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MUNICH, AUG 25 (CMD)-- MIROSLAV ZYKMUND, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ONE OF TWO CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS WHO FOR MANY YEARS TOURED 80 COUNTRIES, TODAY APPEALED TO SEVERAL SOVIET ACADEMICIANS AND POET YEVGENY YEVTUSHENKO TO PROTEST AGAINST THE AGGRESSION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

ZYGMUND READ HIS APPEAL IN FLUENT RUSSIAN OVER RADIO GOTTWALDOV.

ZYKMUND SAID HIS TRAVEL PARTNER HAD BEEN JIRI HANZELKA (A MEMBER OF THE NEWLY ELECTED CENTRAL COMMITTEE), ADDING THAT HANZELKA SHARED HIS VIEWS. HE COULD NOT RPT NOT JOIN HIM IN THE APPEAL BECAUSE NKVD AGENTS, AS IN THE TIME OF STALINIST TERROR, ARE TOURING CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO ARREST THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.

ZYKMUND CALLED ON ACQUAINTAINCES IN THE SOVIET UNION, ASKING THEM WHETHER THEY BELIEVED THAT HIS PARTNER AND HIMSELF WERE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES. THEN HE SAID:

"I URGENTLY ASK YOU: DEMAND FROM YOUR LEADERS, FROM LEONID BREZHNEV FROM KOSYGIN, FROM SUSLOV, AND OTHER POLITBUREAU MEMBERS, DEMAND FROM YOUR FACTORY DIRECTORS, HEADS OF SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS, EDITORIAL OFFICES, THAT THE OCCUPATION OF MY HOMELAND BE ENDED IMMEDIATELY.

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