

X-13/9 --- MROZEK : "I PROTEST"

PARIS AUG. 27 (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA) ---- THE WORLD-FAMOUS POLISH PLAYWRIGHT SLAWOMIR MROZEK, TUESDAY PUBLISHED HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE DECISION OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

A MEMBER OF THE POLISH WRITERS UNION, MROZEK, THE AUTHOR OF "TANGO", ALSO DECLARED HIS "COMPLETE SOLIDARITY" WITH THE CZECHS AND SLOVAKS WHO OPPOSE THE OCCUPATION.

MROZEK MADE KNOWN HIS OPPOSITION IN A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE PARIS AFTERNOON PAPER LE MONDE, WHICH PUBLISHED IT THIS AFTERNOON. THE POLISH WRITER IS VISITING PARIS .

"I AM A POLISH WRITER, NOT AN EMIGRANT, A MEMBER OF THE POLISH WRITERS UNION", MROZEK SAID IN HIS LETTER TO LE MONDE.

"IN VIEW OF THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT IN THE ARMED AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND IN VIEW OF ALL THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THIS FOR THE CZECH AND POLISH NATIONS, I FEEL OBLIGED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION :

I PROTEST AGAINST THIS ACTION BY THE POLISH GOVERNMENT.

"I AM COMPLETELY SOLIDARY WITH ALL CZECHS AND SLOVAKS WHO OPPOSE THIS ACTION. IN PARTICULAR WITH MY PERSECUTED AND ARRESTED COLLEAGUES", MROZEK SAID IN HIS LETTER TO LE MONDE..

(FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER.)

"JE SUIS ECRIVAIN POLONAIS, NON EMIGRE, MEMBRE DE L'UNION DES ECRIVAINS POLONAIS.

"VU LA PARTICIPATION ACTIVE DU GOUVERNEMENT POLONAIS A L'AGGRESSION ARMEE ET A L'OCCUPATION DE LA TCHECOSLOVAQUIE, AVEC TOUTES LES CONSEQUENCES QUI EN RESULTENT POUR LES NATIONS TCHEQUE ET POLONAISE, JE ME SENS OBLIGE A FAIRE LA DECLARATION SUIVANTE :

"JE PROTESTE CONTRE CETTE ACTION DU GOUVERNEMENT POLONAIS.

"JE ME SOLIDARISE PLEINEMENT AVEC TOUS LES TCHEQUES ET SLOVAQUES QUI SOPPOSENT A CETTE ACTION. TOUT PARTICULIEREMENT AVEC MES CONFRERES PERSECUTES ET ARRETES."

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