

THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE

DURING the month of August, I visited England, France, Italy and Greece. Before that—in November and December—I had visited briefly Ireland, France and the American zone of Germany. In France, last August, I hired a car and drove the whole length of the country from the Riviera to Normandy. I did not remain long in any of the countries named, but I had been to all of them before, except Greece, when I was a newspaperman or in the Army, and was therefore in a position to make comparisons. Wherever I went I tried to talk with as many people as possible in all walks of life in order to obtain as clear a view as I could of the state of public opinion.

My broad conclusion is that in Western Europe we are losing the battle for men's minds. The most improbable and unsavory things about America are being widely circulated. More unfortunately, they are also being widely believed. I give two illustrations which are typical:

(a) A French doctor of good standing with considerable private means made this shocking statement: "We realize, of course, that medical science in America is way ahead of what it is in France, but then we also know that over there you have all those underprivileged people on whom your doctors constantly experiment."

(b) A deputy of one of the conservative French political parties, a substantial landholder and a comparatively wealthy man, said to me: "We know that you are trying to build up Germany industrially faster than you want to build up France. We can tell from General Clay's speeches that this is so. The reason you do this is because you intend to have a war with Russia and you want to get Germany into shape as your ally."

I asked him why he thought we would want to fight Russia and he made this astonishing reply: "Because Russia has taken away so much of your export trade."

In other words, the lies that the Communists are spreading about us are being repeated so often that, like drops of water wearing away a stone, they are making a real impression. There is still deep friendship for us in France and, contrary to some opinions over here, our American Army is held in grateful memory. But as long as American officials are inert and quiet, the Russians cannot help but gain and we cannot help but lose. We are in a debate, but the Russians do all the debating.

I am convinced that a government information program, beneficial though it is in a limited sense, is only a drop in the bucket. To solve the problem, we must start thinking this way:

While the hostilities were in progress, there was only one message to

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Manual laborers in the 20th arrondissement of Paris, a Communist stronghold. They are easy marks for propagandists



Communist headquarters in Paris, one of the sources of the stream of misinformation and lies being circulated all over Europe today

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The most unsavory and improbable rumors about America are now being circulated—and unfortunately believed—in Europe. After careful firsthand study of the situation, Senator Lodge suggests a remedy

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THE LINE-UP

Name	Age	Height	Weight	Position
RICHARD SCOTT Navy	23	6'2"	202	Center
STEVE SUHEY Penn State	25	5'11"	210	Guard
JOSEPH STEFFY Army	20	5'11"	190	Guard
GEORGE CONNOR Notre Dame	22	6'3"	220	Tackle
ROBERT DAVIS Georgia Tech	20	6'4"	220	Tackle
PAUL CLEARY Southern California	25	6'1"	195	End
WILLIAM SWIACKI Columbia	22	6'2"	198	End
JOHN LUJACK Notre Dame	22	6'	180	Quarterback
ANTHONY MINISI Pennsylvania	21	5'11"	190	Back
ROBERT CHAPPUIS Michigan	24	6'	180	Back
RAY EVANS Kansas	24	6'1½"	195	Back

Anthony "Skippy" Minisi (38 and inset), Pennsylvania's great halfback, is off on one of his slashing end sweeps. Here he runs from the eighty-yard line to score Penn's first touchdown in the Columbia game. Also shown are Bednarik (60), Penn's star center, and Savitsky (5), a tackle

This high-jumping pass catcher is Bill Swiacki of Columbia, one of the best ends of this or any other season; perhaps the best since Don Hutson. He's catching a throw from quarterback Gene Rossides, bringing the ball to Columbia's 28-yard line. Yale won the game, however, 17-7

