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MUNICH, SEPTEMBER 9 (GND/MACDONALD)- THE WEST GERMAN WRITERS WHO FORM "GROUP 47" WILL DECIDE LATER THIS WEEK WHETHER THEY SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH PLANS TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT MONTH.

HANS WERNER RICHTER, FOUNDER OF "GROUP 47", SAID TODAY THAT THE ORGANIZATION REMAINS IN TOUCH WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS UNION.

THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT DOBRIS CASTLE, NEAR PRAGUE. MANY LEADING CZECH AND SLOVAK WRITERS WERE TO HAVE BEEN INVITED.

RICHTER SAID REPORTS, CARRIED IN SOME WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS TODAY, ^{THAT} THE GROUP HAD DECIDED TO SWITCH THE MEETING TO SWITZERLAND WERE UNTRUE.

"NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN," HE SAID.

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