

AMBASSADOR ALFRED PUHAN

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Biosketch, Education and Pre-Government Experience

1942 Employed By VOA, Broadcasting To Germany; Later Incorporated Into OWI

1944 Assigned To Head German Language Broadcasting From American Broadcasting Station In Europe (ABSIE)

Vehicular Accident Derails Prospective Assignment As Head Of New German Radio Network

Main Objective(s) Of Broadcasts From London and Luxembourg

1945 While On Home Recuperation Leave In U.S., Called By, And Goes To, VOA/New York.

1949 Member Of Mission Studying Personnel Requirements For RIAS in Berlin

1952 On VOA Director, Foy Kohler's Advice, Puhan Applies For And Is Accepted Into Foreign Service, The State Department

But Remains As VOA Program Director Until May, 1953

The McCarthy Onslaught

"The Loyal American Underground"

1953 Last Minute Foreign Service Assignment To Vienna Aborts Offer From Ed Murrow For CBS Job And Ends Government Information Work

In Vienna, Assigned As Secretary To Allied Commission For Austria

1955 The Achievement Of The Austrian State Treaty

Theories As To Why USSR Allowed The Austrian State Treaty

Evaluation Of USIA Effectiveness In Austria During Puhan's Period There

1957 Assignment To Washington: Office Of International Administration In Bureau Of International Organizations

1959 Foy Kohler, Then Assistant Secretary, European Affairs, Brings Puhan Into EUR As Executive Director

Although State Tended To Consider Administration As Beneath Policy, Puhan Feels His Administrative Experience Helped Him In Future Assignments

1962 Expecting Assignment As DCM, Belgrade, Puhan Becomes DCM Bangkok

1964 Back To Washington As Head Of Office of German Affairs

German/American Relations In This Period Were Turning A Bit Sour

1969 America's Second Ambassador To Hungary

Hungary's Quiet Revolution Toward Capitalism In 1970s

1973 Retirement