

SOVIET SENTENCES WRITER TO 3 YEARS

Special to The New York Times

MOSCOW, Sept. 1—Vladimir Bukovsky, a 25-year-old writer, was sentenced tonight to three years' imprisonment for having organized a demonstration in downtown Moscow protesting the arrest of the editors of a clandestine literary magazine.

Two other defendants — Vadim Delone and Yevgeny Kushchev—received suspended terms of one year each on the same charge. Mr. Bukovsky pleaded guilty yesterday and assumed full responsibility for the demonstration.

He was given the maximum legal penalty despite character witnesses on his behalf, including Tatiana Maximovna Litvinova, daughter of the late Maxim Litvinov, who was Stalin's Foreign Minister for many years.

The demonstration, which was staged in January, followed the arrest of three men accused of publishing a typewriter magazine, Phoenix-1966.

Earlier this afternoon, two young men, apparently sympathizers of the defendants, were seized by the police in front of the Moscow City Court and taken away in a squad car. It could not be learned why they had been seized and whether they were being detained.

The New York Times

Published: September 2, 1967

Copyright © The New York Times