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HELSINKI, AUG. 28 - (RFE SPECIAL/RIDALA) - ELE ALENIOUS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINNISH PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE (THE COMMUNIST ELECTION AND POLITICAL FRONT) AND SECOND MINISTER OF FINANCE IN

THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT, SAID TODAY THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD BEEN A MISCALCULATION.

"I AM HAPPY THAT A SOLUTION WAS REACHED WHICH COULD BE APPROVED BY THE LEGALLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IT IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT SUCH A SITUATION WAS AT ALL CREATED, OF THE NECESSITY OF WHICH - EVEN FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE DEFENCE OF SOCIALISM - I WAS NOT CONVINCED, NOT TO MENTION THE USE OF VIOLENCE AS A POLITICAL MEANS AND IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN GENERAL.

"I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO AVOID THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER EARSAW PACT COUNTRIES HAVE IN THIS INSTANCE MADE A MISCALCUATION WHERE BOTH PRINCIPLES AND POLICY ARE CONCERNED.

"FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF HUMANITY IT SHOULD AT THE SAME TIME BE NOTED HOW BY MEANS OF THE UNANIMITY OF THE PEOPLE AND PASSIVE RESISTANCE IT IS POSSIBLE EVEN IN A SMALL COUNTRY TO OBTAIN RESULTS WHEN IT IS HELD THAT THE STRUGGLE IS FOR A JUST CAUSE."

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