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"I THINK WE HAVE HAD AN EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS WHICH, ALTHOUGH VERY SHORT, WAS VERY USEFUL AND WE PROPOSE TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THE COMRADES OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY." THE DECLARATION SAID. IT CONCLUDED WITH STATING TERSELY :

:"FOR THE MOMENT, NO COMMON OR COLLECTIVE INITIATIVE IS PLANNED".

UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT BOURGET AIRPORT EARLY THIS AFTERNOON, LONGO HAD BEEN ASKED IF THE WESTERN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES INTENDED TO WORK TOGETHER ON BEHALF OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE LONGO-ROCHET MEETING TOOK PLACE IN PARIS, AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY. IT LASTED FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR. APART FROM ROCHET, POLITBURO MEMBERS FRANCOIS BILLOUX, RAYMOND GARAUDY, ETIENNE FAJON AND RAYMOND GUYOT WERE PRESENT.

THE FRENCH POLITBURO YESTERDAY ISSUED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING ITS "SURPRISE AND REPROBATION" OF THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

LUIGI LONGO HAS LEFT PARIS FOR ORLY AIRPORT FROM WHERE HE IS DUE TO TAKE OFF FOR ROME.

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