruglov 19 to Comrade. A. Ya. Vyshinsky 20-21 to Comrade. A. A. Gromyko 22 to Comrade, B. Z. Kobulov 23 to Comrade, I. A. Serov 24 to Comrade. V. G. Grigoryan 25 to Comrade. V. S. Ryasnyy 26 to Comrade. S. A. Goglidze 27 to Comrade. V. A. Zorin 28 to Comrade. P. V. Fedotov 29-30 to the TASS 4th department file 31-33 to the archives