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ABSIE, the American Broadcasting Station in Europe...

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in London

ABSIE, the American Broadcasting Station which will go off the air on July 4 at midnight, began operating on April 30, 1944, under the auspices of U.S. Office of War Information, in conjunction with the Army's Psychological Warfare Branch. ~~The director of~~ The opening speech was made by Robert Sherwood, playwright and -- at that time -- ~~a~~ chief of O.W.I.'s overseas agency. Sherwood resigned from his post ~~in~~ ^{last} October in order to participate actively in the campaign for re-election of the late President Roosevelt. The director of ABSIE is Phil Cohen, of the ~~N.Y.~~ O.W.I. office in N.Y.

ABSIE broadcast in various languages -- French, Danish, Dutch, Flemish, English, and German -- ^{European} appealing to the German-occupied countries ~~of~~ to remain confident and furnishing instructions... The German program was one of ABSIE's ^{Two hours and a half daily.} most important functions. Alfred Puhan, chief of the German Section -- formerly a professor of German literature at Columbia University -- called in "firing spiritual ammunition" at the Wehrmacht, first preparing our Allied invasion -- later, speeding up Allied advances through France and Germany.

Gloria Wagner, in pre-war days a journalist, was in charge of a special program for German women -- using a more emotional appeal...

Pvt. (now ~~2nd~~ 2nd Lt.) Gottfried Mann acted as political commentator. ~~It was his special~~ One of his functions to answer German propagandists -- especially Goebbels and General Dittmar -- as soon as the texts of their speeches and articles were released.

While the war was still on, another American-ran German broadcasting station was established in Luxembourg, by the Psych. War. Div. of 12th Army Group. It was at that time that the famous "Tom Jones" ^{character}

To give will BB ~~and~~ ABSIE was the most important of American propaganda and information on the continent.

a simple GI talking to the landers in their own language but with a thick American accent. "Tom Jones" ~~was specializing~~ used tactical information about German troop movements and so forth, and specialized in malicious stories about German officers. He was a big success with the German troops.

Another popular feature of Radio Luxembourg was an American political and military commentator who introduced himself as "Colonel Thompson."

There were also round ^{table} discussions with German prisoners and a so-called "letter program" in which messages from German prisoners to their families were read.

This military program of Radio Luxembourg stopped on 25 April. The 12th Army Group radio team ^{Subsequently} moved to Bad Nauheim, near Frankfurt, while P.W.D., SHAEF, took over the powerful Luxembourg station.

Under the present setup, Luxembourg is the ^{radio center} central station feeding the other ~~American-run~~ German broadcasting stations in the Reich -- namely, Frankfurt, Stuttgart, and Munich. The German ^{staff} team of Station Luxembourg ^{with Mr. Fuhan in charge and} includes several of members of the old ABSIE team -- ~~with~~ Lt. Mann and Miss Wagner working under him. They are broadcasting ~~symphonic music~~ American jazz and European symphonic music, ^{is} with one special program devoted to "forgotten composers" -- that is to say, composers like Mendelssohn and Offenbach who were forbidden under the Nazi regime. Another regular feature which has recently started is called "The History of a Free People" -- telling the Germans about ways of life and accomplishments of democratic communities all over the world. The series opened with a story about a small American town, Sandwich in the State of Illinois, describing the life in Main Street...

The other German stations pick up most the Luxembourg broadcasts,

to which they add news and special features of local interest.

When SHAEF goes out of business, the Office of War Information is expected to take over Radio Luxembourg.

In accordance with a policy made on a very high level, these German programs have to be kept completely "unpolitical." No propaganda! What the Germans call "self-help" --

AMSTE, the American

Radio

Line & on board 11 SHAEF

very - stations:

Franklin	}	gaitly independent
Star Agent		programs, News,
Thompson		music, local news, and info

non - political.

under 19 Army Grant PWD,
and local district control
(trans)

Under The Elder, Col.
Clifton Powell, N.Y.

Chief: Brewster Morgan
Circulation & advertising with
Columbia ...

(a) Radio From the front :
 station for Germans ; U.S.
 troops ; ~~radio for~~ of American -
 Circumstances German newspapers
 Germans : 90 km, possibly lost
 (fuel marks) 190 km
 guess : 40 km (next week)
 troops : 1 km (lost) (next week)

Germans: German Radio
 From the front back-street — 60%
 acceptable — (15% very
 good) ; 400p — bad ;
 suggest will be sent to
 farm labor.

Black Station ~

16)

to get on this part. Material
from inside Germany - - -

[No contact with BBC anywhere.]
Luxembourg, formerly American.

A7N (Am. Foreign Network)
local in France, Strasbourg,

Frankfurt - [American
entertainers to be transmitted
by most powerful ~~the~~ stations
in the world: 100,000 watts -
of time as powerful as
the most powerful U.S.
station ... Also, eventually

Short wave facilities

for Am. correspondents to
broadcast to U.S. from
Munich.

1 a)

Colonial program ... Safford
to ... started ...

program ... Production directed
to status; going to
London ... along down ABSE,
July 4. - Morgan, who started it,

finishing it ...
New ... of ^{study} operation in American
zone: Alfred L. Hollender

formally, managers of 4 used
stations, Chicago ... With direct
German program in Luxembourg.

Talks by local government
officials, trade unions, & religious
groups, etc. ... No propaganda;
mostly facts; German self-
help to be emphasized; also
German ... are doing

(Radio 2)

(11 Bronte Brilant)

19th A. G.

first folk

Lin x m b b n g , including
station. Ymmerle Tom

✓ Yones

awap 61,

marks about 6 weeks

(first target, from
6-8 weeks, about 6 weeks
off: are 1 Hitler Big

hitj with this American
acc...) — First with

by Habe ...

Daily editorial,

Thompson (presented)

✓ Col. Thompson (presented)
as ...) 10 minutes a day
Political. Very good (u-1).

3)

Roman table discussions,
with German officers,
RWS... Letter program
(L.M.W. from ordine (11-))
-: military program;
stopped April 25.
~~about base area~~

H. A. G. program - continued,
for one month, as "Break
How fast" address to
civilians... T/3 65 and
Scitition (now Lt.) T/5 96
Hans Brady; T/4
(now Lt.) Hans Gatzke
Scitition now Lt.

4.) Now, program emphasis
in Luxembourg, SHAF,
that for local news.

For you: local station,
to prepare German program
for Luxembourg and BBC.

Luxembourg
mixed program:
American, English,
French, etc.

Some activity
in pre-Hitler
German radio

Nambrun planned to
~~interview~~ interview of all
persons. Interview
German, French, international
etc. German future (unofficial)

German speaks interesting.
Personnel bring news and:
political reliability,
etc.

ABBIE (Am. in Europ.)

Broad early Stadium

— opened April 30, 1944 [pre-war]
ground U.S. invasion

— closing July 4, mid-aircraft...

↓ Overseas Agency of OWI:

R. Sherrill

visiting FDR

U.S. against Spain

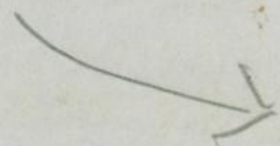
campaign...

Directors of Abbie, Paul Cohen,
for OWI, N.Y.

Monetary in German, English,
French, Dutch, Norwegian,
Danish, Czech... Now: French,
German, English...

— First attempt of U.S. broadcasting
in Europe... using BBC

— ~~Prefer that~~
Wagon 367 and 267
(leap)



Owi, now likely to take over
Luxembourg

Luxembourg: ("Round trip over
Vivian's National") —

"The History of a Free
People" [starting with US,
Sandwich in Ill. Port Smith
of a small town — I

~~For American accounts~~

~~"Forgotten (or forgotten)"~~

~~[Hendel Holm, etc.]~~

~~Radio L., opened November —
under Skat, PLD —~~

ABSIE: fixing special ammunition
Special program for Wolfgang Gold,
answer Bobbie immediately — Special
program for women [Gloria
Wagner, Journalist]: only slow
for women, sentimental —
revolutionary appeal (mother etc) —
at hand daily...

Got new twin disc-tapes from BBC
but didn't have the follow.

Weekly meetg on Asia -

BBC sitting with Asian papers;

all on PWs. Occasional

North News from ~~news~~ (Director

BBC European Broadcast) adding

Asian staff. - Great

harmony between 2 organisations.

— Eyewitness stories by

refugees; info

with GIS in London on

election day; FDR's death;

etc.

Alfred Treharne, Yangtze

Columbia University lib.

John G. W. 1942: G. W. W.

Station, China...

4.)

Absin, continued Ogwa R. 2
under U-1

From the beginning on modern
Scale ...