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SURHKAMP CANCELS PARTICIPATION IN LEIPZIG BOOK FAIR
MUNICH, AUG 23 (GND/MBW)-- THE SURHKAMP PUBLISHING HOUSE IN FRANK-
FURT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT HAD CANCELED ITS
PARTICIPATION IN THIS YEARS BOOK FAIR OF THE LEIPZIG AUTUMN FAIR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLISHING HOUSE, WHICH PUBLISHES LARGELY LEFT-
WING WRITERS, INCLUDING THE RECENT COLLECTED WORKS EDITION OF
BERTOLD BRECHT, SAID ITS PARTICIPATION HAD BEEN CANCELED BECAUSE OF
THE WARSAW PACT ~~occupation~~ OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

SURHKAMP HAS TAKEN PART IN THE BOOK FAIR OF THE LEIPZIG AUTUMN
FAIR FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THIS YEAR'S FAIR IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPT 1.

BELGIUM SUSPENDS CULTURAL EXCHANGES WITH POLAND,
BULGARIA.

BRUSSELS?, AUG. 23 (RFE SPECIAL/DYBVIK) -- BELGIUM HAS
SUSPENDED CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH POLAND AND BULGARIA
IN THE WAKE OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE MILITARY OCCUPATION
OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TODAY.

THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT INFORMED THE POLISH AND BULGARIAN
GOVERNMENTS THAT TWO MEETINGS SCHEDULED NEXT MONTH UNDER BI-
LATERAL CULTURAL AGREEMENTS WOULD NOT BE OPPORTUNE UNDER
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE SUSPENSION WAS OF INDEFINITE NATURE, THE SPOKESMAN
SAID. HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE.

ICFTU VOICES SUPPORT FOR CZECHOSLOVAK STRIKE CALLS

BRUSSELS, AUG. 23 (RFE SPECIAL/DYBVIK) -- A LEADING WESTERN
TRADE UNION OFFICIAL HAS VOICED STRONG SUPPORT FOR A PROPOSED
GENERAL STRIKE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HAS ADVISED WORKERS THERE
OF THE SUPPORT.

IN A TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO ALL CZECHOSLOVAK WORKERS,
HARM BUITER, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION
OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) DECLARED TODAY :

"THE ICFTU, ON BEHALF OF ITS 60 MILLION ORGANIZED WORKERS,
SALUTE YOU IN YOUR HEROIC STRUGGLE FOR THE LIBERTY OF YOUR
COUNTRY FROM FOREIGN OCCUPATION. WE ADMIRE YOUR EXEMPLARY
COURAGE AND ASSURE YOU OF OUR FULLEST SUPPORT FOR YOUR STRIKE
ACTION IN PROTEST AGAINST ARMED AGGRESSION BY TROOPS OF THE
SOVIET UNION AND HER SATELLITES.

"THE ICFTU HAS CALLED UPON WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS ALL
OVER THE WORLD TO MANIFEST SOLIDARITY WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN
WORKERS" THE TELEGRAM CONCLUDED.

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