

MOROZ, AILING, DEBILITATED, THREATENS SUICIDE

Wife, Son, Father Visit Historian-Dissident

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Valentyn Moroz, 38-year-old Ukrainian historian - dissident incarcerated in the Vladimir Prison, said that he will continue his hunger strike through January 1, 1975, and, unless the conditions of his incarceration improve, he will commit suicide.

Moroz, who has been on a hunger strike since July 1st in protest against inhuman treatment and solitary confinement, was visited by his wife Raisa, his son Valentyn, and his father on Tuesday, November 5. This was the first time in six months that his wife and family were allowed to see Moroz.

The meeting at the Vladimir Prison, said the press service of the Supreme Ukrainian Liberation Council (abroad), was a "veritable nightmare."

Despite earlier promises, the prison authorities at first refused Raisa and young Valentyn to see Moroz, saying that they would allow only his father to speak to him, providing that he will try to persuade Moroz to discontinue the hunger strike. Only when Moroz's father declined and the three persisted in their demands were they allowed to see the prisoner, said the press service.

During the actual meeting, the prison guards threatened Raisa and told her to speak only in Russian and refrain from "anything political." At times, they even put hands over her mouth and man-handled her. At the conclusion of the visit, said the press service, the guards tore away Moroz's son from him, twisted his arms and fingers, searching for a note.

The Soviet Secret Police (KGB) threatened Raisa Moroz with eviction from her one-room flat and subsequent arrest if she makes any appeals for help abroad. Her telephone has already been disconnected.



Valentyn Moroz

Moroz's health is said to be in a critical state. He lost 40 pounds during the hunger strike and his weight is down to 110 pounds. He is said to be suffering from a liver and gall-bladder ailment and has had several heart attacks. His skin is yellow and his face is swollen. The pipe through which he is being forcibly fed

is repeatedly covered with blood. He looks like "a walking skeleton," said the press service.

clippings from "SVOBODA" ukrainian weekly from Jersey City N.J.

IVAN HEL STAGES TWO-WEEK HUNGER STRIKE

HELSINKI, Finland. — Ivan Hel, 37-year-old Ukrainian writer, is nearing the end of his two-week hunger strike which he began last October 14th, as a protest against the inhuman conditions existing in the Mordovian prison camps, according to information released here by the "Smoloskyp" Ukrainian Information Service.



Ivan Hel

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