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Finnish Government Lists Position on War Guilt Issue S-8

NORWEGIAN RADIO, September 5: "The Finnish Government has informed the leaders of the parliamentary groups that it intends to make a vote of confidence issue of the war-guilt act."

NOTE: For details on the Finnish Government proposition to punish the war-guilty see DIGEST, Sept. 2, S-3; Aug. 29, S-9; Aug. 24, S-11, 12; Aug. 25, S-8; Aug. 28, S-10.

Finland Must Follow Allies in War Guilt Question, Says Fagerholm

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SWEDISH RADIO, September 3: "The Speaker of the Finnish Diet, Karl August Fagerholm, said in a speech Sunday, September 2: 'The war dance which some circles in our party have carried on regarding the punishment of the war-guilty would be merely ridiculous if it were not so dangerous to play with fire. If the Allies have agreed that the war-guilty must fall into the same category as war criminals, we must bow to their decision.'

"Regarding the position of the Social-Democratic Party, to which he belongs, Speaker Fagerholm said: 'To achieve its objective our party should cooperate with those political groups which have the same aims in their program, and this refers first of all to the Finnish People's Democratic League. We are determined to cling to our national independence and democracy. We have no right to doubt the assurances of the Communists that they too are working for the same aims as long as the contrary has not been proved.'"

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