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Quisling Given a Fair Trial, Says Swedish Press

DAGENS NYHETER, Stockholm, August 21: "The prosecution has done everything to ensure an impartial Quisling trial. The Norwegians set about their task in quite a different spirit to that prevailing in France during the Petain trial. The impulsive temperament of the Norwegians has since the liberation given place to a will-power and determination that arouse admiration far outside Norway's frontiers. It is with pleasure that one notes that all the Norwegian traitor trials are conducted in the same fair spirit."

MORGONTIDNINGEN, Stockholm, August 21: "The Quisling trial serves only to prove what the whole world already knows about the man who supplied every language with a new word for traitor. Still, the value of this trial lies in the full exposure of the power of the Nazi doctrine to destroy the soul. World democracy must never forget the lesson of which April 9, 1940 (the date of the German occupation of Norway and Denmark), is one of the darkest chapters in history."

GOETEBORGS HANDELSTIDNING, Sweden, August 20: "One thing is certain: Quisling will be treated by the Norwegian people in just as honorable a way now as during the occupation. Potential traitors exist everywhere, and it was an unhappy coincidence that the name of their most prominent traitor sounds like a hiss. What is most remarkable, and praiseworthy for Norway, is the way in which Quisling has been treated by a people he once enslaved."

Russians Prod Finns on War Criminals Question

RUSSIAN RADIO, August 23: "A warning to the people of Finland to be prepared to support the democratic elements in the government and Diet has been issued by the Finnish Democratic Union. The appeal speaks of wide-spread indignation at the official attitude toward the Finnish war criminals. Although the Fenno-Soviet armistice was concluded almost a year ago, the question of trying the Finnish war guilty is not yet settled. The Democratic Union warns that the reactionaries in Finland have mobilized all their forces to delay a settlement. Only recently they delayed a bill providing for the indictment of war guilty which was to have been submitted to the Diet by the Government."