

BRITISH CONCERT TO AID CZECHOSLOVAKS

LONDON SEPTEMBER 6--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--THE YOUTH CHOIR OF THE LONDON CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY IS PRESENTING A CONCERT HERE TONIGHT IN AID OF CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO HAVE BEEN IN BRITAIN SINCE THE SOVIET INVASION.

THE CHOIR, WHICH WAS STRANDED IN PRAGUE DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF THE OCCUPATION WHILE TOURING THE COUNTRY, IS PRESENTING WORKS BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN, ENGLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAK FOLK SONGS AND NEGRO SPIRITUALS.

ITALIAN EXHIBITIONS OPENS IN MOSCOW

ROME, SEPT 6 - (RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST) - MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED ITALIAN EXHIBITORS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE ITALY-RUSSIA INDUSTRIAL FAIR WHICH HAS OPENED ON SCHEDULE RPT SCHEDULE IN MOSCOW.

THERE WERE NO RPT NO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE INAUGURATION YESTERDAY, A FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY IN ROME. ITALIAN AND SOVIET TRADE IN 1967 AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 40 MILLION DOLLARS.

BRITONS HELD IN CHINA

LONDON, SEPT. 6, REUTER--CHINA HAS ARRESTED MR. DAVID JOHNSTON, A BRITISH BANK MANAGER IN SHANGHAI, THE FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

BRITISH OFFICIALS SAID A SECOND BRITON, MR. J.F. SAUNDERS, WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN DETAINED IN SHANGHAI ON AUGUST 15 -- 10 DAYS BEFORE MR. JOHNSTON'S ARREST.

THE OFFICIALS SAID THERE WERE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT MRS. GLADYS YANG, A BRITISH CITIZEN BY BIRTH, MARRIED TO A CHINESE, WAS DETAINED IN MID-JULY, PROBABLY IN PEKING. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL OF BRITISH SUBJECTS BELIEVED TO BE UNDER ARREST OR DETAINED IN CHINA TO 14.

END NIGERIAN WAR APPEAL

PARIS, SEPT. 6 REUTER --THREE FRENCH NOBEL PRIZE WINNER TOGETHER WITH JOURNALISTS, PRIESTS AND WRITERS, TODAY APPEALED TO THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY TO INTERVENE IN THE BIAFRA WAR AND ORGANISE A CEASE-FIRE.

A TELEGRAM SENT BY THE FRENCH ASSOCIATION OF JOURNALISTS FOR INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENT (A.J.I.D.) SAID:

"CONFERENCES CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT THAT, UNDER THE COVER OF NON-INTERFERENCE, AFRICA SHOULD ALLOW THE MASSACRE WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR 15 MONTHS."

THE TELEPGRAM SAID.

THE MESSAGE, SENT TO ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKA, PRESIDENT OF THE CURRENT OAU MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS, WAS SIGNED, AMONG OTHERS BY NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS FRANCOIS MAURIAC, FATHER PIRE AND JACQUES MONOD.

THE LEAD GIRDLE

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA SEPT 6 (UPI)- ONE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE'S NEWEST CREATIONS--A LEAD LINED GIRDLE--MAY NOT BECOME POPULAR WITH WOMEN BUT DOES HELP REDUCE RADIATION EXPOSURE TO FEMALE X-RAY TECHNICIANS.

THE GIRDLE WAS DESIGNED BY MRS. NORMA GREENWOOD, CHIEF TECHNOLOGIST FOR THE NUCLEAR MEDICINE LABORATORY AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

IT CONTAINS A THIN SHEET OF VINYL LEAD. ITS USE REDUCED THE RADIATION DOSE TO THE REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS BY 50 TO 90 PER CENT, DEPENDING ON THE ENERGY OF THE X-RAY.

FOR FEMALE TECHNICIANS WHO DON'T WEAR GIRDLES, MRS. GREENWOOD HAS ALSO DESIGNED TWO STYLES OF LEAD LINED GARTER BELTS. SHE EVEN HAS DESIGNED FORM FITTING LEAD-LINED SHORTS FOR MEN. RF/MBW/A 1432/68