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HELSINKI, AUG. 22 - (RFE SPECIAL/RIDALA) - THE POLITBUREAU OF THE FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY LAST NIGHT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, AS PRINTED IN THE CP ORGAN KANSAN UUTiset TODAY:

"THE FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY EXPECTED AND HOPED AFTER THE FRUITFUL RESULTS REACHED AT CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SOLVE THE CZECHOSLOVAK INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND THE FOREIGN PROBLEMS CONNECTED TO THEM BY POLITICAL MEANS WITHOUT SUCH MEASURES THE FIVE STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT HAVE CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOCIALISM. THE POLITBUREAU NOTES THAT THEY HAVE HURT THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL LABOR MOVEMENT.

"THE PARTY STILL CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY THAT THE MUTUAL RELATIONS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND OF ALL COMMUNIST PARTIES ARE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, EQUALITY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL MATERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL AS ON A FIRM MUTUAL AID AND SOLIDARITY. THESE PRINCIPLES ARE EMPHASIZED ALSO IN THE DECISIONS OF THE MEETING IN BRATISLAVA. THE POLITBUREAU HAS NOT UNDERSTOOD, ON THE BASIS OF THE CONTRADICTORY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO IT, THAT THERE WOULD NOT STILL HAVE BEEN POSSIBILITIES OTHER THAN THOSE MEASURES NOW USED TO PREVENT COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES IN THE CSSR.

"AT THIS DIFFICULT MOMENT, THE POLITBUREAU APPEALS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CP AND WORKING CIRCLE OF CITIZENS NOT TO BE MISLEAD BY PROVOCATIONS OF ANY KIND. IT IS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY THAT ALL ATTEMPTS IN THE PRESENT SITUATION TO HURT GOOD NEIGHBOR RELATIONS BE PREVENTED. IT IS POSSIBLE TO LOSE BY INCONSIDERATE STEPS MUCH OF WHAT HAS BEEN BUILT IN THE COURSE OF YEARS."

THE STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FINNISH PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE (COMMUNIST-FRONT PARTY) SKDL, SAID:

"THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FINNISH PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE CONDEMNS THE USE OF VIOLENCE AS A POLITICAL MEANS. AFTER HAVING ANALYZED THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SKDL CONSIDERS THE INVASION BY THE TROOPS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND SOME OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT INTO CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY TO BE VIOLATING SOCIALIST PRINCIPLES AND THE RIGHT OF NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION.

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