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"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THIS SITUATION IS TO AVOID EVERYTHING WHICH COULD SHAKE OUR TRADITIONAL FIRM CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY," HE CONTINUED.

"IT WOULD BE TOO GREAT DAMAGE IF THE DIFFICULTIES ARISEN RECENTLY WOULD SHARPEN THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION PREVAILING IN OUR RANKS. WE ALL MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT IN THESE DAYS THE REACTIONARY CIRCLES OF OUR COUNTRY HOPE FOR TWO THINGS AT LEAST - THAT EITHER THE RANKS OF OUR PARTY WOULD BE DISPERSED OR THAT OUR PARTY WOULD ABANDON ITS PRINCIPLES,"

CHAIRMAN AARNE SAARINEN SAID IN HIS SPEECH:

"WE HAVE AMPLE EXPERIENCE THAT NO COMMUNIST PARTY CAN BE INFALLIBLE, NOT EVEN THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY. WE THUS CANNOT OFF-HAND TRUST THAT THE ESTIMATIONS AND STEPS OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SOVIET CP ARE ALWAYS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT AND THIS APPLIES TO THE SITUATION IN THE CSSR TOO.

"I AM NOT AT ALL MORE CONVINCED THAN BEFORE THAT THE JUDGEMENT OF THE CPSU HAS BEEN FULLY FOUNDED AND ITS MEASURES CORRECT AND THIS IS THE OPINION OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST AND LABOR PARTIES," SAARINEN SAID.

"THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION SEEM TO CONCERN METHODS. SOME BROTHER PARTIES SEEM TO BE AFRAID THAT NEW METHODS, GREATER LIBERTIES, WOULD LEAD TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE LEADING ROLE OF THE CP. THIS FEAR MAY BE QUITE JUSTIFIED. I DO NOT DENY IT, BUT IF THAT IS THE CASE, IT IS IN MY OPINION SHOCKING INDEED," HE CONTINUED.

"WE DO NOT HAVE ANY POSSIBILITIES TO ESTIMATE IN AN OBJECTIVE WAY THE REAL SITUATION AND PERSPECTIVES IN THE CSSR. IT CANNOT BE SUFFICIENT FOR US TO SPEAK IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES, REVISIONISTS, AND SO ON. WE CERTAINLY NEED MORE CONCRETE ANALYSES.

"IT SEEMS TO ME IMPOSSIBLE THAT THE LEADING ROLE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE PROTECTED FOR INSTANCE BY CENSORSHIP," SAARINEN WENT ON.

"I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FCP WOULD UNDERSTAND THIS ATTITUDE. WE OPPOSE ALL ENIMITY TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION AND HER COMMUNIST PARTY BUT WE WANT TO RESERVE FOR US A RIGHT TO INDEPENDENTLY JUDGE ITS VIEWS AND MEASURES," THE FINN CP CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED.

MEANTIME, A FOURTH CP DISTRICT COMMITTEE IN FINLAND HAS COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET INVASION. KANSAN UUTISET, TODAY REPORTED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF UUSIMAA, NEAR HELSINKI, RESOLVED THAT "THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES STEP IS NECESSARY TO SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND KEEP THE STRATEGIC POSITION IN THE HANDS OF THE SOCIALIST CAMP"

PREVIOUSLY THE DISTRICT CP COMMITTEES AT TURKU, TAMPERE AND KYMENLAAKSO BACKED THE INVASION. THESE THREE ARE SPREAD ACROSS SOUTHERN FINLAND.

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