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DISTINGUISHED COMPOSER-CONDUCTOR TO APPEAR

The University of Montana Associated Students' Program Committee will sponsor the University appearance of the distinguished Czechoslovakian composer, Vaclav Nelhybel, on Tuesday, May 24, 1966. Mr. Nelhybel will present a public lecture on "Music Behind the Iron Curtain" at 3:00 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. At 8:15 p.m. in the University Theater he will conduct three of his major works as a part of the final University Band concert of the 1965-1966 season.

Mr. Nelhybel has received numerous international awards for his compositions, including a Prize and Medal for In the Shadow of the Lime Tree at the International Festival of Music and Dance, Copenhagen, Denmark (1947); the State Prize for the best score for Radio Prague (1947); the First Prize for the Opera A Legend by the Ravitch Music Foundation, New York City (1954); and the Prize for Music for Cultural Films, from West Germany in 1958. A large number of his compositions have received frequent performances throughout the world.

Nelhybel is also widely known as a conductor. From 1940-1946 he was the Conductor of Radio Prague, from 1950-57 Music Director and Conductor of Radio Free Europe, and was the assistant conductor of the Czech Philharmonic. In addition, he has guest conducted many of the world's fine orchestras, including the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, the Vienna Symphony, the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Bern Symphony Orchestra.

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Commenting on the appearance of Mr. Nelhybel, Dr. David Whitwell, Assistant Professor in the Music Department, remarked, "It is very rary indeed when a musician of Mr. Nelhybel's international stature visits Montana, not to mention the University. We look forward with great anticipation to the visit of this artist."

The lecture and the concert are open to the public without charge.