



A view of Helsinki harbour

'HELSINKI DAYS'

A variety of cultural and artistic programmes will mark "Helsinki Days in Budapest", an over-fornight-long series of events.

Organized by the Budapest Municipal Council and the Helsinki City Council, this will be the first-ever presentation, in such a multifold way, of the Finnish capital here in Hungary. This, of course, is based on the thousand-year-old ethnic links between the Hungarians and Finns and also the numerous forms of present-day contacts between Hungary and Finland as regards political, trade, cultural and scientific contacts.

The Finns gave quite a romantic title to the events in Budapest, calling it "Helsinki, Daughter of the Baltic" and the events will start on September 1 with an opening celebration held at Budapest's History Museum where Lajos Kelemen, deputy chairman of the Budapest City Council and Pentti Poukka, president of the Helsinki City Council, will formally open the exhibition presenting Helsinki in photos as well as art objects and other items.

A lively part of the Helsinki Days series will be the show of Finnish Gymnasts, one of Helsinki's most outstanding gymnastic groups. They will present at the Castle Theatre in Buda, a colourful programme of Finnish folk dances, rhythmic move-

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Members of the "Helsinki Gymnasts" group practicing

ments, etc. The group will also perform at the Culture Centre of Szentendre, some 25 kilometres north of Budapest.

Jorma Hynninen, the famous Finnish baritone, will give recitals at the Musical Courtyard (Úri utca 62, Buda Castle) on September 3. His repertoire includes songs by Finnish composers like Sibelius and Kilpinen. Hynninen has since 1970 been a singer of the Finnish State Opera and has often sung for several European radio stations and in the opera houses of London, Amsterdam, Cologne, Copenhagen and Berlin. He will be accompanied on the piano by

another noted Finnish musician, Ralf Gothoni.

Since Budapest citizens know rather little about the Finnish cinema, it will be an interesting experience to see a sample of Finnish films. One of those to be shown in Budapest is a comedy entitled "The Man Who Could Not Say No" directed by Risto Jarva. In addition, several Finnish shorts and documentaries will be shown at Budapest's Toldi Cinema (VI. Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 36). They include films about Helsinki and one about the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games.

It is recalled that the 1972 meeting of European mayors

in Budapest adopted a resolution calling for more regular exchanges of information among the cities of Europe and in accordance with this, Hungary has already played host to programmes by other European cities, the last one from Vienna earlier this year.

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