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X/13/9 BRIT -- POLISH WRITER PROTESTS AGAINST INVASION

LONDON AUGUST 30--(RFE SPECIAL/WELLS)--POLISH WRITER SLAWOMIR MROZEK TODAY PROTESTED AGAINST THE POLISH GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATION IN THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND DECLARED HIS SOLIDARITY WITH THE CZECHS AND SLOVAKS.

IN A LETTER TO THE TIMES FROM PARIS MROZEK SAID:

"I AM A POLISH WRITER, NOT AN EMIGRE, A MEMBER OF THE POLISH WRITERS UNION.

"IN VIEW OF THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT IN THE ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST AND THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WITH ALL THE CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM THIS FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK AND POLISH NATIONS, I FEEL COMPELLED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION::

I PROTEST AGAINST THIS ACT OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT.

I AM IN FULL SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THE CZECHS AND SLOVAKS WHO ARE RESISTING THIS ACT, AND IN PARTICULAR WITH MY FELLOW WRITERS WHO ARE BEING PERSECUTED AND ARRESTED."

(CNR) LE MONDE IN PARIS PUBLISHED A SIMILAR LETTER FROM MROZEK, THE AUTHOR OF "TANGO" LAST WEEK.

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