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HELSINKI, AUG. 28 - (RFE SPECIAL/RIDALA) - AARNE SAARINEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY SAID THE CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET AGREEMENT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO REPAIR IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

THE STATEMENT SAID:

"THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE POLITBUREAU OF THE FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY HAVE CONSIDERED A POLITICAL SOLUTION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS IMPORTANT AND HOPED THAT IT COULD BE REACHED THROUGH NEUTRAL TALKS. THIS HAS NOW TAKEN PLACE AND I AM GLAD ABOUT IT.

"THIS PLEASURE IS, HOWEVER, OVERSHADOWED BY THE QUESTION: WAS IT NECESSARY TO BEND THE BOW QUITE AS HEAVILY AS HAPPENED SINCE ALSO A POLITICAL SOLUTION WAS NOW REACHED BY NEGOTIATIONS. I AM AFRAID THAT THE METHODS USED HAVE LEFT TRACES IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES AND NATIONS, WHICH ARE DIFFICULT TO REPAIR.

"WE MUST, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE BY A DISCIPLINED AND BUSINESSLIKE ATTITUDE OF ALL PARTIES AS WELL AS BY PURPOSEFUL WORK AIMING AT REPAIRING THESE RELATIONS."

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