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HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — NBC-TV will present on July 11 what it describes as "an unprecedented study of former Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, based on exclusive films, photographs and voice tapes."

The network says the one-hour, prime-time broadcast will show "for the first time on television his life in retirement." The title given by NBC-TV to the program is "Khrushchev in Exile—His Opinions and Revelations."

According to a network announcement, "NBC News obtained the film and other materials for the documentary from private sources inside the Soviet Union and in other countries around the world. These have never before been made public."

The producer of the broadcast is Lucy Jarvis, whose credits include "The Kremlin," "The Louvre," "Who Shall Live?" and "Bravo Picasso!" The reporter is Edwin Newman, who worked on the script with Frank Gervasi, former foreign correspondent and biographer.

NBC-TV's broadcast arouses particular interest because the Soviet Union has proved to be highly sensitive to American television programs about its leaders. The Moscow bureaus of U.S. networks have been closed from time to time because of broadcasts that offended the Russians.

For example, a CBS-TV drama that purported to show how Stalin died angered the Soviets. So did several NBC-TV documentaries about the death of Stalin and the rise of Khrushchev.

And just in the past week, the Russians indicated anew their sensitivity to broadcasts they find unpleasant. They withdrew from Sunday's global satellite program because of the Middle East crisis, and one of their criticisms concerned the coverage of the Arabs by Western broadcasters during the war with Israel.

According to NBC-TV, the July 11 special "will feature Khrushchev's recently recorded reminiscences, told in his own voice and translated for the telecast, of events in his remarkable career and of many of the world personalities whom he encountered

while he was the leader of the U.S.S.R."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT adds that "the former Premier talks about his rise to power and his relationship with Stalin, speaks frankly about world leaders, including Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy and Red China's Mao Tse-tung, and gives his version of the Cuban missile crisis and other important developments in the past decade."

Furthermore, says NBC-TV, the hour shows Khrushchev's home and his daily routine: "It shows him walking through his fields with his dog, Arbat, an Alsatian, and taking photographs—one of his major interests. The film includes scenes of his family, visiting and dining with him. A sequence of still photographs in the documentary, gathered from private albums, shows Khrushchev throughout his life."

The broadcast will have sequences in both color and black-and-white.

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