

O. W. I., EUROPEAN ANALYSIS AND NEWS DIGEST, SEPT. 7, 1945

FINNISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ACCUSED OF INTRIGUE TO STOP TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

Russian Broadcast, Sept. 5

The proposal of 24 Finnish Social Democratic politicians about war guilt was called "at first glance"... rather radical" but actually an attempt to evade punishment of war criminals by "artificially" enlarging the list in order to create greater opposition to the bill providing for their punishment.

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French Telegraphic Agency under Stockholm date line, Sept. 6

"Tanner, Ryti and other Finnish politicians considered as war criminals are doing their utmost to delay their trial by Finnish special tribunal. Ryti expressed the wish to be tried by an international court. Former Minister of Justice Von Born suggested that those implicated should be allowed to choose between the new special court and the international one...Tanner who still has considerable influence over ~~the international one~~ the Social Democratic Party stated: "I would prefer to be tried in Moscow than here." Rumors on the arrest of Ryti were denied...."

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DIET REPORTED TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT ON WAR GUILT ISSUE

Brazzaville Radio, September 8:

After several weeks of discussion the Finnish Parliament has finally rallied to the Government's position with regard to the punishment of war guilty. It is believed that the trials will begin in a few weeks.