

2. It greatly expanded its use of television in countries where TV is developing rapidly. This included a monthly TV "view of everyday life in America" called "Report from America." The program, presented initially in the United Kingdom, has been "a solid hit on BBC since its first showing last February," according to the report.

3. To help disseminate abroad the full story of the cordial reception in the United States of Indonesia's President Sukarno, a color film was produced which Indonesian exhibitors say will reach the largest audience in the country's history during its first six months of showings in Indonesian theaters.

4. RIAS (Radio in the American Sector of Berlin), the Information Agency's radio station which beams anti-Communist programs into the satellite areas, celebrated its tenth anniversary. Free world leaders lauded the station on its anniversary. Official Communist radio, however, called RIAS "the paid, stinking, lying news ulcer owned by foreign criminal warmongers."

5. Information posts abroad continued to emphasize American leadership in the peaceful uses of atomic energy -- with "atoms-for-peace" exhibits, films and pamphlets. For example, a jute barge carried an exhibit through the rivers of Pakistan for 40 days, visiting nine cities. The barge exhibit was seen by more than 135,000 persons.

6. The Voice of America began world-wide broadcasts of "Music-U.S.A.," a daily two-hour program of American jazz and popular music. Heretofore, the program was beamed only to Europe. The show now draws around 1,000 fan letters a month, some of them from countries with strong anti-American feelings.

7. "The Family of Man" photographic exhibit, originally arranged by Edward Steichen for the Museum of Modern Art, was shown by the Agency in Amsterdam, Tokyo and Paris. The exhibit's powerful delineation of the essential oneness of all mankind was applauded by large audiences in these cities.

8. The Agency brought out 52,000 copies of the first issue of its new monthly picture magazine in the Russian language, "America Illustrated," designed for distribution in the Soviet Union as a portrayal of life in the United States.

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Mr. Streibert, in a letter transmitting the Information Agency report, a summary of the United States' overseas information activities during the first six months of 1956, said in part:

"Despite recent shifts in tactics, dramatic denunciations and political maneuvers, the Kremlin leaders have made it clear that they have not abandoned their goal of a world communist order.

"If the world's people are to understand the issue in this contest, we must effectively counter the hostile propaganda of world communism and, at the same time, vigorously project abroad the truth of what we stand for."

The report on world information operations comments specifically on the treatment given to Soviet Party Chief Nikita Khrushchev's speech denouncing Stalin and to the entire "de-Stalinization" program. Voice of America broadcasts provided first news of the Khrushchev speech to the people of the Soviet Union, Red China and the satellites.

The Information Agency, the report states, has made progress in debunking the Communist concept that "Wall Street rules the United States"-- through concerted efforts to give the world a better knowledge of the "People's Capitalism" that exists in the U.S. and how the majority of Americans share in the rewards of our economic system.

The Agency also publicized worldwide the consistent efforts of the United States for the establishment of a reasonable system of world disarmament, with adequate inspection and control. (One example: a motion picture on the President's "Open Skies" proposal, now showing in 32 languages in 78 countries.)

An unusual aspect of the report is a section giving special recognition to the valued work of wives of Information officers overseas. This section includes pictures of the wives of 20 officers abroad and relates how, in their spare time, they represent the United States with "ingenuity and distinction."

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In submitting his sixth semiannual Report to Congress, Theodore C. Streibert, Director of the U. S. Information Agency, said today that "the task of the Agency is formidable, but there are emerging opportunities: the Iron Curtain is showing signs of becoming more porous, the ghost of Stalin

The wives did such things as give readings of American plays, form Ladies' Circles, arrange receptions, participate in local civic activities of all kinds, teach folk dancing, work in local hospitals, help organize singing and square dancing groups, conduct film showings, participate in activities of schools, clinics and orphanages, deliver lectures, judge art exhibits, teach art and English classes.

The report briefly describes current trends of Communist propaganda in various parts of the world. To counteract the Red propaganda drive and to increase understanding of the United States by peoples abroad, such activities as the following were carried on during the first half of 1956:

1. A move to get many more American books into the hands of foreign peoples "has begun to offset the Communist book campaign." The Information Agency, for example, stimulated production by Asian publishers of 10 and 15-