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PARIS AUG 22 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP) --- THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, LUIGI LONGO, ARRIVED AT BOURGET AIR PORT THIS AFTERNOON, STOPPING OVER IN PARIS ON HIS RETURN TRIP FROM MOSCOW.

THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER WAS MET BY A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY.

THE MOSCOW PLANE ARRIVED THREE HOURS LATE.

LONGO REFUSED TO STATE HIS PROGRAM IN PARIS, BUT HE SAID HE INTENDED TO LEAVE FOR ROME TONIGHT.

THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS HOLDING A MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST LEADER REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND REFERRED THE NEWSPAPER MEN WHO WAITED FOR HIM AT THE PARIS AIRPORT TO THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY.

IN ANSWER TO ONE QUESTION, HE SAID HE HAD LEARNED "THE NEWS" ABOUT THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, YESTERDAY MORNING, "FROM SOVIET COMRADES".

ASKED ABOUT THE OUTLOOKS FOR A COMMON ACTION OF WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES IN FAVOUR OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, LONGO SIMPLY REPLIED : "FOR THE MOMENT, I DO NOT KNOW".

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