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(REUTER)-- IN LONDON, ANOTHER LEADING CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALIST ANOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO STAY IN THE WEST.

KAMIL WINTER, EDITOR OF NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR PRAGUE TELEVISION, SAID HE HAS NO INTENTION OF RETURNING HOME BECAUSE OF THE SOVIET OCCUPATION.

MR. WINTER LEFT CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON TUESDAY. HE WAS INTERVIEWED TONIGHT ON THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BBC) CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAMME, "24 HOURS.

MR. WINTER SAID HE WAS AFRAID THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS WERE "LENDING THEIR NAMES, ALTHOUGH UNWILLINGLY, TO ONE OF THE MOST BRUTAL OCCUPATIONS WHICH HISTORY HAS KNOWN."

HOWEVER, MR. WINTER SAID: "I STILL FEEL I SHOULD APPEAL TO OUR LEADERS WHOM WE TRUST AND WE DO NOT BLAME THEM FOR SIGNING THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT.

MR. WINTER SAID MOST OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY, RESIGN THEMSELVES TO SOVIET OCCUPATION AND MAKE THE BEST OF AFFAIRS.

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