

X/13 CS - SWEDISH CP WOULD ARRANGE CP CONGRESS FOR CSSR

STOCKHOLM, AUG. 28 (RFE SPECIAL/PURRE) -- THE SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER SAID LAST NIGHT THAT AN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST PARTIES COULD BE ARRANGED SPEEDILY IN STOCKHOLM BY THE SWEDISH CP TO SUPPORT CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY SO DESIRES.

SWEDISH CP LEADER CARL-HENRIK HERMANSSON SAID "WE ARE PREPARED TO ARRANGE AT ONCE SUCH A CONGRESS SHOULD THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY STILL WANT IT IN VIEW OF THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES. A REQUEST TO ARRANGE A CONFERENCE REACHED US FROM PRAGUE BY TELEX LAST SATURDAY."

HERMANSSON HAD NOT MENTIONED THIS TELEX BEFORE IN PUBLIC. HE RETURNED LAST NIGHT FROM A BRIEF TRIP TO FRANCE AND SAID THE FRENCH CP WAS INTERESTED IN SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING.

"YOU CAN RECKON WITH ALL WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES BEING REPRESENTED AT SUCH A CONFERENCE," HERMANSSON SAID.

SWEDEN'S SECRETARY URBAN KARLSSON SAID TODAY THE SATURDAY MESSAGE FROM PRAGUE.

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