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PARIS AUG. 22 (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA-AFP) --- LUIGI LONGO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, SAID IN PARIS THURSDAY THAT "NO COMMON OR COLLECTIVE INITIATIVE IS PLANNED FOR THE MOMENT" TO INTERVENE IN FAVOUR OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST LEADER STOPPED OVER IN PARIS ON HIS WAY TO ROME FROM MOSCOW. HE MADE A DECLARATION AFTER A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY WALDECK ROCHET.

"WE WERE ABLE TO STATE SUBSTANTIAL CONVERGENCES OF OPINION AND ASSESSMENT EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO PARTIES WITH REGARD TO THE RECENT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA", LONGO SAID IN HIS PRESS DECLARATION.

"THIS CONVERGENCE WAS APPARENT IN THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH THE POLITBUROS OF OUR RESPECTIVE PARTIES HAVE ISSUED. IN OUR OPINION, OUR ATTITUDE IS DICTATED BY A STRONG INTERNATIONALIST SENTIMENT AND BASED ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE AUTONOMY OF EACH PARTY AND THE RESPECT OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF EACH NATION."

THE MEETING WITH ROCHET AND OTHER FRENCH COMMUNIST LEADERS WAS HELD IN A "SPIRIT OF CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTIES", THE LONGO DECLARATION SAID. IT RECALLED THAT THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAD IMMEDIATELY ADHERED TO THE ORIGINAL FRENCH COMMUNIST PROPOSAL TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA AT A EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE.

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