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Fulbright, Citing China, Deplores Any Aid to Radio Free Europe

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WASHINGTON, March 6— Senator J. W. Fulbright said today that the Nixon Administration's pledge not to interfere in China's internal affairs made continued support of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty incomprehensible.

The two-decade-old stations, privately run by Americans with United States Government assistance, view their purpose as the liberalization of the Soviet Union and members of its bloc.

The comment by the Arkan-

sas Democrat, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was included in a statement affirming his view that the stations should be liquidated. He has asserted that he believes they hurt the chances of improving relations with Moscow and should be discarded as "cold war relics."

Government funds for the stations ran out on Feb. 22, unless Senate and House conferees overcome the difference between their bills, the stations will close in about two weeks. Until last year they had been assisted secretly by the Central

Intelligence Agency.

The impasse has been caused by the refusal by Mr. Fulbright, as the chief Senate conferee, to approve financing beyond June 30, as provided in the Senate bill. The Administration-backed House bill would provide funds until June 30, 1973.

To put pressure on Mr. Fulbright to change his stand, 57 senators introduced a joint resolution last week expressing their support for the two stations. But the resolution, which must be approved by the Foreign Relations Committee, is not expected to be brought to

a floor vote soon. Only six of the committee's 16 members joined in the resolution, which was broadly interpreted on Capitol Hill as a rebuke to Mr. Fulbright.

Today George W. Ball, a former Under Secretary of State, held a news conference here to announce the formation of a bi-partisan citizens' committee in favor of the house bill. Mr. Ball said that he believed debate in Europe could be fostered by continuation on the stations, which he said keep Eastern Europeans informed. The House bill would set up

a special committee to administer the stations independent of the Government. The Senate version would fund them directly through the State Department. The Administration has opposed State Department control, arguing that the stations, which beam news and views about internal developments in the Communist bloc, should be independent.

Senator Fulbright, quoting from the communique issued in Shanghai, noted that the United States supported the principle of nonintervention in other countries.