

The background of the cover features a faint, grayscale image of several tall radio towers with various antennas and equipment attached. The towers are positioned on the right side of the page, extending from the top to the bottom. Two thick, solid green horizontal bars are located at the top and bottom of the page, framing the text.

# Radio Free Europe

## Radio Liberty

Publications on microfiche

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# RFE / RL Research Institute

## Introduction

On 15 November 1990, the RFE/RL Research Institute was created. Consisting of approximately 170 employees, the Institute incorporates the former research departments of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, as well as other information-gathering, storage and retrieval operations previously belonging to these two divisions of RFE/RL, Inc. The Institute is made up of four departments: Analytical Research, Media and Opinion Research, Publications, and Information Resources. The last-mentioned department includes the RFE/RL Library, the East European Archives, the Soviet Archives, Soviet and East European Samizdat holdings, and Soviet Monitoring operations.

Preceding and anticipating the creation of the Institute, the publication structure of RFE/RL Research was changed. Beginning in January 1989, the *RL Research Bulletin* and *RL Research Supplements* were abolished and replaced with *The Report on the USSR*, a weekly publication. Beginning in January 1990, the *RFE Background Reports* and *Situation Reports* were abolished and replaced with *The Report on Eastern Europe*, also a weekly publication. In addition, in light of the rapid changes in most of the communist world, certain research themes, such as the world communist movement, were dropped from coverage at the end of 1990.

The RFE/RL Research Institute constitutes the only research center in the West that provides comprehensive coverage of the entire East European and Soviet region under one roof. The Institute receives approximately 1,000 newspapers and periodicals, mostly from countries in this region, covering a wide range of subjects. Other primary sources of information include Soviet and East European radio and television broadcasts, Samizdat, the independent local press, RFE/RL bureaus and stringers in the countries of the region, Western and Eastern press agencies, and interviews and research conducted directly in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe itself.

Although in-country research and the establishment of bureaus began only in 1989, the former research departments of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty began the systematic publication of information in various forms, such as research bulletins and situation and background reports, between 1955 and 1957. IDC has filmed the complete backfiles of these publications. The microfiche edition also includes previously unpublished source materials such as computer printouts providing very detailed results of interviews with people from the East European countries since 1970. These interviews served as a basis for RFE/RL's audience and opinion research operation.

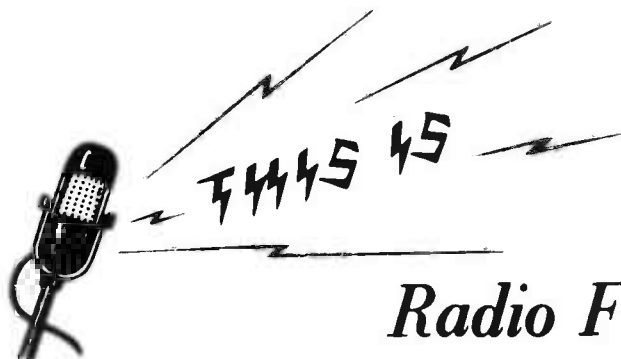
## The microfiche collection

The microfiche edition of the RFE/RL publications makes an enormous source of research material available in an attractive and space-saving format. It also provides easier access to the complete collection, which is divided into many different sections and series.

Because the collection has been reproduced on silver halide microfiche, which will last for hundreds of years, librarians may wish to replace their crumbling paper copy of the originals - many of them printed on low-quality paper - with this microfiche copy, at the same time solving the storage problem created by the great bulk of the pamphlet-like issues.

The catalogue presents the entire collection with prices for the individual series and sub-series. The complete collection is offered at an attractive reduced price.

All titles have ceased to be published from the last year mentioned in the catalogue.



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# Radio Free Europe

## I. Situation Reports

Situation Reports (SRs) were designed to appear regularly. Originally published daily (unless there was nothing of significance to report), they reverted to a twice weekly schedule in 1962, a weekly schedule in 1970, and a bi-weekly schedule in 1979. With the exception of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania were combined in a Baltic Area SR (first introduced in December 1984). SRs were written separately for each of the eight countries to which RFE broadcasts and covered the latest developments in almost all areas of life in these states. They were mostly descriptive but partly analytical, with the latter element becoming more pronounced over the years. In their later format, Situation Reports consisted of 3 to 10 items, with each item being 1 to 6 pages in length. Although RFE does not broadcast to Albania, Situation Reports were published intermittently on this country during the 1960s. Beginning in late 1984, Yugoslav Situation Reports were also introduced. SRs had 8 subseries, arranged according to country or region:

**Albania.** 25.9.1961 - 19.9.1962; 8.12.1966 - 4.10.1972.

8 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,020/1

**Baltic Area.** 4.12.1984 - 11.9.1989.

16 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,138/1

**Bulgaria.** 26.9.1959 - 15.12.1989.

85 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,021/1

**Czechoslovakia.** 26.11.1959 - 19.12.1989.

122 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,022/1

**Hungary.** 26.11.1959 - 30.11.1989.

135 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,023/1

**Poland.** 26.11.1959 - 14.11.1989.

138 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,024/1

**Rumania.** 26.11.1959 - 14.12.1989.

139 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,025/1

**Yugoslavia.** 30.11.1984 - 23.10.1989.

16 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,142/1

## II. Background Reports

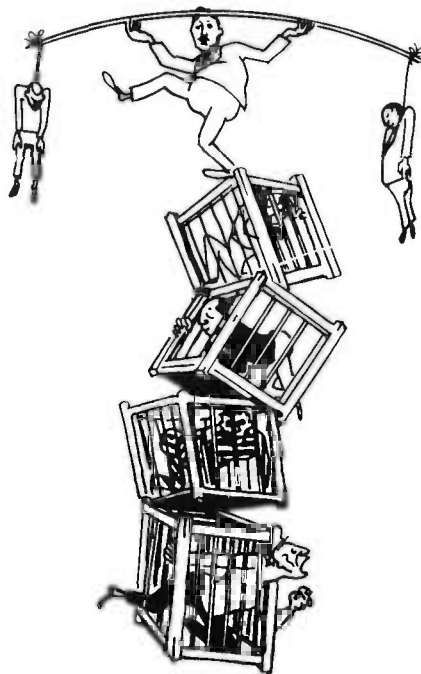
Background Reports (BRs) were written on an ad hoc, irregular basis and concerned not only the eight countries to which RFE broadcasts but also Albania, the GDR, Yugoslavia, the nonruling communist parties of the West, East-West political relations, the CMEA, East-West trade and finance, the Warsaw Pact, and general ideology. Until 1974 BRs were also written on the USSR, China, Korea, Vietnam, Cuba, Mongolia, and the Sino-Soviet dispute. Background Reports were of three types:

a. Long studies that covered a single subject in some breadth and depth and attempted to provide perspective, context, framework, and synthesis.

b. Short papers of a purely or predominantly analytical nature.

c. Short papers that provided an immediate assessment and description of a sudden development or new information or the latest developments in a running story. These were written for same-day programming use.

For the microfiche edition the Background Reports are divided into a Country Series, a Foreign Relations Series, and a series solely devoted to the World Communist Movement.



Bierut and the balance of power.

*Illustration from:*

**News from behind the Iron Curtain.** München, March 1955.

## A. Country series 1956 -

**Albania.** 31.7.1956 - 22.12.1989.

37 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,067/1

**Baltic.** 16.4.1986 - 30.3.1989.

2 microfiche  
Order no. LR-18,207/1

**Bulgaria.** 4.9.1955 - 27.6.1989.

52 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,068/1

**Cambodia.** 9.5.1969 - 21.9.1987.

(On an occasional basis.)  
2 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,143/1

**China.** 3.10.1956 - 12.9.1989.

51 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,069/1

**Cuba.** 23.9.1960 - 2.8.1988.

(On an occasional basis.)  
6 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,070/1

**Czechoslovakia.** 11.7.1956 - 30.11.1989.

86 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,071/1

**German Democratic Republic.**

11.7.1956 - 21.12.1989.  
47 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,072/1

**Hungary.** February 1952 - 29.12.1989.<sup>(1)</sup>

111 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,073/1

**Mongolia.** 1.4.1959 - 15.3.1974.

1 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,074/1

**North Korea.** 27.9.1958 - 20.9.1984.

(On an occasional basis.)  
4 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,075/1

**North Vietnam.** 15.1.1958 - 5.9.1988.

(On an occasional basis.)  
7 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,076/1

**Poland.** 10.7.1956 - 5.12.1989.

112 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,077/1

**Romania.** 21.12.1956 - 27.7.1989.

72 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,078/1

**USSR.** 6.1955 - 27.9.1989.

181 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,079/1

**Yugoslavia.** 9.7.1956 - 30.6.1989.

170 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,080/1

## B. Foreign relations series 1956 -

**Agriculture.** 15.7.1956 - 29.10.1971, with occasional additions from 1972 - 1977, in 1984 and 1986.

Foreign agricultural relations or comparisons of two or more domestic agricultural sectors, both among the communist countries and between communist and noncommunist states.

16 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,081/1

### **Czechoslovak Crisis 1968.**

Papers and materials dealing with the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Warsaw Pact forces on 21 August 1968, including reactions to the invasion by East and West.

29 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,082/1

### **East West Relations.** 16.1.1956 - 15.12.1989.

Political relations between communist and noncommunist states.

83 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,083/1

### **Eastern Europe.** 1954 - 29.9.1988.<sup>(2)</sup>

Political relations among communist states.

189 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,084/1

### **Economic.** 16.1.1958 - 3.10.1988.

Foreign economic relations or comparisons of two or more domestic economies, both among the communist countries and between communist and noncommunist states.

90 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,085/1

### **Sino-Soviet Dispute.** 21.5.1957 - 22.12.1970, with occasional additions to 8.10.1987.

43 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,086/1

## C. World Communist Movement 1956 -<sup>(3)</sup>

### **General.**

19.11.1956 - 30.11.1989.

46 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,133/1

### **Africa and Middle East.**

7.3.1958 - 17.5.1972.

5 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,087/1

### **Asia.**

India and Pakistan (including Ceylon, Nepal and Sikkim). 21.4.1958 - 10.5.1965.  
Indonesia. 8.9.1959 - 16.8.1971.

Japan. 18.7.1961 - 15.12.1989.

Miscellaneous. 12.7.1958 - 9.9.1986.

11 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,088/1



*Illustration from:*

**News from behind the Iron Curtain.** München, October 1952.

### **Europe.**

General theme of WCM or international communist conferences.

Austria. 23.8.1968 - 25.3.1974.

Belgium. 14.2.1957 - 9.9.1983.

Denmark. 30.10.1958 - 25.10.1979.

Finland. 14.8.1963 - 16.6.1988.

France. 20.7.1956 - 28.4.1988.

Great Britain. 31.10.1962 - 20.12.1988.

Greece/Cyprus. 27.2.1958 - 30.5.1986.

Iceland. 12.2.1958 - 25.8.1978.

Ireland. 6.6.1964 - 10.12.1973.

Italy. 8.10.1956 - 5.12.1989.

Luxembourg. 11.3.1963.

Netherlands. 23.12.1961 - 9.9.1983.

Norway. 24.9.1956 - 14.9.1973.

San Marino. 26.8.1968.

Spain. 9.12.1960 - 24.2.1988.

Sweden. 15.12.1961 - 23.9.1982.

Switzerland. 19.9.1963 - 7.10.1969.

West Germany. 26.7.1963 - 19.12.1989.

61 microfiche

Order no. LR-17,089/1

### **Latin America.**

Chile. 13.2.1964 - 7.11.1977.

Venezuela. 21.7.1964 - 7.7.1971.

Miscellaneous. 29.8.1961 - 5.9.1980.

6 microfiche

Order no. LR-17,090/1

### **North America.**

Canada and USA. 27.2.1957 - 18.9.1972.

1 microfiche

Order no. LR-17,091/1

### **Oceania.**

Australia and New Zealand. 27.2.1962 - 30.4.1984.

1 microfiche

Order no. LR-17,092/1

## D. Military Affairs

### **Military Affairs.**

16.6.1988 - 19.12.1989.

2 microfiche

Order no. LR-18,206/1

## E. Miscellaneous

### **Miscellaneous.** Background Reports.

23.1.1984 - 10.8.1989.

Papers of which the subject matter does not fit under the other categories.

3 microfiche

Order no. LR-17,144/1

## III. Press Surveys

Press Surveys (PSs) are translations of the East European print and broadcast media. They are divided according to country into 5 subseries:

**Bulgaria.** 19.7.1957 - 13.8.1971.

**Czechoslovakia.** 14.5.1957 - 29.12.1975.

**Hungary.** 1.10.1956 - 30.12.1975.

**Poland.** 1.10.1956 - 14.11.1975.

**Romania.** 24.7.1957 - 31.12.1975.

628 microfiche

Order no. LR-16,095/1

## IV. Miscellaneous Publications

### **Communist Bloc Chronology.**

1.2.1963 - 6.1967.

A monthly chronology of events within individual communist countries and pertaining to the communist world as a whole (incomplete: 1.2.1963 - 5.1966).

9 microfiche

Order no. LR-17,093/1

### **East European Leadership Lists:**

Albania. 1960-1989.

Bulgaria. 1960-1989.

Czechoslovakia. 1960-1989.

Estonia. 1985-1989.

German Democratic Republic. 1960-1989.

Hungary. 1960-1989.

Latvia. 1985-1989.

Lithuania. 1985-1989.

Poland. 1958-1989.

Romania. 1960-1989.

Yugoslavia. 1962-1989.

A list of leading officeholders in the communist parties and governments of the individual East European countries. This is a reference work issued irregularly as the need is felt.

36 microfiche

Order no. LR-18,217/1

**News from behind the Iron Curtain.**  
München, 1952-1956. V.1-5.  
Cont. as: **Eastern Europe.** 1957-1970.  
V.6-19.

A monthly journal published by the Free Europe Committee in New York City and contained articles by contributors from inside and outside RFE.  
113 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,062/1

**Operational Reports.** 1.1971 - 3.1976.  
52 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,132/1

**Polish Samizdat Extracts.** 6.6.1984 - 26.9.1988.  
Cont. as: **Polish Independent Press Review.** 13.10.1988 - 7.11.1989.

In April 1984 a Polish Samizdat Unit was created within Radio Free Europe Research. This new unit, amongst its other duties, publishes selected translations of Polish Samizdat documents.  
20 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,139/1

**The Pope in Poland.** Wydenthal, J.B. de (Ed.). München, 1979. 130 pp.  
2 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,057/1

**The Strikes in Poland.** Robinson, W.F. (Ed.). August 1980. München, 1980. 447 pp.  
5 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,056/1

**Subject Indexes** 1964-1988:  
*CAA.* 1.1964 - 12.1972.  
*East European.* 16.6.1964 - 12.1972.  
*Radio Free Europe.* 1.1973 - 1988.  
This is the common index.  
41 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,047/1

**The Weekly Diary.** 23.7.1959 - 24.8.1960.  
This contained brief, entirely factual entries about new occurrences in the communist world.  
8 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,061/1

**The Weekly Information Letter.**  
10.1.1953 - 17.7.1959.  
This may be called the forerunner of the Situation Report. It was issued once a week and contained reports and assessments about developments in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the GDR, Hungary, Poland, Romania and the USSR. The reports were not issued separately but as one package.  
47 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,060/1

**Weekly Records of events in Eastern Europe.** 3.6.1987 - 7.11.1989.  
18 microfiche  
Order no. LR-18,208/1

## V. East European Area Audience and Opinion Research

Computer printouts, never published before, listing the very detailed results of the interviews held in the following countries and years:

**Bulgaria.** 1973-1981.  
24 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,052/1

**Czechoslovakia.** 1970-1981.  
45 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,049/1

**Hungary.** 1970-1981.  
49 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,050/1

**Poland.** 1970-1981.  
47 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,048/1

**Romania.** 1971-1981.  
39 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,051/1

**Report Series.** 2.1964 - 2.1990.  
Numbers 101-766 which were published on the basis of data derived from the computer results on various issues. A complete listing of all reports on microfiche comes with the collection.  
125 microfiche  
Order no. LR-16,099/1



"The US imperialists regularly drop on Korea and China huge quantities of infected insects spreading germs of infectious diseases."

Illustration from:  
**News from behind the Iron Curtain.** München, April 1952.

## Notes

### 1) Notes regarding the Hungarian Country Series

- a. Prior to the creation of a systematic English-language capacity for research into East European affairs at Radio Free Europe's Munich headquarters in 1956, analysis of East European and Soviet developments was conducted in New York City by such agencies as the Free Europe Press and the Mid-European Studies Center. Unfortunately, most of their reports - usually lengthy treatises or monographs - have been lost. Of the many publications issued by New York between 1951 and 1955, only a few have survived, and of these, only a handful relate to Hungary. This handful, published in 1952, 1954, and 1955, has been microfiched as the first in our series of Hungarian Background Reports. For this reason - the simple loss of our early holdings - initial coverage of Hungarian affairs will appear extremely spotty and uneven.
- b. The chronologies issued during the Hungarian Revolution are difficult to follow and will seem as chaotic as the Revolution itself. This is because they were drawn up on the spot and issued sometimes three to four times a day on the basis of incomplete information. As further information came in, it was incorporated in later chronologies that thus overlapped the reports issued earlier.

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### 3) Note regarding the World Communist Movement Series

- a. Many non-ruling communist parties have been covered only on an occasional basis.

# Radio Liberty Research

Radio Liberty Research provided research and analysis on contemporary Soviet developments for the 21 broadcasting services of RFE/RL, Munich. It was composed of an analytical, an archival and an editorial section.

## Inputs

For information on contemporary Soviet developments, Radio Liberty Research drew on three main sources: (1) the news output of RFE/RL's Central News Division, which highlighted world media coverage of developments of interest and importance to the audiences in the USSR and Eastern Europe; (2) in-house monitoring of the principal Soviet radio, wire, and television services; and (3) the screening or scanning of some 600 Soviet, emigré, and Western journals and newspapers.

## Output

Together with Program Support, Radio Liberty Research produced some 400 research and background papers in English and about 250 in Russian each year. Virtually all of these treated contemporary developments in Soviet affairs. Many of them were "same-day analyses," written within hours of the receipt of the news item or of a programmer's request. Other forms of support

included long-term research papers, informal consultation with programmers, writing of scripts, reviewing of programs, the provision of data, the supply of conference reports, and the compilation of the daily report to Washington.

## Publications

In addition to its immediate use within RFE/RL, the published research product was circulated to about 1,200 subscribers in North America, Western Europe, Asia, and to certain embassies in Moscow. Occasional handbooks and supplements were also supplied to subscribers.

## Red Archive

For over thirty years, a team of researchers in Munich has been screening Soviet newspapers, journals, and transcripts of broadcasts and wire services. It has filed, abstracted, or annotated virtually all major developments made public in, or on, the USSR during that period. The results - roughly three million paper entries - are stored in the Red Archive. Commencing in 1984, the screening of part of the central press has been recorded on machine-readable tapes. This has continued under the RFE/RL Research Institute.

## Current Abstracts and Annotations.

15.3.1975 - 10.1.1981.

These were published on the day of receipt of the item, and served to highlight the most important articles and reports screened by researchers, for the benefit of programmers, executives who formulate policy, and other researchers. Annotations provided the dimension lacking in the Soviet source.  
27 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,043/1

## Report on the USSR.

6.1.1989 - 29.12.1989. Nos. 1-52.

21 microfiche  
Order no. LR-18,417/1

## Research Bulletin.

7.1.1970 - 28.12.1988.  
Subject and author index 1970-1988.  
(Earlier Radio Liberty Dispatches 1967-1975).

Analysis and background reports on current developments in the USSR, covering the political, economic, social, cultural, military areas and external relations.  
380 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,044/1

## Research Supplements.

25.2.1970 - 2.11.1988.

25 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,045/1

## Soviet Biographic Registers.

Rahr, A.G.  
A biographic directory of 100 leading Soviet Officials. Munich, August, 1984.

3 microfiche  
Order no. LR-17,145/1