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HELSINKI, AUG 23 -- (RFE SPECIAL/RIDALA) -- "KIILA", A SOCIETY OF FINNISH LEFTIST WRITERS AND ARTISTS, YESTERDAY APPROVED IN HELSINKI A RESOLUTION WHICH SAID:

"THE CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS ASSOCIATION, THE CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS AND ARTISTS, BRETHREN AND SISTERS.

"WE DESIRE IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS OF AUGUST TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE WITH YOU. WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO SUPPORT YOUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE AS FAR AS IS POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY TO DO FROM OUTSIDE.

"WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT THE EXCHANGE OF KISSES AND CARESSES OF BRATISLAVA INTO PARACHUTISTS AND ARMORED FORCES CAN REMAIN THE LAST EXCHANGE BETWEEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THE TRANSITION TO A DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM CAN BE STOPPED FOR A MOMENT BUT NOT RPT NOT ITS DEFINITE REALIZATION.

"AN ARTIST IS ALWAYS AN INTERPRETER OF MAN AND ART, AND AN INTERPRETER OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE AND MANKIND. WE DO BELIEVE THAT NO VIOLENCE CAN DEPRIVE YOU OF THAT TASK. LET US BE CONFIDENT THAT SOCIALIST ARTISTS HERE AND IN THE WHOLE WORLD ARE WITH YOU. LONG LIVE FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE WORD "KIILA" MEANS WEDGE IN FINNISH AND THE SOCIETY OF THIS NAME HAS EXISTED SINCE THE THIRTIES. IT HAS BEEN A FORUM FOR IDEOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS AND CURRENTLY ITS MOST PROMINENT MEMBERS ARE SUCH STARS OF CONTEMPORARY FINNISH LITERATURE AS THE NOVELIST ARVO SALO, PENTTI SAARIKOSKI AND ARVO TURTIAINEN, THE FIRST A SOCIAL-DEMOCRAT, THE LATTER TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

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