

CS - SOVIET HONOR CS WRITERS

MOSCOW, SEPT 6 (UPI)--THE SOVIET UNION TODAY HONORED A CZECHOSLOVAK WRITER CLAIMING HIS DEATH "CEMENTED FOREVER" THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK FRIENDSHIP.

MARSHAL KYRIL S. MOSKALENKO SAID THAT SOVIET PEOPLE "WILL NEVER ALLOW ANYONE TO TEAR OUT A SINGLE LINK FROM THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY."

MOSKALENKO, A DEPUTY DEFENCE MINISTER OF DEFENCE, WAS A FEATURED SPEAKER AT CEREMONIES HONORING JULIUS FUCIK, A CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST WRITER WHO DIED IN A NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP 25 YEARS AGO.

MOSKALENKO AND OTHER SPEAKERS TIME AND AGAIN RECALLED FUCIK'S PRAISES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND SAID HE DIED "AT THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO TODAY POSE A NEW THREAT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

"ONLY THE SOVIET UNION CAN GUARANTEE THE INDEPENDENCE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA," THE SPEAKERS QUOTED FUCIK AS SAYING SHORTLY BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

MOSKALENKO, WHO COMMANDED THE UKRAINIAN FRONT BEFORE HIS TROOPS ENTERED CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND PUSHED THE GERMANS OUT, ALSO RECALLED THAT "THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF OUR FIGHTERS PAVED WITH THEIR LIVES THE WAY FOR FREEDOM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

(REUTER)- SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, PRAVDA COMMENTATOR VIKTOR MAYEVSKY MADE AN APPARENT DENIAL THAT CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY SOVIET TROOPS IN THE FIRST HOURS OF THE OCCUPATION.

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