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The Senate voted yesterday to keep Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty in operation for the next three months.

Thus two stations in Munich, Germany, will still be beaming western news and commentary behind the Iron Curtain in Eastern Europe when President Nixon visits Moscow in May.

The Senate voted 65 to 6 to send to the White House a bill authorizing \$36 million for the two stations for the 12 months ending June 30. Most of the money already has been spent under emergency appropriations that expired February 22.

The House, only last Wednesday, yielded to the insistence of important senators that the stations should be openly financed by the government for only one year instead of two. The stations, which started in the early 1950s, were supported secretly for years by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Doubt about the future of the stations after June 30 was emphasized by the votes of several influential senators, in effect, to shut down the stations immediately by denying them money.

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