

State-Owned TV in Finland Bans 'Violent' U.S. Series

HELSINKI, Finland (UPI)—The Finnish state-owned radio and television network has decided to ban United States television series "idealizing violence," the chairman of the company's board of directors announced.

"Killing people in drawing rooms is of no purpose at all," Erkki Raatikainen, the director, said.

Mr. Raatikainen said the board had not discussed any specific American series that would be dropped. He added that he would like to have such programs as "The F.B.I." and "The Untouchables" and some western series excluded from the Finnish network.

Mr. Raatikainen said many other countries had good TV series productions, and that it was not necessary to buy everything from the United States. He felt that France and England produced programs of high standard.