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HELSINKI, AUG 27 -- (RFE SPECIAL/RIDALA) -- THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF FINLANDS COMMUNIST-FRONT PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE, SKDL, LAST NIGHT DECLARED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

AIMO HAAPANEN , A COMMUNIST, SAID IN TURKU THAT "THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS IN CONTRADICTION WITH SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM, SUCH AS INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD AND THE RIGHT OF NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION."

HAAPANEN DISMISSED THE SOVIET EXCUSE FOR THE INVASION. "IT CAN NOT BE JUSTIFIED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT, PARLIAMENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY ARE REPRESENTED BY A VAGUE GROUP OF PARTY MEN AND POLITICIANS WOM THE OCCUPANTS CLAIM ASKED FOR HELP."

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