

X/13 CURT -- DUTCH TRANSPORT WORKERS AGREE ON BOYCOTT OF INVADERS

BRUSSELS, AUG 27 (RFE SPECIAL/DYBVIK) -- THE DUTCH TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION HAVE BEGUN A BOYCOTT AGAINST GOODS COMING FROM OR GOING TO THE FIVE COUNTRIES WHICH TOOK PART IN THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

A UNION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE BOYCOTT WENT INTO EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT.

MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION WILL NEITHER LOAD NOR UNLOAD CARGO TO OR FROM THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND, HUNGARY, BULGARIA AND EAST GERMANY UNDER THE BOYCOTT.

TRUCKS, RAILWAY GOODS WAGONS, SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT ARE INCLUDED IN THE BOYCOTT.

W.A. KIEBOOM, UNION SECRETARY, SAID IT WAS NOT KNOWN HOW LONG THE BOYCOTT WOULD BE CONTINUED.

"THAT DEPENDS ON THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST EUROPE. THE SITUATION CAN CHANGE FROM DAY TO DAY," HE SAID.

(DUTCH PORTS ARE MAJOR TRANS-SHIPPING POINTS FOR GOODS FROM EASTERN EUROPE SHIPPED BY SEA. NO FIGURES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FROM DUTCH SOURCES ON JUST HOW SERIOUS A TRADE BOTTLENECK THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION BOYCOTT COULD CAUSE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF THE FIVE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.)

THE DUTCH COMMUNIST PARTY, HOWEVER, DECLARED TODAY IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE TWO-MINUTE SILENCE.

IT REASONED THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN PROMOTING BETTER RELATIONS WITH MOST EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WAS "AN ACCOMPLICE TO THE CRIMES" OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES.

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