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ROME, SEPT. 5 .- (RFE SPECIAL/ROBERTIELLO) .- ITALIAN COMMUNIST LEADER LUIGI LONGO HAS SAID THE WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR THIS FALL IN MOSCOW COULD NOT RPT NOT BE HELD UNTIL THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION WAS NORMALIZED.

A COMMUNIST PARTY PRESS SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY IN ROME THAT LONGO EXPRESSED THIS POINT OF VIEW IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE ITALIAN LEFT-WING WEEKLY, LASTROLABIO, WHICH GOES ON SALE TOMORROW.

IN THE INTERVIEW LONGO SAID THAT THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE HAD ALREADY REACHED "A GOOD POINT" BEFORE THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN.

THE SPOKESMAN QUOTED LONGO AS SAYING THAT DESPITE THESE PREPARATIONS THE MEETING OF COMMUNIST PARTIES COULD NOT RPT NOT BE HELD UNTIL A NORMALIZATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS REACHED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BY NORMALIZATION LONGO ALSO MEANT THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET AND OTHER FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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