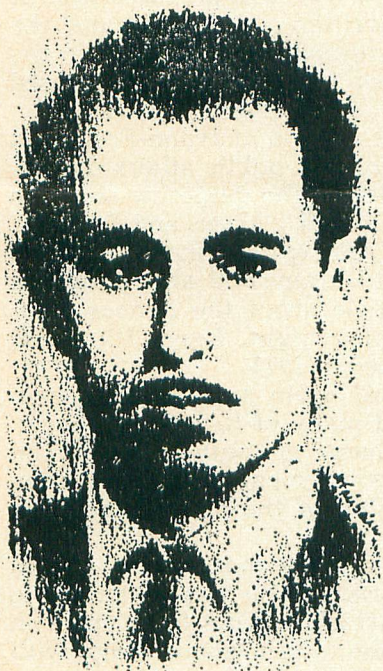


STOP VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USSR!



VALENTYN MOROZ, a Ukrainian teacher of history, has been sentenced altogether to 14 years imprisonment for daring to speak up against the present terror regime in the USSR and to expose Moscow's Russification policy.

This cruel and barbarous sentence flies in the face of the UN General Declaration of Human Rights which guarantees to each individual the right to voice freely his opinions (Art. 19).

The mock trial of Valentyn Moroz is typical of Soviet "justice." He is only one from among thousands convicted to long terms in prisons and concentration camps for attempting to voice their honestly held opinions. Even today there are still 500,000 political prisoners in Russian jails and forced labour camps, and the majority of them are Ukrainians.

WHO IS VALENTYN MOROZ AND WHY IS HE BEING PERSECUTED BY SOVIET RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES?

Valentyn Moroz is now 35 years old. He was born on April 15, 1936 in Kholoniv, Volyn region of Ukraine, into a peasant family. In 1958 he graduated from the Faculty of History of the University of Lviv. Later he taught history in school, and in 1964-65 lectured at Lutsk and Ivano-Frankivsk teachers' training colleges.

On September 1, 1965 he was arrested at Ivano-Frankivsk and charged with "anti-Soviet propaganda and agitation aimed at separation of Ukraine from the USSR", under Art. 62, § 1 of the Criminal Code of the Ukrainian SSR. As evidence was submitted the fact that he read and gave others to read unofficially published articles and books published abroad. These articles merely criticised Russification of Ukraine and demanded full rights for Ukrainian culture and Ukrainian people in their own country.

At a mock trial in Lutsk, in January, 1966, Moroz defended his views. He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in hard labour camps and dispatched to Mordovia. During his imprisonment he protested many times against the sentence and against the illegal actions of the prison camp authorities, and was punished for it by confinement to punishment cells and prisons.

During imprisonment Moroz finally formed his system of views which are reflected in his outstanding work **Reportage from Beria Game Reserve** (dated 15 April, 1967), which was smuggled out of the camp and was copied in Ukraine and published abroad.

In the autumn of 1967 he was brought from Vladimir prison near Moscow to a prison in Kiev where a new trial was prepared against him and he was charged with having written and disseminated the **Reportage**. Owing to lack of evidence regarding his authorship the charge was dropped at the beginning of 1968 and he was released from prison on September 1, 1969.

He went back to his wife and 9-year old son at Ivano-Frankivsk but was unable to find work. His interest in public affairs did not decline. He wrote three brilliant articles on the desperate situation of Ukrainian culture and nation in the USSR ("Moses and Dathan", "The Chronicle of Resistance" and "Among the Snows"), which spread in manuscript copies throughout Ukraine and were published abroad. He started to work on an article about the famous 19th/20th C. Ukrainian woman poet and playwright, Lesya Ukraïnka, whose centenary of birth is being marked in 1971.

On June 1, 1970 Moroz was arrested again and searches were made by the KGB at the residences of many of his acquaintances. As the investigation could not pin a charge of "anti-Sovietism" on Moroz on the basis of his last three works mentioned above, they revived the old charge of his authorship of the "Reportage from Beria Reserve".

Finally in the middle of November, 1970 mockery of a trial of Moroz was staged in Ivano-Frankivsk and he was sentenced to nine years deprivation of liberty (of which 5 years to be spent in prison and four years in a severe regime forced labour camp) with additional five years of banishment to Siberia.

People of Britain!

We are bringing to your attention this new fact of the violation of human rights in Soviet Union and we are calling upon you to join us in our protest against barbarous treatment of human beings in the Soviet Union.

It is a sacred duty of all who live in a free and democratic country to try to help the less fortunate, all those who suffer under the brutal totalitarian regime of Soviet Russia.

VALENTYN MOROZ and thousands of his compatriots unjustly imprisoned must be set free and must enjoy full human rights.

DEFEND JUSTICE, STOP MOSCOW'S TERROR!

DEMAND RELEASE OF VALENTYN MOROZ!

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LEADERS OF ENSLAVED NATIONS IN THE USSR!

**FREEDOM FOR ALL PEOPLE AND NATIONS SUBJUGATED
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