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Milosz awarded Nobel Prize for literature

STOCKHOLM, Oct 9: The Lithuanian-born Polish poet Czeslaw Milosz has been awarded the 1980 Nobel Prize for Literature, the prize committee announced today, reports Reuter.

Czeslaw Milosz said early today he was particularly moved because his poems reflected many of the horrors of the 20th century.

"I am Polish and I wrote,"
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much of my poetry under the Nazi occupation of Poland", he said by telephone from his present residence at Berkeley in California.

"I am particularly honoured and moved to be given the Nobel prize because my poetry reflects many of the horrors of the 20th century", he said.

The Swedish Academy awarded the 880,000 crown (212,000 dollar) prize to Milosz "who with uncompromising clear-sightedness voices man's exposed condition in a world of severe conflicts".

Czeslaw Milosz was born in 1911 in Lithuania with Polish as his mother-tongue, and regards himself chiefly as a poet. He is married with two sons, and he is a lecturer on Polish literature at Berkeley University in California.