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LONDON AUGUST 27---(RFE SPECIAL/WELLS)"--THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION TODAY POSTPONED A 24-HOUR BOYCOTT ON ALL TRANSPORT OPERATED BY THE SOVIET UNION, BULGARIA, HUNGARY, POLAND AND EAST GERMANY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FEDERATION SAID TODAY THAT THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO GIVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA "A BREATHING SPACE IN WHICH TO DIGEST AND INTERPRET" THE AGREEMENT WITHOUT UNNECESSARY PRESSURE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BOYCOTT WOULD BE RECONSIDERED WHEN THE SITUATION HAD BEEN CLARIFIED.

THE FEDERATION IS AFFILIATED WITH 350 UNIONS REPRESENTING MORE THAN SIX MILLION MEMBERS IN NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

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