

RUSSIAN PLAYERS BOOED

LONDON, AUGUST 27--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--THE RUSSIAN STATE ORCHESTRA, NOW TOURING BRITAIN, WAS BOOED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS WHEN IT ARRIVED FOR A CONCERT LAST NIGHT IN LEICESTER.

SINGING AND WAVING BANNERS., THE PROTESTERS KEPT UP A CONTINUOUS CHANT OUTSIDE THE HALL.

THERE WERE NO DEMONSTRATIONS INSIDE THE HALL, BUT SOME TICKET HOLDERS HAD RETURNED THEIR TICKETS AS A PROTEST AND THERE WERE EMPTY SEATS.

BBC TO PROCEED WITH CONCERT

LONDON, AUGUST 27--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--THE BBC ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT IT IS NOT CANCELLING THE APPEARANCE OF THE RUSSIAN STATE ORCHESTRA ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHTS IN THE "PROMENDAE" SEASON OF CONCERTS SPONSORED BY THE ORGANIZATION.

PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON TOLD PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY THAT INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS ON SUCH VISITS "CAN BE MUCH MORE ELOQUENT" THAN A BAN BY THE GOVERNMENT.

YOUTH CHOIR BACK IN LONDON FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA

LONDON, AUGUST 27--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--THE LONDON CO-OPERATIVE YOUTH CHOIR, WHICH HAD BEEN ON A TOUR OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHEN THE WARSAW PACT TROOPS INVADED THE COUNTRY, WERE SAFELY BACK IN BRITAIN TODAY.

THE 30-MEMBER CHOIR HAD GIVEN FIVE OF THEIR SIX CONCERTS BEFORE THE OCCUPATION AND RECEIVED THE NEWS WHILE STAYING IN A MOUNTAIN VILLAGE NEAR OSTRAVA.

THE CHOIR CANCELLED A CONCERT SCHEDULED IN PRAGUE AND CAUGHT A COACH WHICH TOOK THEM TO THE AUSTRIAN BORDER.

ORCHESTRA GIVING FUND-RAISING CONCERT

LONDON, AUGUST 27--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--THE LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IS GIVING A CONCERT HERE NEXT MONDAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF STRANDED CZECHOSLOVAK STUDENTS.

THE CONCERT, SPONSORED BY THE UNITED NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND DISTINGUISHED MUSICAL ARTISTS, WILL INCLUDE DVORAKS CELLO CONCERTO, TO BE PLAYED BY JACQUELINE DU PRE, WHOSE HUSBAND, THE YOUNG ISRAELI DANIEL BARENBOIM, IS CONDUCTING THE ORCHESTRA.

THE MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE U.N. ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS MAKING FINANCIAL GRANTS TO CZECHOSLOVAK STUDENTS IN BRITAIN, AND "THE FOUNDATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK IMMIGRANTS AFTER 21 AUGUST 1968" FOUNDED BY RAFAEL KUBELIK TO HELP CZECHOSLOVAK REFUGEES IN EUROPE.

MANCHESTER URGED TO BREAK ITS FRIENDSHIP PACT

LONDON, AUGUST 27--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--A NUMBER OF LEADING CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS HAVE TABLED A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEKS MEETING OF MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL CALLING ON IT TO BREAK IS FRIENDSHIP PACT WITH LENINGRAD, AND TO END ALL FURTHER EXCHANGE VISITS WHICH BEGAN IN 1956.

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