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MUNICH, SEPT 3 (GND/GAERTNER)- THE SOVIET UNION CANCELLED TODAY ITS SCHEDULED PARTICIPATION IN THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL MUSIC CONTEST, WHICH OPENED IN MUNICH TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BAVARIAN RADIO, WHICH IS ORGANISING THE EVENT, SAID TODAY THAT FIVE SOVIET MUSICIANS AND SINGERS AND TWO JURORS TOLD THE ORGANISERS IN A CABLE THAT THEY WOULD NOT RPT NOT TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST.

NO REASONS WERE GIVEN BY THE SOVIET PARTICIPANTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION TO THE SOVIETS THE HUNGARIAN MUSICIANS AND JURORS HAVE ALREADY CANCELLED THEIR TRIP WHILE MUSICIANS, SINGERS AND JURORS FROM POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA AND RUMANIA MEANTIME HAVE ARRIVED IN THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL, HE ADDED.

MORE THAN 200 YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM 34 COUNTRIES WILL TAKE PART IN THE MUNICH CONTEST, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE WEST GERMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS.

THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS INCLUDES 10 POLES, 8 CZECHOSLOVAKS, 7 RUMANIANS AND 3 BULGARIANS.

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