

Aragon, Sartre Appeal to Premier Kadar

Editor, Featured Section:

Your readers may be interested in knowing that Jean-Paul Sartre, Vercors, Aragon and other French writers of varying political views have joined in an appeal to President Kadar on behalf of Hungarian writers and intellectuals. Their statement which is just at hand in **Les Lettres francaises** November 8-14, I translate as follows:

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"Paris, November 6

"We, the undersigned, members of the Executive Committee of the National Committee of Writers, although sharply divided in our interpretation of recent events in Hungary, unite,



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as we have in the past for the defense of culture, in appealing to President Kadar.

"We urge him to protect and guarantee the life, physical liberty and rights of conscience of Hungarian writers and intellectuals who have contributed so much to the culture of humanity; and to do this whatever has been their attitude or their conception of patriotic duty in the recent events.

"We hope that all intellectuals and their organizations, East as well as West, will make their own appeals for the same purpose.

"Signed: President, Francis Jourdain, Aragon, Marcelle Auclair, Janine Bouissou-ouse, Maurice Druon, Stanislas Fumet, Guillevic, Marie Lahy-Hollebecque, Jacques Madaule, Claude Morgan, Leon Moussinac, Jean-Paul Sartre, Elsa Triolet, Vercors."

May I add that I am making a similar plea to President Kadar.

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