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FINN CP CHAIRMAN AARNE SAARINEN, WHO HAS BEEN A PERSISTENT CRITIC OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SPOKE AT KEMI IN NORTHERN FINLAND OVER THE WEEKEND. HE WAS QUOTED IN KANSAN UUTISET TODAY AS HAVING SAID:

"ALL COMMUNISTS MUST NOW UNDERSTAND AND ADMIT THAT SOCIALISTS, AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, ARE NOT IDENTICAL, THAT SOCIALISTS MUST DIFFERENTIATE IN ORDER TO BE AT ALL ABLE TO DEVELOP AND GAIN GROUND IN A CAPITALIST WORLD.

"IF CAPITALISM HAS BEEN ABLE TO STAND, VASTLY DIFFERENTIATED AS FAR AS ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES AND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS ARE CONCERNED, SOCIALISM TOO MUST BE ABLE TO STAND EVEN IF DIFFERENTIATED.

"IT IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT THE REFORMATION OF SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS MET WITH SUCH GREAT DIFFICULTIES. THE QUESTION IS NOT ONLY OF THE CRISIS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BUT OF THE CRISIS OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM AND THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AS WELL.

"ALL SOCIALIST REVOLUTION TAKES PLACE THROUGH DISPUTE AND CONTROVERSY. IN THE COURSE OF THIS, THE OLD, LACKING VITALITY, DISAPPEARS AND THE NEW ARISIS, HOWEVER PAINFUL THE PROCESS MAY BE.

"I BELIEVE THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS DESPITE ALL ITS NEGATIVE FEATURES WILL PUT IN MOTION A PROCESS RENOVATING SOCIALISM AND PROMOTING IT AND THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT," SAARINEN CONCLUDED.

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