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THE SECRETARY OF THE POLISH FOOTBALL FEDERATION, LESZEK RYLSKI, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HIS GROUP WILL LODGE A SIMILAR PROTEST TO THE EUROPEAN UNION.

FOOTBALL IS NOT THE ONLY SPORT AFFECTED BY THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

KURT HAUSER, SWISS REFEREE IN CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY FEDERATION AND OF THE EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITION, SAID HERE LAST WEEKEND THAT THERE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE TO BE A NEW DRAW FOR THE EUROPEAN HOCKEY CUP THIS YEAR, ALSO TO AVOID BOYCOTT PROBLEMS.

HE SAID THAT THE HOCKEY FEDERATION WOULD PROBABLY CHANGE THE DRAW ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSULT IN DUESSELDORF WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROPEAN HOCKEY CUP COMPETITION, DR. SABETZKI, SOME TIME THIS WEEK. HE SAID THAT HE EXPECTED A DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK.

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