

RICK'S TOO BUSY TO SING AT A SUMMIT



Rick . . . recording

CHART-THROB Rick Astley turned down an incredible "from Russia with love" invitation yesterday.

He was asked to sing at the Gorbachev-Reagan summit celebrations in Moscow.

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But the young superstar had to sadly say: "Nyet."

Rick explained last night: "I would have moved heaven and earth to go. But there's just no way I can break off from recording my new album."

The Soviet's shock invite landed at Rick's management offices in Warrington, Cheshire, yesterday.

They wanted to whisk the 22-year-old singer to Moscow in a matter of hours, promising that all red tape would be cut.

Consolation

There he would perform in a concert for Mrs. Reagan and Mrs. Gorbachev, but Rick's spokesman said:

"He's sick at missing out but quite frankly they just left it too late."

Now the star—who was to have represented Western pop—is offering to stage a consolation concert for the world leaders at a later date.